

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013

MLK Memorial Library, A 3

Washington, DC

All Commissioners present.

Kevin Wilsey, ANC2C03, Chair

Harold Closter, ANC2C02, Treasurer

John Tinpe, ANC2C01, Secretary

Introduction

By, John Tinpe, Secretary.

(Guests: Matt Santoro from Council Member Muriel Browser's office, and Gottlieb Simon from Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners.)

Minutes from September meeting: Approved (Unanimous.)

Agenda for October's meeting: Approved (Unanimous.)

Treasurer's report

District allotment, allocation from the District, resulting in a balance of \$23634.42, the rest remained unchanged. Treasurer's report submitted and approved unanimously.

Business matters

Adoption of Budget: to be set up next month. Audio equipment expense: possibly to be set up in the amount of \$500. Motion approved by 3 out of 3 votes in favor.

Community Announcement

DDOT (by Maria Salaam and Howard Chang)

Proposed "North/South Corridor", Street car to run from Buzzard Point (proposed Soccer Stadium) to Takoma, DC. A number of community meetings to take place in November.

Question by Jo-Ann Neuhaus: "Where will it be in Penn Quarter?"

Planning, Zoning and Environment

1. Verizon Center Signs, Robbie Sabbakhan, DCRA and Alice Kelly, DDOT.

Kevin Wilsey: "How was the billboard put up without going before the ANC?"

Robbie Sabbakhan: "I have to go back and look at the verification."

Harold Closter: "What are the logistics?"

Alice Kelly: "We don't know the impact, so what to expect, after the fact, the potential impact on traffic, auto and pedestrian."

Nanette Paris, Clara Barton resident, formerly of the Downtown Neighborhood Association: "Brightness and size unexpected. In Nov 2012 ANC passed the resolution."

Tim Bellamy: "FHWA was clarified. Verizon went to FHWA. Verizon Center's full motion is legal. 7th St NW is a Federal Highway."

Community Testimony

Ana Molina, CFO, ESA, 575 7th St NW, Venable Building

"My window is facing F St NW,.. been tenants for a while, conditions impede ability to see, vision to a blur, reflects on everything. Please analyze impact. Possibly, decrease in value."

David Julyan, Esq., Terrell Place

"The right balance between revenue and quality of life of neighbors should be achieved.

Travesty of the system, the process by which was brought. Full motion with video brightness, this was not dictated during the process. Digital billboard-static display is what is mentioned.

Full Motion Video is not digital display." The process, ..

"When Monument was unsuccessful in getting DDOT's approval, they had separate meetings with Council and Administration. But no Full Motion Video was authorized. Monument went to Council Member Jack Evans to press for Full Motion Video. Council authorized Full Motion Video. NCPC's 1995 Agreement states, any changes to exterior will come before the NCPC. After installation, DDOT has been initiating action to review. Recommendation to exercise legal authority in mixed use community."

Elizabeth Miller, NCPC, Gallery Place resident,

"Light reflects off the buildings, from Verizon Center and Gallery Place, it is like living in a pin ball machine."

ANC Harold Closter: "What would prevent any establishment from putting up a sign of similar kind?"

DCRA Robbie Sabbakhan: "No. Everyone has to comply with our codes, by passing ANC is not the norm."

ANC Kevin Wilsey: "There was a process and rules were put in place. Rules were by-passed."

DCRA Robbie Sabbakhan: "We are transparent."

DDOT Alice Kelly: "We have been involved with sign regulation rewrite. There has been a built up demand. Develop a more engaging process. Gallery Place and Verizon Center were exceptions."

Randy Boe, Monumental Sport Board, Verizon Center:

“The signs did not happen overnight. I have always answered the questions. We are willing to talk. The fourth sign is up. We can visit the issue again. I can come back. The process should be transparent, illumination level et al. We talked about Full Motion. NCPC believes they have jurisdiction-we believe they do not. Did this happen over night? DDOT is involved, DCRA is involved.”

ANC Kevin Wilsey: “Will you be willing to look at the brightness and decrease the light along the duration?”

Verizon, Randy Boe: “Yes. I think the illumination will have the light dimmed to a garage level.”

Motion: To send to DDOT to reassess brightness. To send to NCPC, letter seeking advisement.

All were in favor of motion, (unanimous.)

2. Capitol Crossing/Holy Rosary Church, Second Stage PUD case#08-34C, presented by Christine Shiker, Holland and Knight

Sean Cahall, owner, SVP, Property Group Partners,

“Putting back to a new and relocating where it was prior to 1969.”

Now seeking support for the Second Stage.

ANC Harold Closter: “What will be the traffic impact? On 3rd St ramp? On Mass Ave?”

PGP Sean Cahall: “Entrance will be at 4th and Mass Ave. Exit will be at 2nd between F and G St.”

Please view National Environment Project Admin.(NEPA), link S&D Capitol Crossing.

All were in favor of support (unanimous.)

3. Monument Realty, 609-619 H St NW, 610-624 I St NW, HPA#13-627, Proposed Plan for Demolition, presented by Kirk Salpini, Monument Realty,
Proposed demolition plan of existing 609-619 H St NW. To be replaced by single office and retail building. Public alleys between H and I St, to be enclosed as part of the building. Public alley connecting H and I St to become a private walk way.
Testimonies were made by Diane Tai, Linda Lee, Annie Wang and Stan Lou.
Motion was approved by 2 members: Kevin Wilsey and Harold Closter.
Abstained with great reservation by one member: John Tinpe

Transportation and Public Space

1. Pret-a-Manger, 1399 New York Ave NW, Side-Walk Permit, DDOT tracking number 86298.
Approved (unanimous.)
2. District Taco, 1309 F St NW, Side-Walk Permit, DDOT tracking number 85385. Absent.
3. Laughing Man Tavern, 1310 G St NW, Side-Walk Permit, DDOT tracking number 86202
Presented by Brian Maloy,GM. No umbrellas; Hours: 11 a.m. to 12 midnight, 7 days/week.
Approved(unanimous.)

Next meeting: Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. MLK Library, Aud-3.

Meeting adjourned.

Events and Races

1. AIDS Walk , absent.
2. Chinese New Year, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, (CCBA), Chinese New Year Parade, February 2, 2014. “Year of the Horse”

Same parade route. 10 a.m. line up at 5th and I St. NW Parade will begin at 2 p.m. will end at 600 bloc of H St NW. Fireworks will be lit at 4 p.m. at H St. Streets will reopen at 6 p.m.(Unanimous.) Approved.

3. Cupid’s Undie Run, February 15, 2014. 1 mile run, (on the Saturday closest to Valentine’s Day.)

Race route: NW Penn Ave, West Independence Ave, 2 p.m. road closed. A 30 minute race. Approved.

Transportation and Public Space

1. MX DC Restaurant , 600 14th St NW
Valet parking for 2 spaces; hours of operation: Monday to Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Approved.

2. Bolt Burger, 1010 Mass Ave NW
2 entrances: one on 11th St and the other on Mass Ave.

Proposed outside seating: 13 seats on private space, 23 seats on public space. On 11th St side, 21 seats and 3 umbrellas. Hours of operation for outside seating: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. "I will do my best so there is no extra noise. We can control the noise." "Everything will be cleared by 11 p.m. We have people cleaning at all times. Runners to make sure the tables are clean outside."

Residents questions: Bill Hedigiest, "Foot space, handicapped access, mostly public property, directly below 2nd floor." Lauren Burkisky "Sound goes straight up all the way to 11th and 12th floors." Bob Watson "What is the seating capacity?" ANC decision: Undecided.

Zoning

1. Verizon Full Motion Billboard Signage
Elizabeth Miller, resident Gallary Place, testified, "I have to recuse myself from NCPC. 7th St is a Federal Highway. Full motion is distracting to traffic. This is not the same scale as NY. We need to manage the public space better. The area in front of Verizon Center is looking more like Time Square, 1983!" ANC decided to invite DCRA to next meeting to discuss this matter.
2. Penn Social, Arts Space Zoning,
" Business (It) is according to regulation."
3. 740 6th St NW, Douglas Development Corp.
(To be presented on September 26, to HPRB, at 441 4th St NW Washington, DC, 2nd floor.)
Paul Milstein, "All businesses will be closed. Building walls will be torn to connect all three buildings by floor." ANC John Tinpe recused himself. ANC Kevin Wilsey and ANC Harold Closter voted in favor. Approved.
4. Holy Rosary Church at Capitol Crossing, Absent.
5. 810 5th St NW, (formerly Gospel Rescue Mission), Gary Schlager, Rockcreek Development Corp.
Andrew Glick, Martinez and Johnson, "In 2013, shelter moved to 1st and Mass Ave NW."
Parking concerns: looking to move in 9 to 18 spaces. Commuter concerns: route in alley to stay open at all times. Building is 90ft in height, 8 stories.(Neighboring 6th St Flats is 7 stories.)
The new building will be residential condominium.
Meeta Yee, (neighbor), said "Please continue to reach out to neighbors, CCBA offered to do interpreting and translating."

ABRA

1. Living Social Class CX Multipurpose application, Request for Substantial Change
by Steven Weiland, 918 F St NW 6th floor . Concerns raised by neighbors.

2 votes approved. 1 vote abstained. Approved.

2. Bolt Burger

On 3rd September, 35 people protested.

Hours of application: 7 a.m to 2 a.m. on weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. Class C license.

Robert Hall, residents request to limit time to 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Concerns about becoming a go to place at 2 am." (Meeting between concerned parties to take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at ABRA.)

Next meeting: Monday, October 21, 2013 at MLK Library, Auditorium 3. (The second Monday in October, 2013 is Columbus Day, a public holiday.)

Meeting Adjourned.