Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017; 7:00 p.m. GWU's Funger Hall, Room 103 – 2201 G Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Rebecca Coder (02), Marco Guzman (03), William Kennedy Smith (04), and Philip Schrefer (05) were present. Commissioner Harmon arrived at 7:11 pm. Commissioner Campbell (07) arrived at 7:17 pm. Commissioner Eve Zhurbinskiy (08) arrived at 8:39 pm.

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

Special Presentation

Presentation by Councilmember Jack Evans Regarding Ward 2 and Citywide Updates

Councilmember Jack Evans was present. He gave an overview of his recent trip to New York City to push for an increase to the city's bond rating. He gave an overview of the city's concerns regarding the current trajectory of the federal government, including how possible funding cuts to the Affordable Care Act will affect the city's citizens and finances. He also gave an overview of the city's sanctuary city status. He talked about how any possible federal funding cuts to sanctuary cities would affect DC.

Councilmember Evans said that DC is one of the most dynamic cities in America, but that it still struggles with some of the same problems that other cities have, including problems with improving the public schools and solving homelessness. He gave an overview of his work as Chair of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Board of Directors. He said that Metrorail was once a state-of-the-art system but that years of underfunding have created problems. He gave an overview of WMATA's efforts to replace the oldest cars in the Metrorail system, as well as the SafeTrack efforts to improve track conditions.

Rachel Dubin, a local resident, said that she came to the meeting to advocate for the full funding of DC's Paid Family Leave program. Councilmember Evans said that the DC Council is currently debating how the planned paid leave benefits will be paid for by the city, but that the structure of the benefits will not change.

Commissioner Smith asked what WMATA's current funding priorities are. Councilmember Evans said that funding is needed for capital projects, including the need to waterproof a portion of the Red Line tunnel by Medical Center station. He said that the DC government is supportive of a dedicated funding stream for WMATA and that Maryland, Virginia, and the U.S. Department of Transportation also need to support the proposal.

General Agenda

Discussion Regarding Needed Renovations to the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens

Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A's representative to the Ward 2 Education Network, was present. He said that the Department of General Services (DGS) has a budget of \$3 million for renovations to the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens during the current fiscal year and that the DC Public Schools (DCPS) would like to allocate the funding for renovations to the school's auditorium. He said that the school community has been advocating to allocate the funding for renovations to the school's locker rooms and gym. He added that DCPS has yet to issue an "education specification" for the renovation, and thus the construction process is being held up.

Commissioner Harmon gave an overview of the school community's reasons for why renovations to the school's locker rooms and gym should be prioritized over renovations to the auditorium.

Commissioner Harmon read aloud a resolution that ANC 2B previously adopted regarding the matter, which called on DGS and DCPS to begin the process of renovating the school's locker rooms and gym.

Commissioner Harmon moved to adopt the draft resolution previously adopted by ANC 2B with technical edits being made to adapt the language for ANC 2A. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Community Forum

Report from the Ward 2 Education Network

Mr. Sondreal gave an overview of DCPS Chancellor Antwan Wilson's upcoming Ward 2 community meeting, which will be on Monday, April 24th at 6:30 pm at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens. He encouraged community members to come to the meeting.

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department's PSA 207

Captain David Sledge and Sergeant Michael Bialeski, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, were present. Sergeant Bialeski gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Smith asked about the recent package thefts in the lobby of an apartment building on the 900 block of 26th Street NW. He asked how MPD could convince the building's management company about the need to change package operations in the building. Captain Sledge said that the best solution would be to stop storing packages out in the open in the building's lobby. Commissioner Guzman said that he talked with the building's management company and that they said that they were going to put a new metal plate over the lock on the front door to prevent it from being picked.

Sergeant Bialeski said that some of his officers have been watching for drivers who do not stop for the pedestrians crossing Virginia Avenue on the crosswalks at G Street NW and that the officers have been writing tickets daily. Chair Kennedy added that the ANC has been working

with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to better engineer the crosswalks in order to improve pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Smith asked about the Second District's transition from police service areas (PSAs) to "sectors". Captain Sledge said that the transition has been completed at this point. He added that the sector model was designed based on the number of service calls that each area of the Second District was receiving.

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 the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services' office will be holding another cleanup of the homeless encampment at the intersection of 27th Street and Virginia Avenue NW on March 23rd. He gave an overview of the city's homeless encampment cleanup protocol.

Commissioner Smith said that the city needs to look at its public relations in relation to the encampment cleanups. He said that the word "demolition" is used often by the media when the cleanups occur.

Multiple local residents reiterated the need for the city to better address the issues regarding the homeless encampments in the neighborhood.

Mr. Livingstone gave an overview of the Mayor's annual State of the District Address, which will be on Thursday, March 30th at 5:30 pm at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the address.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Schrefer announced that DDOT has released a contract to install an advance beacon underneath the 23rd Street overpass on Virginia Avenue NW to warn drivers about pedestrians as they approach the crosswalks at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street NW. He added that DDOT is also looking at filling in the existing gap in the Virginia Avenue median fence near the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street NW.

Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the Branch Manager for the West End Interim Library, was present. He said that the library's regular yoga classes and "Coffee and Conversations" programs continue to attract plenty of attendees.

Mr. Osborne said that MLK library is now closed and that any local residents who have their holds location set to MLK Library need to change their hold location. He said that MLK Library's special collections will be distributed between the Peabody Room at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, the Carnegie Library, and the Library of Congress' Newspaper Reading Room. He added that the "library express" location at 1990 K Street NW will be opening soon and that the branch manager from the Palisades Library will be managing the location.

<u>Update Regarding the Status of a Deteriorating Sidewalk on the East Side of the 1000 Block of 22nd Street NW</u>

Commissioner Harmon commended DDOT for their work on creating a temporary fix for the holes in the sidewalk on 22nd Street NW.

<u>Update Regarding the Status of the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project,</u> Including Concerns about Nighttime Activity and Bus Stop Accommodation

Commissioner Coder said that the project contractor for the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project is slightly behind schedule and that the related street detours should begin in April.

Announcements and Public Comments

Sara Maddux, a local resident, said that the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon had negative impacts on traffic across the city. She said that, between the marathon and the St. Patrick's Day Parade the following day, the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods are experiencing problems with special events. She added that the city needs to especially re-examine the plans for the annual marathon

Regulatory Agenda

<u>Presentation by GWU and Boston Properties Regarding a Proposed Development at 2100</u> Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Consideration of Comments for a Setdown Hearing

Alicia Knight, Senior Associate Vice President for Operations for GW; Jake Stroman, Vice President for Development for Boston Properties; and David Avitabile, Counsel for the applicants, were present

Ms. Knight gave an overview of the proposed development at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. She said that Boston Properties is proposing to lease the land from GW to demolish 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW and GW's Rice Hall and combine the two properties into one new development. She gave an overview of GW's request for proposals (RFP) process for the project.

Ms. Knight said that GW determined that the inclusion of Rice Hall in the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW redevelopment would create a better overall proposal and would also allow for better implementation of GW's Eye Street retail corridor concept. She said that GW's respective application would be to amend the university's campus plan to list the Rice Hall site as commercial and/or investment space instead of educational and/or administrative space.

Ms. Knight said that the current tenants in 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW have been aware for quite some time that the university was seeking to redevelop the site. She said that the university is doing an analysis of the administrative units currently located in Rice Hall in order to determine where they would move to on campus. She added that GW is not intending to build a

new building on campus to accommodate the administrative units and is also not intending to move any of the units into the Marvin Center.

Mr. Stroman said that he previously worked on GW's "Avenue" project at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. He said that, as part of the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW project, Boston Properties is proposing to enhance the Eye Street retail corridor. He gave a visual presentation on the proposed plans for the new building.

Mr. Stroman gave an overview of the proposed floor plans for the new building, including the floor plans for the building's retail spaces. He gave an overview of Boston Properties' implementation of the retail recommendations that they had received from the local community and the retail community into the plans for the new building. He said that his team is looking into the possibility of moving the existing Capital Bikeshare station on the site to the triangle park across 21st Street NW from the project. He added that his team is also proposing to make improvements to the triangle park as part of the project.

Mr. Avitabile said that the applicants would be applying to make an amendment to the planned unit development (PUD) site plan within GW's campus plan in order to split the current campus plan site that Rice Hall sits on into two sites and to then change the Rice Hall-exclusive part of the split site from an administrative use to a commercial and/or investment use. He gave an overview of the proposed uses included in GW's campus plan.

Mr. Avitabile said that the applicants will also be applying rezone the current 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW site (CHECK ON THIS) and to add the site as a development site in the first stage PUD of the campus plan. He added that the applicants will additionally be applying for a second stage PUD for the entire project site.

Commissioner Smith asked if GW would be returning to the ANC at a later point to ask for another campus plan amendment to build more academic and/or administrative space to house the administrative units displaced by the demolition of Rice Hall. Ms. Knight said that she did not anticipate that GW would be making such a request.

Mr. Avitabile said that Boston Properties stepped down the 130-foot height for the portion of the new building along Eye Street NW to better respect Eye Street's own building environment.

Commissioner Campbell expressed concerns with the proposed inclusion of brick sidewalks along the Eye Street NW side of the new building, including the fact that DDOT does not like to maintain brick sidewalks. Mr. Avitabile said that the current campus plan includes the addition of brick sidewalks on the east-west streets on campus and that Boston Properties will enter into a maintenance covenant for the sidewalks.

Commissioner Smith asked about the LEED certification plans for the building, including the creation of a green roof. Mr. Avitabile said that Boston Properties will be seeking a minimum of LEED Gold certification for the new building and that a green roof will cover a sizable part of the roof.

Mr. Avitabile said that a Notice of Intent for the campus plan amendment and PUD applications was filed with the Zoning Commission last month. He added that there will be ample opportunities for the community to discuss the project in depth before any decisions have to be made.

Commissioner Coder asked about the applicants' proposed donation to the Housing Production Trust Fund as part of the project. Mr. Avitabile said that the donation will be sizable but that an exact amount has yet to be determined.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the BZA Application by Urban Investment Partners (UIP) for Special Exceptions to the Penthouse Restaurant Requirements and the Retail Use Requirements for their Proposed "Boathouse" Development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW

Brook Katzen, Vice President of Development for Urban Investment Partners (UIP), was present. He gave an overview of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) applications that his team has filed for their "Boathouse" development. He said that the applications focus on the use of the roof and the addition of a retail space on the ground floor.

Commissioner Coder asked about the level of required affordable housing in the new building. Mr. Katzen said that the project is subject to DC's inclusionary zoning regulations, which would require about 23 units of affordable housing in the new building.

Mr. Katzen said that UIP is looking to achieve LEED certification for the new building. Commissioner Smith encouraged UIP to take a stronger look at achieving LEED Silver certification.

Commissioner Smith asked about the plans for the proposed sidewalk cafe space on the ground floor of the building. Mr. Katzen said that, after conversations with DDOT, UIP has removed the sidewalk cafe from their own public space application and determined that the eventual retailer would file their own public space application for the space.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support the BZA application for UIP's proposed "Boathouse" development. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Public Space Application by Urban Investment Partners (UIP) for the Streetscape Plan for their Proposed "Boathouse" Development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW

The landscape architect for UIP's "Boathouse" development was present. He went over the proposed streetscaping plan for the building, including the plans for access to the ground floor retail space and access to the building's entrance driveway.

Chair Kennedy asked about any proposed changes to the existing curb cuts on the site. Mr. Katzen said that UIP is proposing to remove the southeastern-most curb cut.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support the public space application for UIP's proposed "Boathouse" development as presented. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

<u>Campono – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D"</u> Restaurant License at 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Brian Wolken, the General Manager of Campono, was present. He said that Campono is filing the substantial change application in order to be better able to offer the restaurant space for functions.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support Campono's substantial change application. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

<u>Presentation Regarding the Alternatives Analysis for the DC Streetcar's Proposed Extension Along K Street NW</u>

Haley Peckett, a Transportation Planner for DDOT, was present. She said that DC Streetcar is currently going through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process for the proposed extension of the streetcar along K Street NW to Georgetown. She gave an overview of the two different build alternatives, alternatives 2 and 4, that DDOT is currently reviewing for the project.

Ms. Peckett said that alternative 2 involves the construction of some length of transitway along K Street NW that buses would also be able to operate in, while alternative 4 includes the construction of much more transitway that buses could not operate in. She said that DDOT is looking for feedback from the ANC and the neighborhood regarding the proposed alternatives.

Ms. Peckett said that DDOT is looking at the different travel times for each of the alternatives. She said that the project's next public meeting, which will include results from the NEPA review, will be on May 17th.

Commissioner Harmon said that the slow speeds of the streetcar along its current H Street route thus necessitate a dedicated transitway for the extension to Georgetown.

Commissioner Smith asked why DDOT was considering a streetcar extension instead of dedicated bus lanes. Ms. Peckett said that DDOT believes that there are capacity benefits associated with extending the streetcar instead of creating bus rapid transit (BRT).

Ms. Maddux said that DDOT needs to analyze the effects that the implementation of a transit fare, along with the effects of motorcade and ambulance traffic on K Street NW, will have on DC Streetcar operations as part of DDOT's analysis.

Mr. Osborne asked about the costs of the proposed streetcar extension. Ms. Peckett said that DDOT is looking at project costs as part of their current analysis.

Commissioner Guzman suggested that DDOT improve the crosswalk setup at the intersection of 25th Street and K Street NW as part of the proposed streetcar station at the same intersection.

Presentation by the Friends of Francis Field Regarding Ongoing Plans to "Green" the Field

Gary Griffith, the President of the Friends of Francis Field, was present. He gave an overview of the organization's plan to improve the field, including the landscaping and architectural plans for the proposed "greening" project. He said that organization will be carrying out an upcoming tree planting event in conjunction with Casey Trees.

Mr. Griffith gave an overview of the proposed calendar to close the field down for the grass planting work.

Chair Kennedy asked if there were any possible complications with the National Park Service (NPS)-owned portion of the field. Mr. Griffith said that NPS has signed off on both the grass and tree planting projects.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Park Permit Application for the Annual Duke Ellington Birthday Concert in Duke Ellington Park

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to support the park permit application for the annual Duke Ellington Birthday Concert if the concert is planned. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Water's Water Main Replacement Project on 18th Street Between Pennsylvania Avenue and K Street NW

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of DC Water's proposed water main replacement project on 18th Street NW, just over the border of ANC 2A in ANC 2B. He said that the project is problematic because DC Water is proposing to start the project work at 9:00 am and to go until 5:00 pm on weekdays. He said that these work hours would cut into rush hour and the rush hour parking restrictions during both the morning and evening commutes.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to submit a letter to DC Water expressing the ANC's concerns with the work hours for DC Water's proposed water main replacement project on 18th Street NW. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Administrative Agenda

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the February 2017 meeting minutes, pending any minor grammatical and technical edits. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Schrefer

Secretary, ANC 2A05



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RE: Support for Gym and Locker Room Renovations at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens

Dear Chancellor Wilson and Director Gillis,

At its regular meeting on March 15, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven 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 Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens is currently operating at full capacity with a waiting list, and provides athletic facilities for its students and students at School Without Walls High School,

WHEREAS, there are currently funds available to refurbish and renovate a physical plant that dates back to 1922,

WHEREAS, the school's principal, faculty, Home and School Association (HSA), and concerned neighbors have requested that renovating and updating the gym and locker room facilities be given highest priority,

WHEREAS, the students currently have no locker rooms and no place to shower or change clothes. The boys and girls have to change in the bathrooms, and they have to carry their possessions with them because there are no lockers,

WHEREAS, the school's gym is too small to be used by School Without Walls High School for basketball because it is does not have a regulation size court. The high school has no gym facilities and wants to use the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens for practices and home games but cannot do that now,

WHEREAS, when work was done on the school's HVAC system in the cafeteria directly below the gym the work was not performed in the gym upstairs, and

WHEREAS, the needs of the school's gym are evident, immediate, and far more pressing than any need to renovate the school's auditorium. Renovations to the gym



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would benefit the students directly every single day. Unlike a lengthy project involving the auditorium, upgrading the gym facilities can be dealt with immediately and with minimum impact on daily operations of the school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A and residents of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods strongly urge the DC Public Schools and the Department of General Services to begin a renovation of the gym and locker room facilities at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens at the earliest possible date, giving the project a higher priority than any other project involving the school. Our children need a place to shower, to change with dignity, and to store their belongings, and they need it now.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (<u>2A06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Patrick Kennedy (<u>2A01@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy Chairperson

CC: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2

Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, Councilmember Jack Evans Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large

Anne Robinson, Committee Director, DC Council Committee on Education Teresa Biagioni, Director of School Planning, DC Public Schools

Jackie Stanley, Community Outreach Coordinator, Department of General Services

Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A Representative, Ward 2 Education Network

Richard Livingstone, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services



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Mr. Frederick Hill Chairperson Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001 bzasubmissions@dc.gov

RE: BZA Application by Urban Investment Partners (UIP) for Special Exceptions to the Penthouse Restaurant Requirements and the Retail Use Requirements for the Applicant's Proposed "Boathouse" Development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW (BZA #19475)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

At its regular meeting on March 15, 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 Schrefer, to support Urban Investment Partners' Board of Zoning Adjustment application for special exceptions for the applicant's proposed "Boathouse" development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (<u>2A04@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Patrick Kennedy (<u>2A01@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy Chairperson

CC: Brook Katzen, Vice President of Development, Urban Investment Partners Meghan Hottel-Cox, Counsel for the Applicant



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Mr. Matthew Marcou Chair, Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation 1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20004 PublicSpace.Committee@dc.gov

RE: Public Space Application by Urban Investment Partners (UIP) for the Streetscape Plan for the Applicant's Proposed "Boathouse" Development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW (DDOT #187936)

Dear Chair Marcou,

At its regular meeting on March 15, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to support Urban Investment Partners' public space application for the streetscape plan for the applicant's proposed "Boathouse" development at 2601 Virginia Avenue NW.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (<u>2A04@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Patrick Kennedy (<u>2A01@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy Chairperson

CC: Brook Katzen, Vice President of Development, Urban Investment Partners



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Mr. Donovan Anderson Chairperson Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street NW, S400 Washington, DC 20009 abra.legal@dc.gov

RE: Application by Campono for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW (ABRA-094362)

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on March 15, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to support Campono's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license at 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (<u>2A04@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Patrick Kennedy (<u>2A01@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy Chairperson

CC: Brian Wolken, General Manager, Campono Stephen O'Brien, Counsel for the Applicant