



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015; 7:00 p.m.
GWU Fonger Hall, Room 103 – 2201 G Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners Phil Schrefer (05), Florence Harmon (06), and Eve Zhurbinskiy (08) were present.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Community Forum

Report from PSA 207

Lt. Hughes from police service area (PSA) 207 was present. She went over the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. She said that she predicts that by the next meeting the number of robberies will be lower, as there was recently a significant increase in robberies.

Commissioner Schrefer talked about the recent increase in violent crime in the area surrounding GW Hospital. He asked if the ANC could have more information about crime in that area at future ANC meetings, as well as more information about two year crime data instead of just month to month data.

Lt. Hughes said that there will be more officers out in the area due to the special attention being given to universities, hospitals, and other public areas in the aftermath of the Paris attacks.

Report on the West End Library and Fire Station Projects

Ben Sonnet, Development Manager for EastBanc, was present. He gave an overview of the plans for both projects in the West End. He said that both projects experienced a few delays in construction over the last few months. He said that the West End Fire Station project would be delivering during the first quarter of 2017 and that the West End Library project would be delivering by the second quarter of 2017.

Mr. Sonnet said that there will be some upcoming roadway interruptions in order to install water connections. He said that more updates will be coming out via the project's list-serv.

Report from the Ward 2 Education Network

Chair Kennedy talked about the updates that Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A's representative to the Ward 2 Education Network, had emailed to the commissioners.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

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Update Regarding Removal of Homeless Encampments from the Area Near Virginia Avenue, 27th Street, and Rock Creek Parkway

Keylin Rivera, a ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, was present. She said that the Mayor's Office had heard the neighborhood's concerns regarding the homeless encampments by Virginia Avenue, 27th Street, and Rock Creek Parkway. She said that they were collecting information about the situation and would be putting together a one-page overview to distribute to the community.

Ms. Rivera said that staff members from the Department of Behavioral Health and the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services' office were continuing to do outreach with the residents that live in the encampments. He said that the Mayor's Office would be distributing booklets to the community with hypothermia season information. She added that the Mayor's Office did not currently have any updates on where the residents of the encampments were being relocated to.

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, shared information she received from Dallas Williams at the Department of Human Services that twelve individuals from the encampments would be viewing units paid for by the DC government in the coming days.

Ms. Rivera said that the Mayor's Office was putting together the Mayor's schedule for the holiday season and that the community should send scheduling requests for neighborhood events to her.

General Agenda

Presentation and Request for Consideration of Resolution by Downtown DC Public Restroom Committee

Janet Sharpe, a representative for the Downtown DC Public Restroom Committee, was present. She said that she is a member of the People for Fairness Coalition (PFC). She gave a history of the Downtown Washington, DC Restroom Initiative.

Ms. Sharpe said that the lack of public restrooms in downtown DC is particularly troubling for those that are restroom challenged, including pregnant women, people with urinary tract infections, senior citizens, and other populations. She said that PFC carried out a survey of available restrooms in downtown DC public and found that there were limited options available.

Ken Durham, a neighborhood resident, talked about the availability of public restrooms that he and his wife Jackie had seen in other cities.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy distributed a resolution she wrote on the matter. She read the "Be it Resolved" clauses of the resolution aloud.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Regulatory Agenda

Updates Regarding Application by Hyatt Place Hotel for a New Retailer's Class "C" Hotel Liquor License

Chair Kennedy gave an update on the Hyatt Place Hotel's liquor license application. He said that the ANC entered into a settlement agreement that removed the hotel's ability to host live events on the rooftop but allowed for a limited amount of background recorded music and no live music.

Application by "Abdo F St., LLC" (dba Abdotel) for a Substantial Change to Their Retailer's Class "C" Hotel Liquor License (2224 F Street NW, ABRA-090189)

Jim Abdo, President and CEO of Abdo Development, was present. Andrew Kline, the counsel for the applicant, was also present.

Mr. Abdo gave a visual presentation regarding the progress of the construction. He said that the hotel would have a new awning over the entrance, a patio in the front, and a new handicap ramp leading to the entrance. He said that his team was also proposing to add an inner courtyard which would have patio seating.

Mr. Kline said that the applicant had slightly overestimated the number of seats in the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) application for the courtyard and sidewalk cafe in order to give the hotel some wiggle room for seating. Mr. Abdo added that some of the rooftop seating would be lounge seating to allow people to sit with a laptop and do work.

Commissioner Harmon and Chair Kennedy asked what the total load from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) permit was for the roof. Mr. Abdo said that he could get back to the ANC with that information.

Mr. Abdo gave an overview of the color schemes, finishings, and touches that were planned for the hotel's rooms and public spaces. He said that the name of the hotel was going to be "Hotel Hive." He added that the price point for the hotel rooms would be about half of the normal rate for a hotel room in DC.

Sara Maddux, a neighborhood resident, asked how the hotel would handle the loading and unloading of deliveries. Mr. Abdo said that the rear yard of the house next door on Virginia Avenue would be used for deliveries and that there would also be a drop off zone in front of the building.

Chair Kennedy asked about the need for the 24 hours of operation that was stated in the application. Mr. Kline said that the 24 hours would be for room service.

Barbara Kahlow, a neighborhood resident, said that these hours would have a large noise impact in the residential area surrounding the hotel and would also have a negative impact for the GW students living nearby.

Another neighborhood resident said that he lives directly across the street from the hotel and that he would have to move if the hotel created too much noise at night. He said that the large buildings surrounding the hotel would create an amphitheater effect that would amplify sound from the hotel. He also raised issues with the impacts on parking as a result of the hotel. He asked the ANC to not approve the license change.

Mr. Abdo said that, with regard to parking, the hotel had operated without a parking garage in the past, plus his team found that many people who stay at micro-unit hotels take public transportation. He said that he would be happy to reach out to nearby buildings that have available parking to negotiate on using their parking spaces.

Commissioner Harmon said that, in her experience, the ANC had never approved outdoor hours until 2:00 am or 3:00 am. She asked if there was a request for an entertainment endorsement. Mr. Abdo said that there was no entertainment endorsement request but that there might be background music playing through speakers.

Mr. Kline said that he would be willing to work with the ANC and that he was confident that they would find a way to resolve the ANC's concerns.

Mr. Abdo said that he was not sure if the hotel needed the full hours stated in the application. He said that he needed to make the hotel experience enjoyable for the people staying at the hotel as well. He added that the rooftop would be controlled access to guests who were staying at the hotel only.

Chair Kennedy said that he would put Mr. Kline and Mr. Abdo in touch with the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association to discuss the application in more depth with them.

Commissioner Schrefer asked about the break space available to those who worked at the hotel. Mr. Abdo went over the locker and changing space available to employees.

Ms. Streznewski asked where the hotel employees were going to park. Mr. Abdo said that he would be working with neighborhood garages to find space for the employees to park.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to protest the hotel's application for a substantial change to their license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and adverse impact on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion.

Commissioner Harmon asked for a friendly amendment to include adverse impact on real property values in the protest reasoning. The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment.

The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Request by "Cinema Beverages Holding Company, LLC" (dba West End Cinema Beverage Service) for Changes to the Establishment's Settlement Agreement

Camelia Mazard, counsel for the applicant, was present. She gave an overview of the requested changes to the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to accept the requested changes to the settlement agreement. Commissioner Zhurbinskiy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Updates Regarding Application by Hillel at The George Washington University for their Proposed Development

Ms. Kahlow gave an overview of the outcomes of the recent Zoning Commissioner hearing on the matter. She said that the Zoning Commission's final decision on the matter had been moved to Monday, November 23rd.

Updates Regarding Ongoing Appeal by the Hilton Garden Inn

Ms. Kahlow gave an overview of the current state of the Hilton Garden Inn's legal appeal.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding WMATA Proposal to Implement a "University Pass" Fare Program for DC College Students

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy gave an overview of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposal for a "University Pass" program, including the recent internal report from Metro about the proposal. She gave an overview of the details WMATA released on how the program would be funded and implemented.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy distributed a resolution she wrote on the matter. She read the "Be it Resolved" clauses of the resolution aloud.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Administrative Agenda

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt the October 2015 meeting minutes subject to minor technical edits. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Approval of Quarterly Financial Report for FY 2015 Quarter 4

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to adopt the quarterly financial report for FY 2015 quarter 4. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0).

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05



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November 29, 2015

Councilmember Mary Cheh
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment
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RE: Proposal by the Downtown DC Public Restroom Initiative to install and maintain clean, safe public restrooms in downtown DC

Dear Councilmember Cheh,

At its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With four of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, by a vote of (4-0-0):

WHEREAS, many individuals need access to clean, safe, available public restrooms, including tourists, families with young children, women who are pregnant, the elderly, individuals with bowel incontinence and people without housing;

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the People for Fairness Coalition (PFC) revealed that there are very few public restrooms in downtown Washington, DC, some establishments do not allow people to use restrooms unless they first purchase something, and in most downtown neighborhoods there are no restrooms available late at night or early in the morning;

WHEREAS, most capital cities in Europe and Asia have clean, safe public restrooms that are easily accessible at any time of night or day, while this is not the case in our Nation’s Capital;

WHEREAS, a number of large cities in the U.S. have begun to experiment with a variety of restroom options, including self-cleaning restrooms, restrooms with attendants, and the Portland, Oregon Loo, a 24-hour sustainable public restroom, while in London there is a government program that provides incentives to private establishments if they put up signs indicating their restroom is open to all;

WHEREAS, if a person cannot find a restroom in DC and has no other option than to relieve themselves in a public space, the penalty is a ticket of up to \$500 or a jail term up to 90 days;



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A asks the DC government to explore and identify options for installing and maintaining clean, safe public restrooms available 24/7 in needed areas of downtown DC.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
Marcy Bernbaum, Downtown DC Public Restroom Initiative
Chairman Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Vincent Orange, At-Large
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large
Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large
Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
Councilmember Brandon Todd, Ward 4
Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 5
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Yvette Alexander, Ward 7
Councilmember LaRuby May, Ward 8



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November 25, 2015

Mr. Donovan Anderson
Chairperson
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RE: Application by “Abdo F St., LLC” (dba “Abdotel,” ABRA-090189) for a Substantial Change to their Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel License at 2224 F Street NW

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With four of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Harmon, to protest the above-referenced application based on (1) adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; (2) adverse impact on real property values; and (3) adverse impact on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov), Florence Harmon (2A06@anc.dc.gov), and Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Jim Abdo, President and CEO, Abdo Development
Andrew Kline, Counsel for the Applicant



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December 3, 2015

Mr. Donovan Anderson
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RE: Application by “Cinema Beverages Holding Company, LLC” (dba “West End Cinema Beverage Service,” ABRA-100805) for a New Class “DX” Multi-Purpose Facility License at 2301 M Street NW

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on October 21, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Coder and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to support the Applicant’s application for a new Class “DX” Multi-Purpose Facility license at 2301 M Street NW and to enter into a settlement agreement with the Applicant.

Additionally, at its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A considered a request by the Applicant to amend the settlement agreement for the same establishment. With four of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**4-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy, to accept the proposed amendments to the settlement agreement for the establishment. The final settlement agreement that was signed by the Applicant and by the Commission has been attached to this letter.

Commissioners Rebecca Coder (2A02@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (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: Camelia Mazard, Counsel for the Applicant

West End Cinema Beverage Service Settlement Agreement

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), is made and entered into on this 19th day of November, 2015, by and between Cinema Beverages Holding Company, LLC dba West End Cinema Beverage Service ("Applicant") and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A"), hereinafter the Parties.

WHEREAS, Applicant applied for a License ABRA-100805, Retail Class "DX" Multi-Purpose Facility, for a movie theatre located at 2301 M Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC ("Establishment");

WHEREAS, the Premises are within the boundaries of ANC 2A;

WHEREAS, the cinema is part of the property that includes the 2301 M Street Cooperative Association ("Co-op"), the residential tenant;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to DC Official Code § 25-446 for the operation and maintenance of the Establishment in such a manner as to promote the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the Parties request that the Applicant's license be granted, conditioned upon the ABC Board's approval and acceptance of this written Agreement and its incorporation into the Board's Order issuing and governing the license;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Recitals Incorporated.

- a. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Nature of the Business.

- a. Pursuant to DC Official Code § 25-113, the Applicant will manage and operate a legitimate movie theatre. The Parties agree that the primary purpose for use of the establishment will be limited to that of the screening and showing of films, with a concessions stand that may include beer, wine and spirits.

3. Floors Utilized and Occupancy.

- a. The liquor license shall apply to the movie theatre space, which occupies the northern most retail bay (one of three) on the lower level of the property and the adjoining Summer Garden.
- b. The Establishment shall comply with applicable Certificate of Occupancy and fire safety regulations. In addition, total capacity, defined as the number of persons sitting and standing, shall not exceed the following:
 - i. 252 Seats
 - ii. Outdoor Patio/Summer Garden Seating Area: to be determined by the appropriate District of Columbia rules and regulations governing use of outdoor space (excludes those patrons queuing for the theatre)

4. Hours of Movie Theatre Operation and Sales.

- a. Operating hours for the interior theatre space are as follows:
 - i. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 12:30 am
 - ii. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 am
 - iii. Sunday, 10:00 am to 12:00 am
- b. Hours for the selling and servicing of alcohol inside the establishment are as follows:
 - i. Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 am to midnight (for clarity, patrons will be allowed until 12:30 am to finish beverage orders that were served before 12 am).
 - ii. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 am
- c. Notwithstanding the general operating and alcohol service hours described above, the last film of the evening will start no later than 12:00 am on any night of the week.
- d. The parties agree that Applicant retains the right to apply for extended hours of operation for exceptional events (such as the Presidential Inauguration, the World Cup, *etc.*) as defined by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration and other relevant District of Columbia agencies - provided that advanced written notice is provided to all Parties to this Agreement.

5. Beverage Service Policies.

- a. Alcohol purchases limited to one serving per person at a time.

6. Entrance and Outdoor Patio/Summer Garden.

- a. The Parties recognize that the outdoor patio space (which includes the sunken patio, front steps and handicap ramp) are used jointly by the movie theatre, residential and commercial tenants.

- b. The Applicant will use some form of portable stanchions to define its primary outdoor space, and the area to be used for seating.
- c. The Applicant will take reasonable efforts to ensure that the patron queuing and outdoor patio seating does not impact or intrude negatively upon the ingress and egress for the other tenants.
 - i. To that effect, the Applicant's staff will monitor regularly the outdoor area to ensure that stairwells, entrances, the handicap ramp and ramp access are not blocked by patrons.
- d. Operating hours for the outdoor patio/summer garden are as follows:
 - i. Monday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm
 - ii. At 11:00 pm, patrons will be required to vacate the patio seating area. The Establishment shall lock and/or store any patio tables, chairs or benches in such a manner as to deter loitering.
- e. No outdoor table service will be provided, as defined as the taking of food and/or beverage orders by Applicant's staff, the delivery of food and/or beverage orders by Applicant's staff, the provision of menus, electronic ordering devices or any other means of taking and/or delivering food and/or beverage orders by Applicant's staff to patrons in the Summer Garden.
- f. No outdoor amplification of sound will be allowed at any time.
- g. The Applicant will work with residential tenant and building management to provide safe and clear passage for theatre patrons due to inclement weather within time limits determined by the District of Columbia, and will work with the residential tenant and its management company to arrange for the appropriate clearing as required.

7. Noise, Security and Privacy.

- a. The Applicant will comply strictly with DC Official Code § 25-725 and take all necessary actions to ensure that noise and vibration is not audible outside of the movie theatre. To that effect, the Applicant will do the following:
 - i. Ensure upon installation of any interior audio equipment that sound is limited to and within the theatre. Perform sound checks with the residential tenant and audio engineer during any speaker installation process.
 - ii. Provide signage and require Establishment's staff to remind patrons to keep noise to a minimum when entering/leaving the theater or sitting in the outside patio area.
- b. Install a CCTV/camera system within the patio area for security purposes, providing a clear view of the various entrances. The camera system will retain access to video for at least three days.

- c. Take reasonable efforts to provide advance notice to the residential tenant of any potential special events, which would impact peace and quiet, or have greater security requirements.

8. Deliveries, Cleanliness and Refuse Removal.

- a. Take reasonable measures to ensure that the immediate environs of the establishment are kept in a clean and litter-free condition.
- b. Take appropriate measures to comply with DC Official Code § 2717, while limiting the disposal of such refuse items after 9:00 pm, to reduce the impact of the peace and quiet of the residential tenant.
- c. Ensure that any truck or trash deliveries or pick-ups happen after 7:00 am and before 9:00 pm.

9. Signage.

- a. Signage shall comply with exterior signage and lighting rights of the property.
- b. No flashing or flashing neon signs.

10. Amendments to the Application.

- a. The Applicant shall notify the ANC and Co-op of any amendments to the application related to the nature of the business, occupancy, hours, or transfer of ownership.

11. Binding Effect.

- a. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors and assigns of the Applicant.
- b. The parties further agree that in the event of a sale of the Establishment, the Applicant will notify the parties prior to the effective date of the sale and will notify the new owner of the terms of this Agreement.

12. Notice and Opportunity to Cure.

- a. In the event either party is in breach of this Agreement, it shall be entitled to reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, as a condition precedent to seeking enforcement of the Agreement.
- b. Unless the breach is of an emergency nature, a repetition of a prior breach or is otherwise enforceable under the terms of law or regulation, reasonable notice and opportunity shall provide for a cure within 30 days of the date of such notice.
- c. If Applicant or the licensee fails to cure within the 30-day period (or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than 30 days to cure, fails to commence cure of such breach by diligently pursuing such cure) such failure shall constitute a cause for seeking a Show Cause Order from the ABC Board.

- d. Any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and mailed or hand-delivered to the other Parties to this Agreement at the addresses of record with ABRA.
- e. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation, but notice shall be a prerequisite to the filing of a complaint with the ABC Board or any other enforcement action.

13. Entire Agreement.

- a. The terms of this Agreement shall be deemed the entire agreement between the Parties.

14. Counterparts.

- a. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed as original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

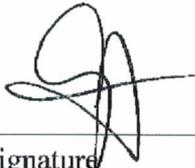
15. Severability.

- a. In the event that any part of this agreement is found to be invalid, unenforceable or not binding, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and be fully binding on the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

Cinema Beverages Holding Company, LLC
dba West End Cinema Beverage Service

ANC 2A



Signature Date

By: William Schuyler Hansen



Signature Date

By: Patrick Kennedy, Chair



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November 24, 2015

Mr. Mortimer Downey
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Councilmember Jack Evans
Chair, Finance & Administration Committee
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RE: WMATA proposal to create a “University Pass” program for DC college students

Dear Chair Downey and Councilmember Evans,

At its regular meeting on November 18, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With four of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, by a vote of (4-0-0):

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. has a large population of college students, with seven universities primarily based in D.C., and multiple universities in Maryland and Virginia participating in the Metro system;

WHEREAS, many college students are turning their backs on Metro, choosing rideshare options such as Uber and Lyft as primary methods of transportation;

WHEREAS, Metro ridership has declined by five percent over the past five years, despite rapid population growth;

WHEREAS, a decrease in Metro ridership leads to reductions in service, negatively impacting all who use the system;

WHEREAS, Metro is a sustainable form of transportation, and decreased usage in favor of automobile options will lead to increased air and water pollution;



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WHEREAS, a discounted metro pass for college students could substantially increase Metro ridership by incentivizing college students to start using Metro or using Metro more often;

WHEREAS, a Metro report dated October 8, 2015 proposed offering unlimited ride products to local university students as a way to increase ridership;

WHEREAS, many other cities, such as Minneapolis-St. Paul, Seattle, and Chicago, have similar programs;

WHEREAS, ANC 2A represents the largest college student population in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, students at the George Washington University, many of whom reside within the boundaries of ANC 2A, have expressed support for the university ride pass program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports Metro’s plan to create an unlimited ride pass for college students, thereby offering students affordable transportation options, promoting sustainability, increasing Metro ridership, and supporting infrastructure investment.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Ann Chisholm, Government Relations Officer – DC, WMATA
Andrea Dowd, President, GW Student Association
Casey Syron, Executive Vice President, GW Student Association