

ANC2D

**Minutes**

December 17, 2012

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

7:00 PM

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present 2 Commissioners and 21 Residents/Guests.
3. Agenda was **approved** as published and distributed.
4. The Minutes of October 22, 2012, Meeting were **approved** as published and distributed.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters
  - 5.1 Treasurer's Report....Treasurer Lamar reported that the current Bank Balance is \$2,483.90.
6. DC Govt. Reports
  - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208) (Lieutenant Jesse Porter) Lt. Porter can be contacted at [jesse.porter@dc.gov](mailto:jesse.porter@dc.gov) Commissioner Lamar spoke of a number of sites within S-K where vandalism has recently occurred. All residents are reminded to call 911 should they witness any vandalism being done.
  - 6.2 Mayor's Office (James Bulger) James can be contacted at [James.Bulger@dc.com](mailto:James.Bulger@dc.com)
  - 6.3 Council Member's Office (Sarina Loy) Sarina can be contacted at [sloy@dccouncil.us](mailto:sloy@dccouncil.us) Loy informed the residents of her recent conversations with the DCPD officials regarding the vandalism of the Call Box on Belmont Road. It appears that a possible suspect has been questioned but since he was not actually defacing the call box at the time he was stopped nothing further could be done. Guest Parking Permits is continuing to be worked on.
7. Neighborhood Groups
  - 7.1 SKHA...Kindy French.....No Report
  - 7.2 Friends of Mitchell Park...Pierre Wagner....Planning activities are underway in preparation for spring activities.
  - 7.3 Call Boxes...Phil Baker.....No Report
  - 7.4 Restore Mass Ave...Deborah Shapley....No Report
  - 7.5 Views from S-K...Saone Crocker....The latest issue of Views should be arriving soon. If you don't receive it by month's end, let Holly Sukenik know... [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).
  - 7.6 Spanish Steps...David Bender.....No Report
8. Old Business:
  - 8.1 2130 Bancroft Place Expansion Project....Following an update and discussion of the property, including the L'Enfant Trust, Commissioner Lamar moved

(and it was seconded) that, "ANC 2D endorses that the application for 2130 Bancroft Place, NW, be denied". **APPROVED**

9. New Business:

9.1 Placement of Statue at the Turkish Ambassador's Residence... Following a briefing on the Ataturk Statue to be erected on Public Space on Sheridan-Circle, Commissioner Lamar moved (and it was seconded) that, "ANC 2D supports the placement of the Statue of the founder of the modern Turkish Republic, Ataturk, as presented". **APPROVED**

9.2 "Resident Only" Residential Parking...A brief discussion of the Resident Only Parking program was held. Copies of the petition and a summary of the program were distributed. All residents who have an interest in the program are encouraged to file a petition...this can be done on a block to block basis.

9.3 Proposed 2013 Meeting Schedule...

**ANC2D Meeting Schedule for 2013**

January 28(4th Monday)...7:00PM  
February 25 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)..7:00PM  
March 18.....7:00PM  
April 15.....7:00PM  
May 20.....7:00PM  
June 17.....7:00PM  
July.....No Meeting  
August...No Meeting  
September 16.....7:00PM  
October 21.....7:00PM  
November 18.....7:00PM  
December.....No Meeting

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, unless otherwise announced, at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, 2200 California Street, NW.

10. Open Comments: 1) One resident sought clarification on the "news on the street" that the Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church has sold the gymnasium to a developer. No one could shed any light on this so we will wait and see.

2) Another resident asked about the removal of the trash container from in front of the Market on California Street. Commissioner Lamar reported that he had spoken with DPW and a replacement container will soon be installed.

3) A resident raised concern regarding the noise coming from the air conditioning unit at the Indian Embassy on Massachusetts Ave. Commissioner Lamar stated he had contacted Clifton Seagroves, State Department, Office of Foreign Missions, first in October and again in December trying to find a solution to the problem. No answer has been received.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

11.1 On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Chair Bender attended **Mayor Gray's fourth quarterly meeting with the ANC Chairs**. The main agenda item was a presentation given by Kaya Henderson, Chancellor DCPS, on the draft plan titled

“Proposed Consolidations and Reorganization: Better Schools for all Students”. She put forth a vision for public school education which includes DCPS and Charter schools. It seems to me that private schools should also be invited into the discussion. The Mayor briefly highlighted the “Economic Development Strategy for the District” and distributed copies of the report’s Executive Summary. The plan presents visions, goals and initiatives for transforming the District economy by creating 100,000 new jobs and generating \$1 billion in new tax revenue to support city services over the next 5 years.

11.2 The DC Public Charter School Board will hold a **public hearing** on January 22, 2013, at 7:30PM, on a request from **DC Flex** to operate a charter school in either the Northeast or Northwest quadrant of the City. The location of the school, if approved, is subject to change depending upon the availability of facilities. The hearing will be held at the PCSB offices which are located at 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 210. Further information can be obtained by calling 202.328.2660.

11.3 **Chinese Embassy Project Update** (Ron Finiw, Task Force Chair; [rfiniw@me.com](mailto:rfiniw@me.com)) Existing Building demolition is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year 2012.

A New Building RFP to contractors should be issued at the end of the year.

New Building bids are expected to be received in February 2013.

Selection of the contractor for New Building construction is expected in March 2013.

New Building Construction is expected to start March/April 2013.

New Building Excavation is expected to be 6 to 7 months to September/October/November 2013.

New Building construction is expected to be complete in about 26 months to May/June 2015.

11.4 **ZONING REGULATIONS REVISIONS** On December 11<sup>th</sup>, Kindy French (SKHA), Commissioner Lamar and I attended a meeting where the Office of Planning Staff presented an overview of draft provisions being considered. The Office of Planning is holding 8 meetings (one in each of the 8 Wards—the presentation being made is the same at each ward meeting and should you have missed the one held in our Ward you are invited to attend any of the other ward presentations) to discuss the draft proposed changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance. The current zoning code was written in 1958 and over the years it has been modified and amended more than 1,000 times making it a difficult and cumbersome document to use. Since the proposal is still a work-in-progress, the OP Staff encouraged residents to share their comments for possible inclusion in the document which will be presented to the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission will also hold public hearings on the Revisions. It appeared to me, that few changes are being made to “Residential Districts” like S-K. Two significant changes, however, are being proposed which could have an impact on R-1 home owners are: 1) the removal of minimum number of parking space required (single-family homes or residential developments of less than 10 units) and 2) the conversion of a portion of one’s property into rental/domestic apartments/use. Further information on the proposed changes is available at

[www.DCZoningUpdate.org](http://www.DCZoningUpdate.org).

12. Next Meeting–January 28, 2013

13. Meeting was Adjourned at PM 8:05 PM.

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise announced. There is an open forum at each meeting for discussion of relevant issues not on the regular agenda. For additional information go to the ANC website at ANC2D.ORG.