

ANC 2D

Minutes

November 18, 2013, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 17 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Minutes of the October 21, 2013, Meeting were **Approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Bender spoke of the November 10, 2013, unveiling of the **Statue and dedication ceremony** at the Turkish Ambassador's home held to honor the 75th anniversary of the death of President Ataturk. The ANC and the S-K Historical Association were thanked for their assistance. Commissioner Bender also mentioned the outstanding November 5th reception sponsored by the **Friends of Mitchell Park** at the home of the Netherlands Ambassador. Commissioner Lamar spoke of a new **urgent care center** which has been opened at 1805 Columbia Rd., NW.
 - 5.2 Treasurer's Report...Current balance...\$2,349.78
 - 5.3 2014 Meeting Schedule: **See Exhibit A** Motion made by Commissioner Lamar, and it was seconded, that the Commission accept the 2014 Meeting Schedule as presented. **Approved**
6. DC Gov't Reports:
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jesse Porter (jesse.porter@dc.gov) Should you have any issues you should contact Officer Jones at johnnym.jones@dc.gov Commissioner Lamar reminded the residents of violent crimes which are occurring around the fringes of S-K. He urged everyone to pay attention to their surroundings and not be engaged in cellphone conversations. One resident told of packages being stolen from his building's front desk area.
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger.... james.bulger@dc.gov
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy...Shared a few comments on Belmont Park including that it is on the December 3rdCouncil Agenda. Ms. Loy informed the residents that the signage at the intersection at 22nd and R Street has been installed announcing this as Dimitar Peshev Plaza. In honor of the Bulgarian Parliamentarian who saved the lives of the 50,000 Jews of Bulgaria during World War II. sloy@dccouncil.us
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 S-K 2013 Embassy/Mission Property Update... Commissioner Lamar reviewed the list of foreign embassies/missions, he complied, who's property is in deterring condition. It was agreed that the Egyptian Military Building on

Tracy is the worst. Patricia Elwood, DC's Mayor's Office, has agreed to walk the property with Commissioner Bender. A resident informed the group that the Dominican Republic Embassy has over 10 cars parked in its lot which exceeds its capacity thus causing cars to be parked on the sidewalk. Work will continue with both the City and State Department.

7.2 Belmont Park: City Council Chairman Mendelson held a public hearing on B20-110 (bill introduced by David Catania, Jack Evans and Mary Cheh) on November 14th at 11am in Council Chambers. The ANC and 6 residents offered testimony in support of the passage of the Bill. Chairman Mendelson announced that the record would remain open until November 29 for any additional comments and would likely appear on the Council's December 3rd Meeting agenda.

<http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130207140112.pdf>

8. New Business:

8.1 Precinct Realignment Proposal—Board of Elections (Eric Olson) Mr. Olson briefed the residents on voting regulations which are being proposed. Few of the changes will have any impact on Precinct 204 (Sheridan-Kalorama) because the precinct only consists of our 2 Single Member Advisory Neighborhood Districts. In the past, 86 voters from our Precinct voted at St. Thomas Church. They will now be voting Our Lady Queen of the Americas. More early voting sites will be opened. The next election is the April 1st Primary.

8.2 Age-Friendly DC Initiative;...Speaker did not show. Taken from press release "The District of Columbia has begun the process to become recognized as an Age-Friendly City by the World Health Organization (WHO). In an age-friendly city, policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to support and enable older people to "age actively" – that is, to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society. Public and commercial settings and services are made accessible to accommodate varying levels of ability. The District is working toward creating a city that is more conducive to the needs of its aging population. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS), in partnership with the DC Office on Aging, has hired an Age-Friendly DC Coordinator, Ms. Gail Kohn, and is now embarking on the journey to develop a strategic plan for the District to become "age-friendly" by 2017".

9. Announcements:

9.1 **Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal;** Veritas Wine Bar Petitions/Letters of Opposition or Support must be filed by 12/16/13 with hearing to be held on 12/30/13.

9.2 **Request for ANC Comments on the District of Columbia's Transparency and Open Government Initiative**

The Executive Office of the Mayor is requesting comments, ideas and proposals to assist us in the formulation of the District's Transparency and Open Government Initiative to increase openness, accountability and transparency in government. I wanted to highlight this request for comments to ensure that you were aware of the

notice that was published in the DC Register on November 25, 2013, and that your comments would be considered.

In Mayor's Memorandum 2011-1, the Mayor embraced the three principles for promoting a transparent and open government: Transparency, Participation and Collaboration. To that end, we are directly soliciting the views of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and look forward to your response. Comments may relate to government-wide or agency-specific policy, project ideas, and may include relevant examples. **Please share any inclusions you would like, to have considered, to me prior to November 25. The ANC's comments will be compiled and sent on to the Mayor's Office.**

10. Open Comments:

11. Date of Next Meeting---**January 13, 2014**

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Lamar, seconded, and approved at 7:40PM.

Exhibit A:

ANC 2D MEETING SCHEDULE for 2014

January 13 (2nd Monday).....7:00PM
February 24 (4th Monday)....7:00PM
March 17.....7:00PM
April 21.....7:00PM
May 19.....7:00PM
June 16.....7:00PM
July.....No Meeting
August.....No Meeting
September 15.....7:00PM
October 20.....7:00PM
November 17.....7:00PM
December.....No Meeting

Meeting are held at our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, 2200 California Street, NW.