

ANC2C Meeting | January 3, 2007; 6:34 pm
The Africare House, 440 R Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Before the meeting was called to order, ANC2C Chairman Doris Brooks, following the direction of former ANC2C Commissioner Leroy Thorpe, the currently appointed Parliamentarian and Executive Assistant to Ms Brooks, announced that video and audio recordings were not allowed in the meeting. The Parliamentarian had just previously pointed out Martin Moulton (myself) of ANC2C02 using a laptop for note taking and other ANC2C02 residents with a hand held video cameras. Despite the previous admonition and after several members of the audience spoke out criticizing the announcement on legal grounds, the videographer continued to record. Mr Moulton then also produced his ipod with audio recording mic to assist his note taking.

AGENDA ITEM 1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

After calling the meeting to order, Ms Brooks turned the floor over to the Parliamentarian who stated that consent from the individuals featured as subjects was required to publish audio/video recordings of ANC meetings. Those recording the meeting continued their acts of civil disobedience and recorded the meeting nonetheless.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Commissioner Brooks, called the Roll Call. All 4 elected commissioners were present representing the quorum necessary to conduct commission business.

[Note: Also present in the audience was Mr. Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director, Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC), gottlieb.simon@dc.gov, (202) 727-9945. THE OANC Provides technical support to the 37 ANCs and is located in Room 8, of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20004]

ANC2C Chair Commissioner Brooks called for the election of officers. The Parliamentarian left the meeting to speak with Mary Sutherland, an ANC 2C02 resident (who was busy at that time making a phone call out in the Africare lobby and although her conversation was partially audible in the room, she seemed unaware that she was being summoned or that her presence might be required). The meeting resumed after the Parliamentarian re-entered the room, followed by Ms Sutherland a few minutes later. When she did return, Ms Sutherland was given the floor to conduct the election of ANC 2C officers.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANC 2C ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened for the nomination of ANC2C President and Vice President then a correction was noted by the Parliamentarian and the official positions of ANC 2C Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were opened for nominations.

Election of ANC 2C Chairman

ANC2C02 Commissioner Kevin Chapple nominated for ANC2C01 Commissioner Alex Padro for ANC Chair

ANC2C04 Commissioner Barbara Curtis nominated current Chair, ANC 2C03 Commissioner Doris Brooks.

A 2:2 split resulted, constituting a deadlocked vote, Messrs Padro and Mr Chapple v. Mses Brooks and Curtis. Hence, the current Chair, Ms Brooks, will retain her seat for the remainder of her 2007-2008 tenure.

Election of ANC 2C Vice Chair

Mr Chapple nominated Mr Padro

Ms Brooks nominated Ms Curtis

Deadlocked vote: 2:2; Messrs Padro and Mr Chapple v. Mses Brooks and Curtis

Ms Curtis retained her position as Vice Chair as a result.

Election of ANC 2C Treasurer

Mr Padro nominated Mr Chapple

Ms Curtis nominated Ms Brooks

Another 2:2 Deadlocked vote; Messrs Padro and Mr Chapple v. Mses Brooks and Curtis resulted in Ms Brooks retaining her position as Treasurer.

ANC 2C Secretary

Mr Padro nominated Mr Chapple

Ms Brooks nominated Ms Curtis

Deadlocked 2:2 split — Messrs Padro and Mr Chapple v. Mses Brooks and Curtis — resulted in Ms Curtis retaining her position as Secretary.

[Note: A mistake in the meeting agenda was noted: Ms Curtis — not Ms Brooks — is the current ANC 2C Secretary from the last election held in December 2006.]

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report referenced a bank statement from bank Nov. 1, 2006.

ANC2C has \$8,533.33 in its account.

Mr Chapple asked whether the stated financial report reflected the expenditures from the grants awarded at the December 6, 2006 ANC meeting. Ms Brooks noted that the a December Bank statement was not available in printed form [Note: ... though it is probably accessible online to the account holder] and had not been received. Mr Chapple asked if the checks from the grants awarded at the December 6, 2006 meeting had been cut (or deposited?). Ms Brooks responded that the grant checks for 12/06 has been cut. The Treasurer's report was approved. (Unanimously?)

AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2006 ANC 2C MEETING MINUTES

The next item on the Agenda was a request for approval of the December 6, 2006 ANC2C meeting minutes. Mr Chapple requested that the approval of said minutes be tabled until the next (February 2007) meeting noting that he and Mr Padro had just received the minutes after arriving at the current meeting and they had not had a chance to thoroughly review the 5 page document.

Ms Curtis raised her hand to first approve the motion. But the motion was stated again and she apparently changed her mind after receiving instruction from Ms Brooks and the Parliamentarian, seated directly at Ms Brooks' left.

The vote was deadlocked. Mr Chapple's motion was not approved.

The ANC2C December 6, 2006 meeting minutes were not approved due to a deadlocked vote: 2:2; Messrs Padro and Mr Chapple voting not to approve; Mses Brooks and Curtis voting for approval.

Mr Chapple took a moment to re-read the Official ANC 2C Quarterly Report and requested that the Parliamentarian make a copy for him. Mr Chapple requested that in the future he be permitted to review the documents for which his approval vote was necessary well before the meeting on which the vote was to occur.

Nonetheless, when the approval of the Quarterly report was taken to a vote, Mr Chapple voted along with Mses Brook and Curtis in favor of approving the meeting and the minutes were approved. Mr Padro abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ANC 2C BY-LAWS

Ms Curtis, with direction from Ms Brooks and Mr Thorpe, motioned to approve the by-laws. Mr Chapple asked to table the bylaws until the by-laws were made public in order for him and his constituents to review them for consideration and offer feedback. Mr Chapple noted that he made a request of the Chairman to have a copy of the bylaws before the meeting that was not honored.

Messrs Chapple and Padro voted to table the approval of by-laws.

Mses Brooks and Curtis voted against tabling the approval of the bylaws.

The vote was again deadlocked and the ANC By-Laws were not approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ANC 2C MEETING PLACES

Ms Brooks noted that ANC meeting places would be at Africare and other venues within the ANC2C boundaries.

Mr Padro requested discussion. Mr Padro noted that it seemed unfair to have meetings in primarily one location and suggested that when possible meetings should be held at a location in or near the areas where issues pertinent to a particular location were being discussed on the ANC 2C Agenda. Mr Padro offered his remark as a friendly amendment.

Ms Brooks refused to accept Mr Padro's friendly amendment.

Mr Padro moved to have the suggested taken as a regular amendment. Mr Chapple seconded the motion.

Messrs Padro and Chapple voted for the motion. Mses Brooks and Curtis voted against it.

Another deadlocked vote occurred and the motion failed.

Mr Chapple requested discussion and suggested a compromise which would allow Mr Padro to select the location of 2 of the next 10 meetings in the form of a friendly amendment.

Mr Chapple's friendly amendment was not accepted by Ms Brooks.

Mr Chapple then offered his suggestion as a formal amendment. Mr Padro gave it his second.

Messrs Padro and Chapple voted for the amendment. Ms Curtis at first raised her hand half way in support of the amendment, then after being instructed by Ms Brooks and the Parliamentarian voted with Ms Brooks against the amendment.

The original motion for Africare and other (unspecified) locations be the venue for ANC meetings was taken to a vote. The motion passed with Mses Brooks and Curtis and Mr Chapple voting for the motion. Mr Padro voted against it (or abstained?)

Ms Brooks made a motion to approve the Security Fund payment for FY 2007.

The floor was given to the Parliamentarian, but Mr Padro questioned the ability for the ANC Chair to make a motion. The Parliamentarian noted that this had previously the rule to avoid appearance of impropriety, but was nonetheless, permitted so as to allow the Commissioner's constituents equal representation.

Mr Padro requested that the Parliamentarian explain the purpose of the Security Fund. The Parliamentarian noted that the Fund "covers certain losses incurred by the ANC as the result of the misappropriation or negligent loss of funds by the commission's Treasurer or Chairperson" with regard to ANC funds.

The Security Fund payment was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANC 2C BUDGET / ANC SECURITY FUND.

Ms Brooks noted that the budget included allocations for \$105 each six months for ANC post office box rental; \$1,000 to be kept as a minimum balance in the account. Any remaining funds were set for ANC grants awards ranging from \$100 to \$3000.

Mr Chapple. clarified that as read, the ANC 2C budget allowed for most of the funds to be given away in grants. On these grounds, Mr Chapple did not agree with the budget. He then suggested that many of his constituents were unhappy with the grant process and past distributions and suggested clarifying a process that for all intents and purposes avoids giving out all but the \$1,000 left on deposit.

The Parliamentarian noted that there was a universal procedure that all ANC must conform to when awarding ANC grant awards. He also noted that ANC2C commission was punished for a 2005 grant to a grant applicant organization against which the DC Auditor's office is taking legal action for not providing appropriate receipts for funds.

Mr Padro noted that other ANC's around the City used their ANC budget funds to distribute community communications, fliers, agendas, and maintaining community sites, His remark received applause from audience.

Mr Chapple suggested an amendment that would not allow the use of all but the minimal \$1,000 amount from the ANC fund for grants. Mr Chapple's motion was taken to a vote and passed unanimously resulting in item 3 from the ANC Budget being stricken from the budget.

Mr Padro motioned that meeting agendas and announcements be made a part of the ANC Budget. In a deadlock vote, 2:2 — Mr Padro and Mr Chapple v Ms Brooks and Ms Curtis, the motion failed.

Mr Padro made a motion, which received a round of applause and cheers from the audience of ANC 2C constituents present, that a Line Item of \$1,000 be allotted for the creation of an ANC2C web site. Mr Chapple seconded the motion.

The motion failed in deadlock with Messrs Padro and Chapple voting in favor of the item and Mses Brooks and Curtis voting against it.

The ANC2C Budget was nonetheless approved with Ms Brooks, Ms Curtis and Mr Chapple voting for approval and Mr Padro voting against it.

AGENDA ITEM 9: VOTE ON 2C FIRST AND SECOND HAND NOTICES

Ms Brooks called for a motion to support first hand ANC 2C flier notices give only to ANC Commissioners. Mr Chapple asked if the ANC budget could cover the cost of distributing announcements to the community and to each commissioner's constituents. Mr Padro noted that the audience present at the meeting seemed to endorse the idea of using ANC funds to for public announcements. Mr Chapple requested that the allotment of fliers be increased from 5 for each commissioner to 500.

The vote on second hand notices was not approved as a result of a deadlocked vote, 2:2; Messrs Padro and Chapple voting against and Misses Brooks and Curtis voting for it.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The floor was opened for old and new business without comment.

AGENDA ITEM 11: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr David Lee from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

[Note: Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association,
510 I St., NW,, Washington, DC 20001, Phone: (202) 638-1041
(202) 638-1377

This umbrella organization representing 28 Chinese groups in the Washington metropolitan area. Its goals are to enhance the quality of life of Chinese-Americans, promote understanding of Chinese culture, and assist Chinese new comers to the nation's capital.]

Mr Lee announced the upcoming Chinese New Year Parade, Sunday, February 18, and requested support and permission to hold the parade beginning at 2:30 pm. Local churches asked that meeting be postponed 30 min. to avoid church traffic and Mr Lee noted that the CCBA had complied with the request. The parade will begin at 501 I (Eye) St NW, continue to 7th St, then go to 8th St, to G St and return to 7th St. The event will feature a show mobile at 6th & H, a traditional Dragon dance, artworks among other cultural displays. Mr Lee noted that snow or rain would result in the canceling of the event, with no alternate date inclement weather dates scheduled. He welcomed all to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Ms Brooks made a motion to support Chinese New Year, the year of the boar.

The motion was given a second by Mr Padro.

There was a unanimous vote in favor of supporting the event.

Sean Howard spoke, newly elected Mayor Adrian Fenty's Community Ward 2 Outreach Coordinator spoke to explain his role in service to the community.

He offered his email contact information, sean.howard@dc.gov, pending an official direct call line, when ANC 2C constituents need assistance after notifying the Mayor's call center at 202/727-1000 and after contacting their ANC commissioners.

Ms Lydia Goring asked the ANC Chair and Commissioners if they would be interested in / or opposed to establishing an ANC 2C web site?

Messrs Padro and Chapple concurred that they thought the comment was a great idea.

[Note: Someone in the audience requested that the official ANC 2C January 3, 2006 Minutes, should reflect that The Parliamentarian instructed Ms Brooks, as Chair, to move on without addressing the suggestion to set up an ANC 2C web site.]

Brian Smith, ANC2C02 resident, requested that Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, Office of (OANC), address the issue brought up at the beginning of the evening's meeting concerning the audio/visual recording of ANC meetings. Mr Simon waited to receive the floor from the Chair and afterward noted that It is permissible to record an ANC meetings. He noted that the law suggested that there be agreement among an ANC Commission's officers on the reasonable use of the taping. He explained that it is not permissible to use distracting lights or other devices that might prevent the conduct of ANC business. He stated very clearly that VIDEO TAPING CANNOT BE OUTLAWED, but it should be done in accordance to established guidelines. Video taping is permissible, but the guidelines must be recognized in the ANC bylaws. ANC bylaws, currently have no mention of guidelines for video taping. In the absence of guidelines, no limitations formally exist.

There was a comment by a local resident noting that a child shot at 5th & N Streets NW.

Ms Sutherland was again given the floor and started yelling at many of those present about treating people respectfully and threatened to "come across the room and slap (or smack?) [Mr] Alex [Padro].

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned amid shouting and a mass walk out at around 8:30pm.