

ANC 2D

Minutes

May 20, 2013, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas
2200 California Street

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.
2. A Quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 32 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Minutes of the April 15, 2013, Meeting were **Approved**.
5. **Administrative/Financial Matters**
 - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments:
 - 5.1.1 In a 3-1-1 vote the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment approved **BZA Application No. 18398 of Kenneth L. And Ellen J. Marks**. The Board concluded that the Applicant had satisfied the burden of proof. Date of Order: May 7, 2013.
 - 5.1.2 ANC 2D is accepting **grant applications** of up to \$500.00 for Sheridan-Kalorama Based Neighborhood Charitable Organizations. **Application deadline is June 14, 2013**. Send application to Commissioner Lamar at 2122 California Street, NW, #62, Washington, DC, 20008. Note the deadline date has been moved from June 30 to June 14.
 - 5.2 Treasurer's Report: Fund balance remains at \$3,409.00.
6. **DC Gov't Reports**
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jesse Porter
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy....Reported on two S-K projects which continue to receive assistance from the Councilmember's office: 1) The restoration of the Recreation Building at Mitchell Park; and 2) The maintenance of the Spanish Steps which falls under the Department Of Parks and Recreation.
7. **Old Business:**
 - 7.1 Embassy of the People's Republic of China Residential Building Update.....Chris Reutershan An update on the project was provided by Chris Reutershan. He introduced Paul Wong, Chief Project Manager for Shanghai Construction Group, responsible for overseeing the project. Clarke Construction will continue to be involved in the project. Excavation and foundation preparation will take place over the next 6 months. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by July 2015. The new building will provide 130 2 and 3 bedroom residential

units, a dining room, recreation facility, and overnight accommodations for embassy personal. A resident asked the Embassy to study the possibility of beautifying the small park which faces the building. Reutershan asked one of the Embassy Staff members to discuss this with the Ambassador. Any issues/concerns should continue to be sent to the ANC 2D Task Force Chair, Ron Finiw at rfiniw@me.com.

7.2 The Calistoga (2225 California Street Project).....Sally Berk
She praised the developer/contractor for their assistance in keeping the alley accessible and free of unnecessary construction traffic. She reported that on the April 30, 2013, a group of S-K residents meet with the architect to discuss concerns relating to the historical nature and comparability of materials to be used on the exterior of the building. Agreement was reached that further discussion would take place to ensure that the building will be harmonious with the neighborhood.

8. **New Business:**

8.1 DDOT Traffic Study (CT Ave—Calvert to Wyoming) A resident informed the Commission of a series of traffic accidents which have occurred at the south bound curve between the Taft Bridge and Kalorama Road. DDOT was informed to this concern and in an exchange of emails (DDOT, MPD, and Councilmember Evans' Office) it has been agreed that the Transportation Operations Administration and MPD will conduct a safety review addressing the concerns raised (to including):

- * Make sure that all Speed Limit signs are installed along the corridor;
- * Check traffic signal timing and check the overall operations of the Traffic Signals in the corridor (including review of service calls to the area);
- * Make sure that the appropriate roadway traffic control signs are installed in the corridor;
- * Re-strip the Bridge with "Contrast Tape"; and
- * Make sure all crosswalks are clearly marked.

It is anticipated that this Safety Survey and resulting operational adjustments will begin later on this month or early June. MPD's Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit will install speed cameras to monitor speeding violations.

9. Announcements:

9.1 Anyone who has not received an invitation to the **June 6, 2013, Reception to Benefit the Spanish Steps Preservation Project and Endowment Fund** being hosted by The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Namk Tan and Mrs. Fugen Tan, at their residence,

and wishes to attend should contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com

9.2 Commissioner Lamar reported on the continuation of vehicle break-ins and neighborhood robberies. All incidents should be reported immediately to the MPD by calling **911**.

9.3 **Call boxes:** With a change in leadership occurring in September, volunteers are being sought. Several of the Boxes need repair and the current company who has performed this is experiencing difficulty in completing the work. It would be helpful if anyone who knows of a decorative metal work services company would provide their contact information to Phil Baker, Chair of the Call Box Restoration Project, dphiba@aol.com

9.4 **Views:** Cindy Davis, the recently appointed editor, introduced herself and announced that the Spring 2013 issues will be published in the next 2 to 3 weeks. She can be contacted at cinddavis@gmail.com

9.5 **POGS (Preserve Our Green Space in Sheridan-Kalorama):** Holly Sukenik reported that the leadership of POGS is studying its future role in preserving green space in our neighborhood. POGS is also in need of new volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer or have any ideas/suggestions on POGS future please contact Saone Crocker, saonec@gmail.com

10. Open Comments:

10.1 **Bump Out at MASS/CA Streets:** Concern was raised over the size of the bump out which is creating a traffic hazard. While some believe that the bump out should be removed others felt it merely needed to be decreased in size. Commissioner Bender will address this concern with DDOT.

10.2 **Lighting:** Chet Crocker raised concern over the lack of street lighting (both burned out bulbs and need for additional lights). Once he has provided a list of locations in need of attention, the Commission will share this throughout the ANC for additional input and then with DDOT.

10.3 **Parking:** A resident voiced concern regarding the encroachment of parking on California Street resulting from construction at 2225 CA Street. The resident questioned the posted restriction times (7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Saturday) and felt that the construction workers were rude and unhelpful. Commissioner Bender will raise this concern with the Contractor.

11. **Date of Next Meeting—June 17, 2013**

12. Motion to Adjourn was made and approved at 8:50 PM.

COMMISSIONERS:

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