



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2019, 6:30 pm
Friends Meeting of Washington
2111 Florida Avenue NW

Call to Order

Chair David Bender called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 33 residents and visitors in attendance.

Discussion of Visitor Parking Passes

The Commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion regarding the benefits and disadvantages of the possibility of changing the ANC's position regarding visitor parking passes in the neighborhood.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's meeting agenda. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's October 21st, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative Matters and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler said that the new restaurant in the former Restaurant Nora space at 2132 Florida Ave NW is projected to open in mid-December. He said that the restaurant is planning to be open six days a week with dinner served until 10:30 or 11:00 pm. He said that the restaurant will be serving modern American food and is planning on opening a small outdoor space in the spring. He added that the restaurant is planning on having a valet stand.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve a \$200 reimbursement to himself for the rental of tonight's meeting room. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Meeting Dates for 2020

Chair Bender moved to approve the ANC's meeting schedule for 2020. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 20th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 7:00 PM
- Monday, September 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, October 19th, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Airbnb / Homesharing; Now Legal in DC

Chair Bender said that the proposed Airbnb legislation has passed and that homesharing is now legal in DC. He gave an overview of the restrictions that the new legislation places on homesharing.

DC Government Reports

Mayor's Office

Nicole Goines, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged local residents to call the shelter hotline at (202) 399-7093 if they see any individuals experiencing homelessness out in the cold. She said that the Office of Planning's Comprehensive Plan open house for Ward 2 will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Garrison Elementary School, 1200 S Street NW. She also said that the Mayor's Office has been following up with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding ongoing repair requests in the neighborhood.

Councilmember's Office

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council's next legislative meeting will take place tomorrow. He also gave an overview of Councilmember Evans' work to secure funding in the DC Government's FY 2020 budget for repairs to the Spanish Steps. He said that the Councilmember's Office is working to schedule a meeting

between the Spanish Steps Preservation Project and Endowment Fund, the ANC, and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to discuss needed repairs.

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Lt. Jonathan Pongratz and Officer Jeremy Brady, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Lt. Pongratz gave an overview of MPD's investigation of a recent assault that was perpetrated by the bouncers at Assets at 2022 Florida Avenue NW.

Department of Public Works

No one was present regarding this matter.

DC Office of the Inspector General

Jaime Yarussi, the Deputy Inspector General for Business Management at the DC Office of the Inspector General (OIG), gave an overview of the work of the office.

Old Business

2022 Florida Avenue NW (Royal Palace/Assets)

Commissioner Nestler moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D protests Assets' application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub license at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; adverse impact on real property values; and adverse impact on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the drafting of an ANC letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) stating that the ANC believes that Assets' is in violation of Paragraph 1 of its settlement agreement regarding its signage. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

2134 Kalorama Road NW (Embassy of Ethiopia) – Change of Certificate of Occupancy

Chair Bender moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D does not support the request from the Embassy of Ethiopia to change the Certificate of Occupancy to general office space at 2134 Kalorama Road NW, as the ANC believes that the property should remain a foreign mission property.

New Business

2019 Annual Report

Chair Bender moved to approve the drafting of the ANC's 2019 Annual Report. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Announcements

There were not any announcements.

Open Comments

A local resident raised concerns regarding the need to upgrade the alley between Florida Avenue and 22nd Street NW. He also raised concerns regarding the need for DPW to empty the neighborhood's public litter cans more frequently.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church 2200 California Street NW.

Motion to Adjourn

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.