



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church  
2200 California Street NW

### Call to Order

Chairperson David Bender called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Ellen Goldstein (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 20 residents and visitors in attendance.

### Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the February 2017 meeting agenda. Chairperson Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Approval of January 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes. Chairperson Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Administrative and Financial Matters

#### Commissioner's Comments

Chairperson Bender said that the fence built on the property at 2020 Connecticut Avenue NW was determined by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to be illegally built. He said that DCRA stated that the fence will have to come down.

Chairperson Bender said that the completion of the Chinese Embassy residential project at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW, originally scheduled for June, has been pushed back to the end of the year.

#### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Goldstein stated the current balance of the ANC's checking account, which is \$9,733.99

## ANC's FY 2017 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Chairperson Bender moved to approve the ANC's FY 2017 quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

## DC Government Reports

### Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Lieutenant Jerome Merrill, the Lieutenant for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) police service area (PSA) 208 ([jerome.merrill@dc.gov](mailto:jerome.merrill@dc.gov)), gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said there was a recent incident of domestic violence in the neighborhood.

A local resident raised an issue regarding drivers who use Waterside Drive NW as a thruway and do not observe posted traffic signs.

### Mayor's Office

Jerry Chapin, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) ([jerry.chapin@dc.gov](mailto:jerry.chapin@dc.gov)), said that residents should email him with the locations of any remaining holiday trees left out on the curb if they find any. He also encouraged meeting attendees to go to the Mayor's upcoming budget engagement forums for the Mayor's proposed FY 2018 budget.

Mr. Chapin said that he will work with the ANC to start a discussion with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the traffic problems on Waterside Drive NW, along with ongoing traffic problems at the intersection of Florida Avenue and S Street NW and at the southern end of the Taft Bridge on Connecticut Avenue NW.

A local resident asked if Mr. Chapin had any updates regarding the Mayor's choice for the city's next Chief of Police. Mr. Chapin said that he did not have any updates.

### Councilmember's Office

Tom Lipinsky, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office ([tlipinsky@dccouncil.us](mailto:tlipinsky@dccouncil.us)), said that the Councilmember and Sherri Kimbel, the Councilmember's Director of Constituent Services, have met with the U.S. Secret Service regarding neighborhood traffic issues related to the Obama, Kushner, and Tillerson family moves to the neighborhood. He said that all non-resident entry to Belmont Road NW is prohibited. He added that the Secret Service has met with Belmont Road NW residents and that the residents had no complaints with the current traffic arrangement.

Mr. Lipinsky said that the DC Council has started its annual performance oversight hearings. He encouraged attendees to participate in the hearings. He said that there will be another round of hearings once the Mayor releases her proposed FY 2018 budget.

## **Old Business**

### **Update on Recent Sheridan-Kalorama Parking**

Chairperson Bender said that he and Commissioner Goldstein have met with Ms. Kimbel and DDOT regarding the parking issues in the neighborhood. He said that the good news is that DDOT recognizes that the neighborhood is currently going through a unique situation and thus DDOT is looking at solutions that would not be considered for other neighborhoods. He said that some of the key issues for the ANC include right-sizing diplomatic parking and having more parking enforcement.

Chairperson Bender said that the ANC will continue to work with Ms. Kimbel and DDOT on bringing solutions forward. He said that the process is still ongoing and that, at this point, the solutions being proposed do look beneficial, but nothing is currently set in stone.

A local resident asked what traffic and parking changes will occur once Rex Tillerson moves into the neighborhood. Chairperson Bender said that there will most likely be a security force in front of the Tillerson home. He gave an overview of the different cabinet secretaries that have lived in the neighborhood and what security setups each had.

Chairperson Bender assured meeting attendees that solutions will be brought forward but that patience is currently needed.

A local resident asked what DDOT's parking management study for the neighborhood is. Chairperson Bender gave an overview of the study, including what solutions are being considered as part of the study.

### **Demo of ANC 2D Website**

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Administrative Coordinator, gave an overview of the new website, including its new features. He said that the website URL has not changed.

Chairperson Bender said that meeting attendees should talk to Mr. Sacco if they are not on the ANC's list-serv.

## **New Business**

### **2527 Belmont Road NW (Exterior Renovations)**

Melanie Giordano and Amy Mills, representatives for the applicant at 2527 Belmont Road NW, gave an overview of the proposed plans for the project. Ms. Giordano said that they are proposing to add a terrace and pool in the back of the property.

Chairperson Bender asked if the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) or the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) have reviewed the plans. Ms. Giordano said that CFA and

Steve Callcott at the Historic Preservation Office have reviewed the plans. Chairperson Bender said that he was told that Mr. Callcott said he has not heard of the project. Ms. Giordano said that she will follow up with Mr. Callcott.

Kindy French, the President of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association, said that the historical association would like to review the plans once the plans are more developed.

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

The Commission accepts the conceptual design as presented at the February 13 ANC meeting and awaits review of final drawings.

#### Mitchell Park 2017 Seasonal Program

Commissioner Goldstein read the Friends of Mitchell Park's 2017 seasonal program aloud.

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

The Commission supports the following Mitchell Park permit requests for the 2017 event program of the Friends of Mitchell Park, a non-profit organization that works to maintain and beautify the park and to bring neighbors and friends together for a variety of community events:

#### Films in the Field

June 8th (Rain Date: June 15th) – “Raiders of the Lost Arc”

July 13th (Rain Date: July 20th) – “Ratatouille”

August 10th (Rain Date: August 17th) – “Field of Dreams”

September 8th (Rain Date: September 15th) – “The Manchurian Candidate”

#### Concert

September 24th – “Broadway Melodies” performed by Catholic University Theater

#### Mitchell Park Fall Fun Day

October 29th

#### Wedding Requests for the Spanish Steps

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

The Commission supports two requests for weddings at the Spanish Steps: one request from Melissa Silverman for Saturday, May 6 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm and one request from Eric Chang for either Wednesday, May 17 or Thursday, May 18 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

### **Announcements**

Gabriela Mossi, the Executive Director of the Washington English Center, said that the center will be holding an upcoming community services fair on Thursday, February 16th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, 2200 California Street NW. She encouraged meeting attendees to come to the fair or to recruit nonprofits to table at the fair.

### **Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting**

Ms. French said that the Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm at the Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street NW.

### **Open Comments**

A local resident who is part of an activist group said that she is concerned about the selection process for the city's next Chief of Police. She distributed a sample letter that the group is asking the ANC to sign onto. She said that the letter lists the priorities that the group is looking for as part of the selection process.

Chairperson Bender asked if the group was based in the neighborhood. The local resident said that the group was a citywide group that is reaching out to different ANCs across the city.

The local resident encouraged meeting attendees to visit the group's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/themovement4dc/>.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Chairperson Bender said that the next ANC meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Chairperson Bender adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.