

Minutes

February 16, 2016, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by David Bender, Chair/Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Bender.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were 2 Commissioners and 16 Residents/Guests.
3. The Agenda was **approved** as distributed.
4. The minutes of January 11, 2016, Meeting was **approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:

5.1 Commissioner's Comments: The Commissioners have received a request from Eleanor Norton's staff expressing the Congresswoman's interest in coming to a meeting to hold a community conversation. The consensus of the residents was that an invitation should be extended to Congresswoman Norton to attend either the April (4th) or May (16th) meeting.

5.2 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer Goldstein reported that the January 2016 Fund balance was \$8,651.44.

6. DC Gov't Reports

6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jerome M. Merrill jerome.merrill@dc.gov; Lieutenant Merrill reported that an increased number of burglaries have occurred in the Dupont Circle area. The current 2016 crime rate in S-K is lower than it was at this time last year.

6.2 Mayor's Office...Eva Lewis eva.lewis@dc.gov; Ms. Lewis addressed three areas: 1) The snow removal emergency plan; 2) Homeless Shelter program in Ward 2 and the opening of Patricia Handy Women's Shelter at 810 5th Street NW; and 3) the District's recent Financial Accountability Report.

6.3 Council Member's Office...Tom Lipinsky...tlipinsky@dccouncil.us; Mr. Lipinsky discussed three areas: 1) The Financial Accountability Report which listed no deficiencies thus giving the City a Clean Audit Report; 2) Councilmember Evans has been elected as Chair of the Metro Board of Directors; 3) Each City Councilmember will be holding Departmental oversight hearings and should you have comments/testimony you would like to present at a hearing, contact Tom for a schedule.

7. Old Business:

7.1 2016 ANC 2D Grants; as of the February 15, 2016 deadline, Commissioner Goldstein had received three grant applications (RMA, Call Boxes, and Spanish Steps). The projects will be reviewed and grants announced at the March 21, 2016, meeting.

8. New Business:

8.1 Snow Removal; Mary Cheh will be holding a hearing to assess the City's handling of the snow response on Feb. 18, 2016, at 10:30AM, Room 123, Wilson Building. You may also present comments/testimony to her office at abenjamin@dccouncil.us.

8.2 Renovation Plans--The Envoy (2144 California Street) Brian Forehand; Mr. Forehand informed the residents that the temporary name of the building will be 2144 California Street instead of the Envoy. He presented a detailed overview of the Level 2 Renovation Plans...noting proposed changes to the façade of the building, window replacement, roof deck renovation, parking, interior renovations, first floor restoration and front entrance improvements. He stated that construction could begin in late summer/early fall and would take 12 to 14 months to complete. Two areas that caused the greatest concern were the window replacement plan and response from adjoining properties. The Commissioners decided to postpone action on the project until the March 21, 2016, meeting at which time the SKHA will present their comments/reactions.

8.3 Wedding DPR Permit Request—Spanish Steps (Adair) May 7, 2016:

8.4 Wedding DPR Permit Request—Spanish Steps (Tracy) October 1, 2016

8.5 Wedding DPR Permit Request—Spanish Steps (Sharma) Oct. 15, 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Bender and seconded that, “ANC 2D approve the three (3) requests for permits to be issued by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation to hold three weddings at the Spanish Steps on May 7, 2016 (Adair); October 1, 2016 (Tracy) and October 15, 2016 Sharma). At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the STEPS and park are to be free of clutter/debris and that no flower petals or debris will be floating in the fountain”. **Approved**

9. Announcements:

9.1 Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting – Wednesday March 9th at 6 PM – at the Woodrow Wilson House – 2340 ‘S’ Street, NW

10. Open Comments:

10.1 Commissioner Goldstein informed the residents on three activities recorded in previous minutes: 1) Estonia Embassy Parking; 2) Abandon Embassy properties mainly Pakistan and Serbia; and 3) The Wall erected at 2118 Bancroft.

11. Date of Next Meeting—March 21, 2016

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldstein, seconded, with the meeting being adjourned at 8:45 PM. **Approved**

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