



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

*“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017; 7:00 p.m.

GWU’s Fonger Hall, Room 108 – 2201 G Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Marco Guzman (03), Philip Schrefer (05), Detrick Campbell (07), and Eve Zhurbinskiy (08) were present. Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (04) and Florence Harmon (06) arrived at 7:06 pm. Commissioner Rebecca Coder (02) arrived at 7:14 pm.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Commissioner Zhurbinskiy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

### Community Forum

#### Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Captain Kelvin Cusick, a Captain for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, and Lieutenant Zenobia McBride, a Lieutenant for MPD’s Police Service Area (PSA) 207, were present. Captain Cusick introduced himself to the community.

Lt. McBride gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

A local resident asked what MPD’s opinion was regarding Effigy’s application for an alcoholic beverage license at 1720 Eye Street NW. Captain Cusick said that MPD would be submitting comments to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board stating MPD’s concerns regarding the application.

Sara Maddux, a local resident, stated her concerns regarding poorly-driving Uber drivers in the neighborhood. She encouraged MPD to raise the community’s concerns directly with Uber’s management team. Captain Cusick said that MPD enforces all traffic laws for all vehicle operators.

#### Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), was present. He said that he brought a sign-up sheet for the Mayor’s newsletter, which he encouraged local residents to sign-up for. He added that the Mayor’s “Back to Basics” initiative continues and that Ward 2’s designated week for the Department of Public Works’ (DPW) graffiti removal blitz is next week. He encouraged local residents to report graffiti through the city’s 311 system.

Mr. Livingstone said that the city has made grants available for businesses who would like to purchase rat-proof trash compactors. He added that the city is also starting a pilot program to add rat-proof Big Belly solar trash cans to public areas across the city.

Mr. Livingstone said that he recently held a West End community walk with Commissioners Coder and Harmon. Commissioners Coder and Harmon thanked Mr. Livingstone for his follow-through on addressing issues that were pointed out during the walk.

#### Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Jacob Kohn, the General Counsel for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, was present. He said that the DC Council is currently on summer recess, however the Councilmember's office continues to work on addressing constituent concerns.

Ms. Maddux asked if the DC Council will be holding hearings regarding the proposed legislation to address the city's issues with short-term rental properties. Mr. Kohn said that the Councilmember's office is keeping an eye on the proposed legislation. He added that the bill is still being drafted and that the Councilmember's office is waiting for the draft legislation before commenting on it.

#### Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the Branch Manager for the West End Interim Library, was present. He said that he recently received a tour of the library's new building and that it looks great.

Mr. Osborne said that the DC Public Library's summer reading program is ongoing. He said that the West End Interim Library continues to be a designated cooling site during hot summer days. He added that the next West End Library Friends meeting will be this Saturday, July 22nd at 10:00 am at the library at 2522 Virginia Avenue NW. He said that the group will be discussing the DC Public Library's Strategic Plan during the meeting.

#### **Regulatory Agenda**

##### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Public Space Application by Bluestone Lane for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 Tables and 48 Seats at 1111 24th Street NW

Hari Nathan Kalyan, the Operating General Counsel for Bluestone Lane, was present. He said that the company is a Melbourne-style coffee company based in New York City and that they are currently expanding across the nation. He gave a visual presentation regarding the company's current locations and their plans for the new location in the West End Library.

Commissioner Coder said that she is very excited that the cafe is opening in the library space. She added that the operating hours that were requested for the proposed outdoor space are very reasonable.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to support Bluestone Lane's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe at 1111 24th Street NW. Chair Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### **Community Forum (Continued)**

#### **Update on the ANC's Ongoing Discussions with GW Hospital Regarding the Hospital's Proposal to Install a Helipad on the Roof of their Building at 900 23rd Street NW**

Chair Kennedy said that the ANC has deferred discussion and action regarding a proposed agreement between the ANC and GW Hospital governing operations of the proposed helipad until a special meeting that will be held in August. He said that the community is welcome to offer any comments regarding the matter at this evening's meeting.

Barbara Kahlow, a local resident, said that the West End Citizens Association (WECA) is very disappointed with the hospital. She said that WECA wants to meet with the hospital team and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to discuss the issues resulting from the proposed helipad. She added that the hospital needs to conduct a more extensive vibration study regarding the potential impacts of helicopter operations on properties in the neighborhood.

A local resident said that whatever agreement the ANC reaches with the hospital should include a statement about the hospital being open to receiving ongoing feedback from the community regarding helipad operations.

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, said that the recent shooting during a Congressional Baseball Game practice in Alexandria, VA highlights the need for increased helipad-accessible trauma capacity in DC. She said that Washington Hospital Center only has six trauma beds that are connected to its helipad. She strongly urged the commission to support the helipad based on the potential benefits it would provide to the entire city.

Steve Charnovitz, a local resident, endorsed Ms. Steznewski's opinions regarding the proposed helipad.

Chair Kennedy said that the scheduling for the special meeting has not yet been set. He said that he will work to set the scheduling as soon as possible. He added that he is planning to send the draft agreement between the ANC and the hospital out to the public as far in advance of the meeting as possible.

#### **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Harmon said that a man she used to tutor was recently murdered. She said that the man's family has limited resources for the funeral process. She added that, through the process of helping the family identify resources to assist with the funeral expenses, she learned that there are very few burial resources available to families that do not have many resources themselves.

Commissioner Schrefer said that the advance warning light that will be installed on the 23rd Street underpass to warn drivers traveling westbound on Virginia Avenue NW of upcoming pedestrians in the crosswalk will be installed in August.

## **General Agenda**

### **Presentation by Karima Holmes, the Director of the Office of Unified Communications, Regarding DC's 911 and 311 Call Center Operations**

Karima Holmes, the Director of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), was present. She gave an overview of OUC, which houses the city's 311 and 911 call centers.

Director Holmes said that she is a 17-year veteran of 911 call services. She said that Mayor Bowser appointed her as the Director OUC in January of 2016. She said that one of her first tasks was handling OUC operations during Winter Storm Jonas.

Director Holmes said that OUC handles approximately 10,000 calls each day. She said that the office has about 400 employees. She added that the office also manages all of the DC Government's dispatch radios.

Director Holmes said that OUC has expanded its use of Twitter for processing 311 requests. She said that OUC recently launched a text-to-311 service. She added that one of her early initiatives at OUC was launching a full training department in order to train call center operators. She said that OUC has also increased its amount of call center operators in order to counter the effects of burnout among operators.

Director Holmes said that she often hears complaints that callers are frustrated when call center operators are asking questions during a 911 call instead of immediately dispatching first responders. She explained that operators are asking questions because they are trying to receive as much information as possible and that a separate dispatcher is receiving the information at the same time in order to immediately dispatch first responders.

Director Holmes said that OUC recently launched a text-to-911 service. She said that the service is intended for individuals who are not able to call 911, including deaf individuals. She added that community groups can make arrangements with OUC to tour the 911 and 311 call centers. She said that OUC's public relations team can also come out to community events.

Commissioner Coder said that she likes that OUC's 311 smartphone app now gives users an estimated time of completion when they submit a request.

Commissioner Smith asked about OUC's integration with the SeeClickFix smartphone app. Director Holmes said that SeeClickFix is a national app and that requests submitted through the app, as well as through OUC's own app, go into the same system.

Commissioner Smith asked how OUC integrates its systems with university campuses in DC. Director Holmes said that OUC does integrate its systems with all of the DC universities' police and public safety departments. She said that OUC is looking to receive more robust information

from campuses moving forward, such as building floor plans, professor and staff information, and other pieces of information.

Ms. Streznewski said that she visited OUC a few months ago and that she was impressed with the call center operators' ability to multi-task with all the different screens and pieces of information in front of them.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the recent reports regarding response delays resulting from DC's 911 system, specifically in the city's northeast quadrant. Director Holmes gave an overview of three recent system errors that caused the reported delays.

### **Regulatory Agenda (Continued)**

#### **Presentation Regarding DDOT's Downtown West Transportation Planning Study**

Megan Kanagy, a Transportation Planner for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), said that DDOT is looking at two areas in the neighborhood as part of its Downtown West Transportation Planning Study: Pennsylvania Avenue NW between Washington Circle and the White House and H Street NW between New York Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ms. Kanagy said that, as part of the study, DDOT further analyzed a previous Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) study regarding dedicated bus lanes on H Street or Eye Street NW. She gave a visual presentation regarding the different vehicle, bike, and pedestrian data findings that were collected as part of DDOT's own study.

Ms. Kanagy gave a visual presentation regarding the three alternatives that DDOT has proposed for improving the Pennsylvania Avenue NW portion of the study, which include various configurations for the street's parking and driving lanes along with the installation of new, dedicated bike lanes in both directions.

Ms. Kanagy gave an overview of DDOT's proposal to install a contra-flow bus lane on H Street NW. She gave a visual overview regarding the different levels of driving, parking, transit, biking, and pedestrian impacts that would result from the proposed alternatives for both the Pennsylvania Avenue and H Street NW portions of the study.

Ms. Kanagy gave an overview of DDOT's recommended alternative for the Pennsylvania Avenue NW portion of the study, Alternative 2, which DDOT is hoping to advance to the next phase of planning. She said that the agency is paying close attention to what the traffic impacts of the recommended alternative would be for the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, 19th Street, and H Street NW.

Ms. Kanagy said that DDOT's recommended alternative for the H Street NW portion of the study has also been recommended to move to the preliminary engineering phase, but that the agency first needs to work with adjacent property owners to address issues regarding loading and access along the street.

Commissioner Smith recommended that DDOT look more closely at the loading and unloading of taxi and Uber customers along H Street NW.

Commissioner Harmon said that some of her constituents support the installation of bike lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue NW but have concerns regarding the proposed installation of a bus lane on H Street NW. Ms. Kanagy said that DDOT will continue to consider the concerns regarding the bus lane. She added that if DDOT gets to the end of the study and cannot solve the major concerns regarding the bus lane, then the agency will not build the bus lane.

Ms. Maddux encouraged DDOT to work with local delivery companies to address any delivery concerns that may come up along H Street NW.

Chair Kennedy encouraged DDOT to further examine the possibility of constructing the bus lane on Eye Street NW instead of H Street. He said that a bus lane on Eye Street would provide more direct bus connections with the nearby Metrorail stations.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Installation of a Capital Bikeshare Station Near the Intersection of 23rd Street and M Street NW

Zan Frackelton, a Bikeshare and Bike Parking Planner for DDOT, gave a visual presentation regarding an overview of the Capital Bikeshare system. She said that the system is in the middle of a three-year expansion in DC.

Ms. Frackelton said that DDOT has already installed two of the three bikeshare stations that they have planned to install in ANC 2A this year. She said that after hearing the objections raised by the community about the proposed bikeshare station at the intersection of 23rd Street and L Street NW, DDOT met with Commissioner Harmon, Commissioner Coder, Ris Lacoste, and residents from the Residences at the Ritz-Carlton to discuss various locations for installing the bikeshare station. She said that, as a result of the meeting, the community recommended moving forward with the installation of an in-street station at the intersection of 23rd Street and M Street NW, along the M Street bike lane and in front of Soulcycle. She said that the station installation would require the removal of a few metered parking spaces.

Commissioner Coder said that the community likes the proposed location because of its proximity to the M Street bike lane. She said that when the DDOT team looked at the crowdsourced station location suggestions for the area, the intersection of 23rd Street and M Street NW was the location in the West End that received the most suggestions.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to raise no objection to the installation of a Capital Bikeshare station at the intersection of 23rd Street and M Street NW. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Update Regarding the ZC Application for a Minor Modification to the Planned Unit Development for the Hilton Garden Inn Washington DC / Georgetown Area at 2201 M Street NW

Commissioner Harmon said that it appears that the ANC has come to an agreement with the applicant regarding the Zoning Commission application. She said that the applicant made an error in a recent Zoning Commission filing that included a sign that was larger than the agreed-upon size, but that the filing was corrected.

Ms. Kahlow said that WECA is concerned about the applicant's requested delay in removing their currently non-compliant sign from the building.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion for the ANC to grant her the ability to research the delay mentioned by Ms. Kahlow and to submit a filing to the Zoning Commission if needed. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous consent.

#### Effigy – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License at 1720 Eye Street NW

Emanuel Mpras, counsel for the applicant, and Stevan Lieberman, a co-owner of the proposed establishment, were present. Mr. Mpras gave an overview of the proposed concept for the establishment. He said that the establishment will be part of a new concept that is popular nationwide called an "ultralounge."

Mr. Mpras said that the proposed establishment would be located a significant distance away from any residential properties. He said that the requested occupancy level for the establishment is modest given the size of the space. He distributed an informational sheet that gave an overview of the proposed operations, including the individuals who will be managing the operations.

Chair Kennedy asked about the occupancy level of Cafe Asia, which was formerly located in the space. Mr. Mpras said that he does not have Cafe Asia's occupancy certificate, but that he has seen the establishment hold well in excess of 500 patrons and that he believes the space could hold up to 700 to 1,000 patrons.

Chair Kennedy said that, earlier in the meeting, a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) captain had expressed concerns about the drain on police resources that the nightclubs located in the area create. Mr. Mpras said that Effigy will not be a traditional nightclub. He said that the police records of the nearby strip clubs along M Street NW show that they do not create the drain on police resources that other traditional nightclubs create.

Ms. Maddux said that, based on the history of the proposed location, establishment operators are not able to predict what type of patrons the establishment will attract. She said that the club will lead to an increase in crime in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy asked if establishment operators would be providing sexual harassment training to the establishment's employees. She encouraged the establishment to partner with the Safe Bars training program. Mr. Mpras said that employees would have hospitality training but that the management team would like more information regarding the Safe Bars program.

Ms. Streznewski raised concerns regarding the documented links between strip clubs and instances of human trafficking.

Multiple nearby property owners were present to raise concerns about the club's impacts on their property values and their employees who are working nearby.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to protest Effigy's alcoholic beverage license application based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and adverse impact on real property values, and to authorize ANC expenditures up to \$5,000 to hire legal counsel regarding the matter. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Public Space Application by the American Red Cross to Relocate the Sculpture Located at the Intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW to the Intersection of 18th Street and E Street NW

*Commissioner Harmon recused herself from discussing and voting on this matter.*

A representative for the American Red Cross was present. He said that the organization is proposing to move the outdoor sculpture located at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW to the intersection of 18th Street and E Street NW, adjacent to a building that has traditionally been used by the American Red Cross.

The representative gave a visual presentation regarding the proposed site plan for the new site. He said that the sculpture will be illuminated at night and that the organization will be installing four benches along the side of the sculpture garden area.

Chair Kennedy said that it has been disappointing to see the American Red Cross abdicate its previous community commitments to maintain the public space adjacent to its former headquarters building at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW. He said that the new garden space will not have nearly the same level of public use that the former space at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW currently has with the nearby hotel, Starbucks, apartment buildings, and GW student residence halls. He said that this public space application is thus disappointing given the community concerns that go back years about the American Red Cross' development of its former headquarters building at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW.

Ms. Maddux expressed frustrations with the application and with the history of the American Red Cross' development of its former headquarters building.

Ms. Kahlow said that American Red Cross leaders themselves needs to come to the ANC to explain why they did not require the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to continue to maintain the public space when the former headquarters building at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW was transferred to the GSA.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to raise no objection to the American Red Cross' public space application and to request that American Red Cross leaders come to a future ANC meeting to

discuss community concerns related to their headquarters development and relocation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Illegally-Installed Exterior Signage at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW

*This matter was tabled until a future ANC meeting.*

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Disposition of the Former Stevens School Building at 1050 21st Street NW

Commissioner Harmon said that she feels strongly that the former Stevens School building should reopen as a traditional DC Public Schools (DCPS) facility, however she added that she has a constituent who has a different proposal for the building.

Mr. Livingstone said that the DC Government is currently considering three options for the building's educational user: issuing a new solicitation for educational users, using a different approach to the previous solicitation for education users, and making the building a DCPS facility.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy said that she is supportive of the idea that the building should be a DCPS facility. She said that she has general concerns regarding charter schools.

Donald McGovern, a constituent of Commissioner Harmon, was present. He said that, back when the original educational user solicitation was released by the DC Government, he was concerned about the possible granting of the school building to a private school, and that he had recruited several charter schools to submit proposals for the building.

Mr. McGovern said that he is developing a collaboration with GW to open an elementary lab school in the Stevens School building. He added that his proposal would be for the school to eventually serve grades pre-K through 5, with the idea that the school would first open and serve grades pre-k, kindergarten, and 1. He said that he is working with the DC Public Charter School Board regarding the proposal and is scheduled to have an upcoming meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME).

Chair Kennedy said that the community continues to have concerns regarding the closing of the Stevens School several years ago. He said that he believes that the school's history highlights the need for a DCPS school to open in the building, ideally one that would be integrated with School Without Walls High School and the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens.

Commissioner Smith said that he thinks that it would be inappropriate for the ANC to outright endorse Mr. McGovern's proposal at a meeting like this. He said that he sees a lot of potential with the Stevens School building joining the School Without Walls umbrella and thus opening it as a neighborhood school.

Mr. Livingstone said that the DC Government has received a large amount of feedback from various parts of the community about the preference for the Stevens School building to open as a

campus of the School Without Walls. He added that the DC Government is hoping to select an educational user by the end of the year.

Mike Silverstein, a commissioner on ANC 2B, gave an overview of the history of the Stevens School and its founding. He also gave an overview of the school's well-known alumni, including Charles Drew, Roberta Flack, Amy Carter, Petey Greene, and many others.

Ms. Kahlow said that the ANC's proposed resolution regarding the matter should be changed to state that the ANC opposes the Mayor's proposals to open a new solicitation or to re-examine the previous solicitation for the educational user.

Daniel Adler, a representative for the Ross Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), was present. He said that a lot of the parents at Ross Elementary School are now looking at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens as the preferred middle school for their children. He said that Ross Elementary School parents thus want to see the creation of additional DCPS school space in the neighborhood.

Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A's representative to the Ward 2 Education Network, was present. He said that, given the large waitlists at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, there is demand for more space at the school. He said that the school currently has students whose grandparents and great-grandparents once attended the school. He added that one concern that the school community has about a charter school occupying the Stevens School building is that there would be no requirements about serving neighborhood students.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Special Event Application for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

Julie Hanson, a representative for the event organizers, was present. She gave an overview of the proposed course map and schedule for the event.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support the special event application for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure event. Chair Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Special Event Application for the Nation's Triathlon on Sunday, September 10th, 2017

Diane Thomas, a representative for the event organizers, was present. She gave an overview of the proposed course map and schedule for the event.

Commissioner Smith encouraged the event organizers to provide ample road closure notices to the residents of the Watergate complex buildings.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support the special event application for the Nation's Triathlon, pending confirmation that there will be proper ingress and egress for Watergate

complex residents. Chair Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Historic Landmarking Application for the U.S. Department of State's Harry S. Truman Building at 2201 C Street NW

*The commission did not take any action regarding the matter.*

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0409 – the “Burial Assistance Program Increase Amendment Act of 2017”

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to authorize the drafting and submission of a resolution of support for the Burial Assistance Program Increase Amendment Act of 2017. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Administrative Agenda**

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Kennedy made a motion to approve the draft regular June 2017 meeting minutes, pending any grammatical and technical edits. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2017 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2017 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Renewal of the ANC's Mailbox at the UPS Store

Chair Kennedy made a motion to authorize an expense of \$240 for the renewal of the ANC's mailbox at the UPS Store. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

First Review of the ANC's Proposed FY 2018 Budget

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Executive Director, gave an overview of the ANC's proposed FY 2018 budget, which was discussed by the commissioners.

**Adjournment**

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Schrefer" clearly legible.

Philip Schrefer  
Secretary, ANC 2A05



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July 26, 2017

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**RE: Public Space Application by Bluestone Lane for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1111 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW (DDOT #10398925)**

Dear Chair Marcou,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Coder and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to support Bluestone Lane’s public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1111 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

Commissioners Rebecca Coder ([2A06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A06@anc.dc.gov)) and Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

CC: Hari Nathan Kalyan, Operating General Counsel, Bluestone Lane  
Kim Mitchell, Permitting Representative for the Applicant



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July 23, 2017

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Chairperson  
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**RE: Application by “Effigy, LLC,” (dba “Effigy,” ABRA-106511) to  
Transfer the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License to 1720  
I Street NW**

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy and seconded by Commissioner Harmon, to protest Effigy’s application to transfer the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub license to 1720 I Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and adverse impact on real property values.

Any Commissioner is authorized to represent the Commission in proceedings related to this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

CC: Emanuel Mpras, Counsel for the Applicant



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July 27, 2017

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**RE: The American Red Cross’ Public Space Application to Relocate the Sculpture Located at the Intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW to the Intersection of 18th Street and E Street NW (DDOT #205258)**

Dear Chair Marcou,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0\***), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to raise no objection to the American Red Cross’ public space application to relocate the sculpture located at the intersection of 20th Street and E Street NW to the intersection of 18th Street and E Street NW.

The Commission further requests that a representative for the American Red Cross attend an upcoming regular ANC 2A meeting to discuss the organization’s decision to sell its headquarters building at 2025 E Street NW and the organization’s resulting abdication of its previous formal commitments to the neighborhood to maintain the public spaces surrounding its former headquarters building.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

CC: Phil Feola, Counsel for the Applicant

\* Commissioner Florence Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.



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**RE: School Without Walls Usage of the Stevens Elementary School at 1050  
21st Street NW**

Dear Chancellor Wilson, Deputy Mayor Niles, and Deputy Mayor Kenner,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A, by resolution dated April 24, 2017, objected to the failure of the DC Public Schools (DCPS), the Deputy Mayor for Education’s Office (DME), and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development’s Office (DMPED) to honor commitments made to the community and Ivymount School, the selected educational user of the Stevens Elementary School building, and urged DCPS, DME, and DMPED to honor those commitments,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A followed the troubling events surrounding the repudiation of those commitments by DCPS, DME, and DMPED through the DME letter dated May 17, 2017 to Commissioners Kennedy and Harmon as to the selected educational user of the Stevens Elementary School building, a property listed on the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A is and has always been convinced of the historical importance of the Stevens Elementary School, viewing the school’s heritage as unique, given its establishment in 1868 and original purpose as the first public school for the children of freed slaves in Washington, DC,



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WHEREAS, the Stevens Elementary School, as a DCPS public school, has served generations of African Americans and community members in Washington, DC as a public school, and includes among its notable graduates Charles Drew, Petey Greene, Jr., Roberta Flack, Amy Carter, Colby King, Rayford Logan, Robert Hooks, and Jonathan Ogden,

WHEREAS, the Stevens Elementary School should never have been closed as a DCPS public school in 2008, was a jewel in the community, and has served as a vibrant school supporting the needs of District of Columbia students with excellent programs since 1868,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A seeks to preserve the Stevens Elementary School, a National Historic Landmark, for the public education school purpose for which it was originally built in 1868 and urges DCPS, DMPED, and DME to support the building’s usage by School Without Walls, a DCPS public school that serves the Foggy Bottom, West End, and Dupont communities,

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, which serves the Foggy Bottom, West End, and Dupont communities, is currently over-enrolled as of last school year, even with 476 students enrolled, the maximum capacity for the school, and for this upcoming school year 485 to 500 students are expected to enroll, again the maximum capacity for the school, with the current waiting list for pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grades being 930 children, and

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens will also need swing space for upcoming renovations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Public Schools and the Deputy Mayor for Education’s Office, with the support of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development’s Office, to restore the historic Stevens Elementary School to the DCPS public school educational usage that honored the memory of abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens by making it an additional campus of the School Without Walls.

Commissioners Florence Harmon ([2A06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A06@anc.dc.gov)) and Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson



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CC: Richard Livingstone, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services  
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Richard Trogisch, Principal, School Without Walls  
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Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, Councilmember Jack Evans  
Chairman Phil Mendelson, DC Council  
Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large  
Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large  
Councilmember Robert White, At-Large  
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large  
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1  
Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3  
Councilmember Brandon Todd, Ward 4  
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**RE: Special Event Application for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to support the special event application for the American Diabetes Association’s Tour de Cure on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) and Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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CC: Julie Hanson, Representative for the Applicant



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**RE: Special Event Application for the Nation's Triathlon on Sunday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

At its regular meeting on July 19, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to support the special event application for the Nation’s Triathlon on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) and Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

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