

ANC2D

**Minutes**

October 24, 2011, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Vice-Chair Lamar.
2. A **Quorum** was established: Present were 2 Commissions and 21 Residents/Guests.
3. **Agenda** was approved.
4. **Minutes** for the September 19, 2011, meeting were **approved** as submitted by Secretary Bender.
5. Brief intro of new Director of ESL Program: Mercedes Lemp  
Following her introduction to the residents, Ms. Lemp spoke briefly about the ESL program, its student body and distributed copies of the latest newsletter.
6. Ward Two Council member Jack Evans spoke of the City's strong and stable fiscal conditions—highlighting that 80% of the annual budget is spent in three areas: 1) Human Services, 2) Education and 3) Public Safety. He noted that Education Chancellor Henderson has continued to implement reforms started under Michelle Rhee noting significant gains made in the School Modernization Program. Efforts are being made to provide adequate funding to bring the Police Force to or above the staffing levels (3,900 officers) which has been approved. In the Redistricting Plan, ANC2D will remain with the current make-up and boundaries. Following a Q&A period, Jack concluded his remarks by noting that the Primary Election has been moved from September to **April 3rd**.
7. DC Gov't Reports (10 mins)
  - 7.1 MPD (PSA 208)
  - 7.2 Mayor's Office (James Bulger)
  - 7.3 Council Member's Office..(Sarina Loy)....One resident voiced concern over the condition of Connecticut Ave. above Calvert Street. While this is outside Ward 2 and ANC2D boundaries, Ms. Loy will take the matter to the proper officials.
8. Administrative/Financial Matters  
Treasurer Lamar stated that the ANC remains solvent and that he is preparing the next quarterly report.
9. Neighborhood Groups (15 mins)
  - 9.1 SKHA....Kindy French...76 Kalorama Circle Project will be on HPRB's, October 27<sup>th</sup> agenda as a consent calendar item. Because of the size of the addition, staff cannot "sign off" on the project thus requiring Board action.
  - 9.2 SKNC....Chris Chapin...No report

- 9.3 Friends of Mitchell Park....Barbara Burgin...two upcoming events were highlighted: 1)Sunday, October 30, 2-5:PM, 2011 Fall Fun Day an event held in the park for the entire neighborhood. 2)November 9, 6-8:00PM, a fall benefit held at the Slovenian Embassy, ticketed event, 2410 California Street, NW. Barbara also informed the audience that due to increased use of the park by local children's play groups and schools, all areas of the park are being used. This means that the open field where a number of people let their dogs run free (a violation of City Laws), will have to leash their dogs (cleaning up after them) or face a fine.
- 9.4 Call Boxes....Phil Baker....The Board has agreed to renovating 4 boxes each year for the next four years. The first box was installed 7 years ago.
- 9.5 Language ETC....Phil Baker....No Report
- 9.6 Restore Mass Ave....Deborah Shapley...No Report
- 9.7 Views from S-K.....Saone Crocker....No Report
- 9.8 Spanish Steps Preservation Project....David Bender...No Report
- 10. Old Business:
  - 10.1 Appoint ANC2D Task Force on the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Connecticut Ave. Construction Project **See Exhibit A**
  - 10.2 Serbia Update....Commissioner Lamar reported that FMBZA has not yet released its final report on the proposed project. A revision to the number of parking spaces being sought has been reduced from 7 to 4 thus allowing for more green space to remain in the yard between the Carriage House and the Chancery.
- 11. New Business:
  - 11.1 Speed Humps, Belmont Road...Mark Bjorge DDOT...postponed until November 21, 2011
- 12. Open Comments (up to 10 mins)
  - 12.1 A question was raised about the work being done on two currently vacant embassy properties—2201 R Street (Pakistan) and 2315 Mass. Ave. Lamar has contacted Clifton Seagroves, State Department, for information on these two properties.
- 13. Date of Next Meetings: **November 21, 2011**

**The proposed site plans for 2219 California Street will be presented at this meeting.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1) Our Lady Queen of the Americas Parish (celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year) will hold its Annual All Hallows Day Procession on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00AM.

2) WEEKLY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING ENDS MONDAY, OCT.31;

LEAF COLLECTION SEASON BEGINS MON., NOV. 7 The DC "Department of Public Works (DPW) announced today that weekly residential mechanical street cleaning will end for the season Monday, October 31, 2011. "No Parking/Street Cleaning" restrictions will be lifted and motorists may park on posted, alternate-side, daytime sweeping routes without moving their cars on street-cleaning days. Residential street sweeping will resume March 1, weather permitting".

3) Ward 2 igaming Public Meeting is scheduled to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30-8:30 PM at the Martin Luther King Public Library.

14. Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10PM.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

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*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise announced. There is an open forum at each meeting for discussion of relevant issues not on the regular agenda. For additional information go to the ANC website at ANC2D.ORG.*

**EXHIBIT A**

**ANC2D TASK FORCE ON THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONNECTICUT AVE. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**The purpose of the Task Force is to serve as the liaison between the neighborhood and the construction team.**

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