



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2018, 7:00 pm  
Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church  
2200 California Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair 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 33 residents and visitors in attendance.

### Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's February 2018 meeting agenda. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Approval of January 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's January 2018 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### DC Government Reports

#### Metropolitan Police Department

Chief Peter Newsham, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), gave a visual presentation regarding MPD's crime reduction efforts. He said that, even with the city's significant population growth over the last few years, MPD's response time for high priority 9-1-1 calls has decreased. He gave an overview of MPD's efforts to improve staffing efficiencies within the department.

Chief Newsham gave an overview of the city's decrease in violent crime over the last few years. He said that the year-to-date statistics for 2018 show continued decreases in robberies and assaults with a dangerous weapon.

Chief Newsham encouraged local residents to watch any security camera footage videos published by MPD to see if they can identify suspects shown in the footage. He also gave an overview of the ANC commissioner newsletter than MPD recently started publishing.

Chris Chapin, the President of the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council, encouraged MPD to create a list of contractors that homeowners can contact to install any security cameras that homeowners secure through the Mayor's Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Commissioner Goldstein asked Chief Newsham to describe the role that guns play in violent crime across the city. Chief Newsham said that he believes that the top contributor to violent crime in the city is illegal firearms. He gave an overview of MPD's efforts to remove illegal firearms from the streets. He said that Virginia is the main source of the illegal firearms in the city.

Lt. Jerome Merrill, a representative for MPD's Second District, encouraged local residents to join the Second District's Yahoo Groups list-serv, which features real-time crime information sent out by MPD.

### **Administrative and Financial Matters**

#### Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Goldstein said that the U.S. Department of State has confirmed that the two properties in the neighborhood that were owned by the Government of Pakistan and were put up for tax auction have been re-purchased by the Government of Pakistan, however neither property has diplomatic status.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the Government of Zambia is extending its lease on the property at 2200 R Street NW for two more years.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has informed the ANC that the 2200 block of Decatur Street NW will soon be temporarily closed in order for streetscape work to be performed.

Commissioner Goldstein said that DC Water will be holding a Ward 2 Town Hall to discuss new rate increases on Tuesday, March 27th. She said that the time and location of the town hall are still to be determined.

Commissioner Goldstein said that Chairman Mendelson has introduced DC Council legislation that proposes to break up the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) by moving the building code enforcement functions of DCRA over to a new Department of Buildings.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the DC Council will be holding a hearing on the proposed amendments to DC's Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, March 20th at 2:00 pm in room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Chair Bender said that DDOT will soon be performing sidewalk and curb restoration work on Kalorama Road NW between Connecticut Avenue and 23rd Street.

Chair Bender said that Restore Mass Ave will be holding a streetlight walk, which will begin on Monday, February 19th at 6:15 pm at the Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Goldstein said that the current balance of the ANC's checking account is \$9,038.90.

### FY 2018 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 1 financial report. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### **DC Government Reports (Continued)**

#### Mayor's Office

Jerry Chapin, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of Mayor Bowser's upcoming budget engagement forums for her FY 2019 budget. He said that the closest forum to the Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood will take place on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm at the University of District of Columbia's Student Center, 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW.

#### Councilmember's Office

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' office, encouraged local residents to report any clogged storm drains in the neighborhood to DC Water by calling (202) 612-3400. He also said that the DC Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue will be holding an oversight hearing for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) on Wednesday, February 21st at 12:00 pm in room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

### **Old Business**

#### Mitchell Park Field House Historic Landmark Application

Commissioner Goldstein 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 supports the historic landmark nomination (HPRB #18-07) for the Mitchell Park Field House.

#### Dupont-Kalorama Curbside Management Project with DDOT

Chair Bender said that the focus of the Dupont-Kalorama Curbside Management Project was to develop a toolkit of parking management policies that DDOT could implement within Sheridan-Kalorama and Dupont. He said that the project team discovered early on that the parking needs of the two neighborhoods differed greatly.

Chair Bender said that the project team will be meeting with DDOT representatives within the next month to discuss possible solutions as part of the project. He said that a regular conversation that comes up during project meetings is a proposal to reduce the size of the Ward 2 residential permit parking (RPP) boundaries so that there are separate zones for each ANC within Ward 2. He encouraged local residents to reach out to him with any comments that they have regarding the project.

Chair Bender said that the ANC will be distributing a draft resolution regarding the Dupont-Kalorama Curbside Management Project, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) initiated a city-wide Curbside Management Study in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, DDOT's study of parking in ANC2B and 2D has been extremely thorough and fine-grained, and has identified the following conditions (among others):

- The number of Ward 2 RPP vehicles is 5.7 times more than RPP spaces;
- 30% of vehicles parked in RPP spaces in North Dupont/Sheridan-Kalorama are intra-ward plated vehicles;
- There is limited parking availability during mid-day, evenings, and weekends in North Dupont and Sheridan-Kalorama, with parking occupancy throughout Dupont and Sheridan-Kalorama at >80% on weekends;
- Overnight parking occupancy is more than 90% in North Dupont and Sheridan-Kalorama;

WHEREAS, DDOT held an initial Stakeholders Meeting May 2015, and subsequent Stakeholders Meetings in August 2015, May and June 2016, and March 2018 to discuss the data from DDOT's Curbside Management Study, the neighborhood-scale curbside planning approach, neighborhood priorities, and short- and long-term recommendations for the Dupont and Sheridan-Kalorama ANCs 2B and 2D; and

WHEREAS, through these meetings with DDOT and separate meetings of the Stakeholders group in January and March 2018, the following overarching priorities have been identified to enhance fair and equitable management of limited curbside access:

- Residential Permit Parking: Manage the neighborhood supply and demand in favor of residents as already implemented throughout ANC 2D;
- Visitor Parking: Accommodate needed visitor parking through a controlled-access program;

- Commercial Parking: Manage commercial parking spillover onto residential streets while ensuring adequate parking for commercial access for patrons and deliveries;
- Enforcement: Enhance the consistency and timeliness of enforcement of parking rules and violations; and
- Signage: Clarify and simplify signage for parking spaces to avoid confusing and conflicting information.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D requests DDOT to proceed with the Local Parking Management Pilot Program by implementing these recommendations:

For neighborhood residential parking:

- Create smaller RPP zones within Ward 2 in combination with a pay-by-cell program for all vehicles from outside the zone;
- Implement an on-line system for visitor passes, with a menu of visitor pass options including day and week passes and a limited number of need-substantiated annual passes (e.g. for home health aides or school teachers);
- Consider placing a reasonable limit (or cost increases) on RPP permits for vehicles registered at the same dwelling unit;
- Right size diplomatic parking; such as removing street parking for ambassadorial residences, eliminate parking privileges for foreign properties that are vacant and reduce parking set aside for “quasi diplomatic” spaces;
- Improve parking signage to minimize the number of signs, e.g., by implementing a grid-style signs providing “at-a-glance” understanding of when parking in a space is legal and when it is not; the cost; and what permits are honored; and
- Designate all un-designated parking spaces as RPP or metered as appropriate for their location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2D prevails upon the Council of The District of Columbia to provide the requisite legislative and fiscal authority in a timely manner allowing DDOT to expedite implementation of this project; and to also require the full cooperation of the Department of Public Works to provide all necessary enforcement and other supporting services for this project.

**New Business**

2112 Wyoming Avenue NW

Chair 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:

WHEREAS, the current owners of the property at 2112 Wyoming Avenue NW, the former Embassy of Senegal, bought the building in early 2016 with demolition underway a few months later,

WHEREAS, said property is located within the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District, with the building being a contributing structure,

WHEREAS, the property owners have previously submitted renovation plans to the Historic Preservation Office to convert the house to a multi-unit residential building and received approval for interior renovations as well as window replacement, removal of iron work, and removal of green space for use as a parking pad without involving the ANC,

WHEREAS, currently there is a proposal for construction of a three-story metal and glass balcony structure within the side yard,

WHEREAS, to facilitate this an existing window at each floor on the west side elevation would have to be elongated for conversion to a door,

WHEREAS, this side yard is also an egress for six houses fronting on Connecticut Avenue and is visible from 2100 Connecticut Avenue NW, and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood does not agree with the Historic Preservation Office's evaluation that the balcony structure would not raise any preservation concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D does not find the proposed balconies to be compatible with the character of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District and does not support the construction of the balconies and circular stairs on the west side of 2112 Wyoming Avenue NW.

#### Mitchell Park Films in the Park Permit Request

Chair 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:

ANC 2D supports the request made by the Friends of Mitchell Park for permits to be issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation to hold the 2018 "Films in the Park" on the following four dates:

- Thursday, June 14th (Rain Date: Thursday, June 21st) – "Kubo and the Two Strings"
- Thursday, July 12th (Rain Date: Thursday, July 26th) – "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"
- Thursday, August 9th (Rain Date: Thursday, August 16th) – "The Great Race"

- Friday, September 7th (Rain Date: Friday, September 14th) – “A League of Their Own”

ANC 2D also supports the permit request to hold a concert by the Catholic University of America’s Musical Theatre Division on Sunday, September 30th. The concert will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm with set-up and practice beginning at 2:00 pm.

### **Announcements**

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

Chair Bender said that the Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm at the Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street NW.

#### **Other Announcements**

Commissioner Goldstein said that the Acting Director of the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Foreign Missions has tentatively agreed to attend the ANC’s March 2018 meeting.

Chair Bender said that Councilmember Evans will be speaking at the ANC’s April 2018 meeting.

Chair Bender said that the Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon will be closing Rock Creek Parkway to vehicular traffic during the morning of Saturday, March 10th.

### **Open Comments**

*There were not any open comments.*

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Bender said that the ANC’s next regular meeting will take place on Monday, March 19th 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 8:52 pm.