

ANC2D

## Minutes

March 25, 2014, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chair Bender thanked both the Current Newspaper's Publisher (Davis Kennedy) and Managing Editor (Chris Kain) for their timely assistance in announcing the change in our meeting date due to inclement weather.
2. A quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 24 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2014, were **Approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
  - 5.1 ABRA---Compliance Campaign on Noise Laws....See Exhibit A.
  - 5.2 New Georgetown Service Center Opening Soon...See Exhibit B.
  - 5.3 The President Woodrow Wilson House...See Exhibit C.
  - 5.4 Tom Goss, Resolution.....See Exhibit E.
  - 5.5 Treasures Report...Treasurer Lamar reported that the fund balance for ANC 2D is \$2,263.24.
6. DC Gov't Reports
  - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)... Lieutenant Jesse J. Porter, Jr. [jesse.porter@dc.gov](mailto:jesse.porter@dc.gov) ...Commissioner Lamar reminded residents to be mindful of the crimes which are occurring around the boundaries of ANC 2D.
  - 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger...[james.bulger@dc.gov](mailto:james.bulger@dc.gov)
  - 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy...[sloy@dccouncil.us](mailto:sloy@dccouncil.us)
7. Old Business:
  - 7.1 Combined Annual Meeting of S-K Neighborhood Organizations; Follow-up....Kindy French reported that the meeting was successful with all Organizations reporting on their past year's activities.

7.2 Highlights of the February 24, 2014 ANC Chairpersons Meeting with Gottlieb Simon...Chairperson Bender provided a summary of the meeting. Noting...Work continues on rolling out DDOT's Public Space website (TOPS) which will allow residents to gain information on the permit process as well as use of public space. New Precinct Boundaries will not be ready for use at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Primary—aiming for November. The Mayor's FY 2015 budget will be released April 1<sup>st</sup>. Zoning rewrite and public hearings continue.

7.3 Primary Election Voting (Precincts 13 and 14)...At the November 18, 2013, ANC Meeting, Eric Olson (Board of Elections) briefed residents on the new voting regulations which are under development. He said it was feasible the new precinct boundaries would be used for the 2014 Primary, however, it now appears that the Board of Elections are hopeful that they will be finalized for use at the November 2014 election. ANC 2D consists of two voting Precincts (13 and 14). For the April 1st Primary, residents in Precinct 13 will vote at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church and the 86 residents in Precinct 14 will vote at St. Thomas Church.

## 8. New Business:

8.1 Embassy of the Republic of Zambia (Chancery and Ambassador's Home) Renovations...Philip Bamu [In attendance was also Mr. Kangwa, Deputy Chief of Mission]. Following a presentation of the project by Mr. Bamu, Project Engineer, the Commissioners and residents participated in a "question and answer" session. All questions were satisfactorily answered. Commissioner Lamar moved, and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D fully support the work to be done at both the Chancery and the Ambassador's Home as presented on March 25, 2014". **Approved** See Exhibit F.

8.2 Ward 2 ANC Chairs Meeting with Chief Financial Officer Jeff DeWitt...Commissioner Bender informed the residents that the CFO had requested to meet with the ANC Chairs by Ward. The Ward 2 Chairs Meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Should anyone have an issue or concern to be address, please share it with Commissioner Bender.

8.3 Addition to 29 Kalorama Circle...Following a presentation by Ankie Barnes (Barnes Vanze Architects) of the renovations to be undertaken, Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D supports, with reservation, the addition of an exterior elevator to home as presented". **Approved** See Exhibit D.

## 9. Announcements:

9.1 As you move into spring, check your **smoke alarm**. It may be time for a new one or you may need to replace the batteries. The DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department provides free installations of smoke alarms for owner-occupied District homes. Request an installation at <http://311.dc.gov> or call 202-673-3331.

9.2 Friends of Mitchell Park...Holly Sukenik announced that on April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 5 PM, the FOMP would hold a Children's Event. She also spoke of the "Free Little Library" which is being planned for Mitchell Park. Anyone interested in having more details on both may contact Holly ([hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com)) or 2401 Tracy Place, NW, Washington, DC 20008

10. Open Comments: no comments.

11. Date of Next Meeting—April 21, 2014

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Lamar, was seconded, and **Approved** at 7:55 PM.

**Exhibit A:**

**ABRA Kicks Off Compliance Campaign on Noise Laws**

**(WASHINGTON, D.C.)** – The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is encouraging ABC licensees of restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, hotels and multipurpose facilities to learn about and comply with D.C. noise laws.

District ABC noise laws ([D.C. Official Code 25-725](#)) prohibit on-premise establishments from producing any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it can be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment with a few exceptions, which includes areas that are in certain commercial zones.

The [Noise Control Act](#) prohibits individuals and businesses from generating noise outside their property that exceeds maximum noise levels of 60 decibels in commercial or light-manufacturing zones at nighttime. Other limits include 55-70 decibels depending on the area and time of day.

ABRA recommends ABC on-premise establishments regularly verify whether they are compliant with District noise laws by listening outside their establishment to ensure noise is not emanating from the premises.

As part of the campaign, [ABRA has sent letters](#) to on-premise establishments and [posted information on its website](#) about noise law compliance. In addition, officials from the Noise Task Force—a joint initiative between ABRA, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)—will be increasing unannounced visits to establishments during the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

During compliance checks, officials from DCRA stand outside of establishments with a sound meter and take a number of readings to establish the decibel level of the sound emanating from businesses. Businesses will be notified by officials if they are exceeding noise limits. DCRA will issue a warning for a first-time offense of the Noise Control Act. A second offense of the Noise Control Act will result in a citation from DCRA, which is a \$1,000 fine.

In addition to these checks, members of the Noise Task Force will continue to respond to noise complaints. Members of the public can file a noise complaint about an ABC licensed establishment [online](#) or call (202) 329-6347. ABC licensees and the public can visit [ABRA's website](#) to learn more about District noise laws.

**Exhibit B:**

**New Georgetown Service Center Opening**

**Soon:** the new Georgetown Service Center will be located in The Shops at Georgetown Park and is tentatively scheduled to open on Tuesday, April 29,

2014. The original Georgetown Service Center closed in May 2012, and DC DMV is pleased to be able to reopen the service center, which is in a larger space than the previous one. With the opening of Georgetown, there will be a DC DMV Service Center in every quadrant of the city.

### **Exhibit C:**

Images of the Great War; The European Offensives

1914-1916; Gallery Opening at The President Woodrow Wilson House; April 3, 2014 // 6:00 - 8:00 pm. A collection of prints, drawings and water-colors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection at Brown University Library offers personal impressions of the first two years of the conflict, depicting scenes of high drama and action set alongside images of pathos and deep sadness. The exhibition includes works by French, British, Italian, German, Dutch, Austrian, Turkish and Swiss artists along with miniature soldier figurines constructed by Heyde of Dresden. [Register online](#) for this free event.

### **Exhibit D:**

#### **ANC 2D RESOLUTION 2014-04; 29 Kalorama Circle H.P.A. #14-241 and Zoning Relief**

WHEREAS the property owner at 29 Kalorama Circle, NW, has had designed a proposed addition to said property, and

WHEREAS this property is located within the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District in a R-1 Zone, and

WHEREAS the owner's architect, Barnes VanzeArchitects, have studied the property and have prepared the necessary documentation, and

WHEREAS in a review of the documents and discussions with the Anthony Barnes, Architect, of the proposed elevator between the first and second floors

of this historic property, and

WHEREAS the enclosure's exterior materials will match the existing house and its proportions are compatible with the existing structure, and

WHEREAS the Commissioners find this to be an "Unique Situation" and is not intended to create a precedent that might likely be replicated anywhere else within ANC 2D, and

WHEREAS the immediate neighbor has had sufficient time to review the plans and has raised no objection to the proposal, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC 2D, with reservation, supports the proposal as presented on March 25, 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or his designee be authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

### **Exhibit E: Resolution 2014-03; Tom Goss**

As Commissioners of the Sheridan-Kalorama Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D), we have been privileged to work with Tom Goss, Development Director, Charlie's Place at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Ave., NW. Tom came to Charlie's Place in 2006 as Program Manager and over the years has grown the mission of the program by offering new and enhanced services for the homeless. Under Tom's leadership and direction the program has gained in recognition as a beacon of light and hope for its clients, employees and the community. Through his commitment and diligent efforts, he has contributed to making Sheridan-Kalorama the unique community it is.

Therefore, be it resolved; That the Sheridan-Kalorama Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D)

commends and thanks Tom Goss for his outstanding service to our community and its residents.

### **Exhibit F: Resolution 2014-05 Embassy of the Republic of Zambia**

WHEREAS the Embassy of the Republic of Zambia, located at 2419 Massachusetts Ave., NW and 2300 Wyoming Ave. NW, has had designed a proposed renovation and addition to said properties, and

WHEREAS both properties are located within the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District, and

WHEREAS the Embassy working with Consulting Structural Engineers have prepared the necessary documentation, and

WHEREAS in a review of the documents and discussions with the Philip C. Bamu, Engineer, members of Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council (SKNC), Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association (SKHA), Restore Mass Ave. RMA), and S-K residents, and

WHEREAS the Zambian Ambassador and his staff have reviewed the comments received from the various stakeholders, and have made the necessary revision to the plan, and

WHEREAS the Embassy agrees:

1. That the height of the perimeter fencing surrounding both properties will be limited to the height restricts agreed to by SKNC and SKHA;
2. That the Embassy and its contractors will protect the trees found on both properties and agrees to work throughout the project with

RMA;

3. The two-story garage at the Ambassador's Residence will be refurbished;
4. That driveway replacement will be done with "scored" (which is a historic element found throughout the historic district) concrete;
5. Windows will be repair thus keeping this historic element rather than replacing them;
6. Roof replacement will be done with existing matching materials; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC 2D supports the proposal as presented on March 25, 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or his designee be authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

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