

ANC 2D

Meeting Minute

September 10, 2012

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present 2 Commissioners and 34 Residents/Guests.
3. Agenda was **approved** as published.
4. The Minutes of the August 27, 2012, Meeting were **approved** as published and distributed.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters
 - 5.1 Treasurer's Report...8 community grants have been awarded.
 - 5.2 The current fund balance is \$603.00.
 - 5.3 Treasurer Lamar reported on a meeting held with the District Auditors to review their draft Auditor Findings for Fiscal Years—2009, 2010 and 2011. Once an examination of the final document has been done, Lamar will prepare a response to be sent to the Auditors.
6. DC Govt. Reports
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Should you have further questions or concerns to be brought to the attention of MPD, you can contact Lieutenant McDonald at JohnC.McDonald@DC.Gov.
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office (James Bulger)...You can reach James at James.Bulger@dc.com
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office (Sarina Loy)...You can contact Sarina at sloy@dccouncil.us The Council Members staff continue to seek information regarding the temporary structures which have been built on the parking lot of the Islamic Center. The proposed rumble strips which were to be placed on the south bound side of the Rock Creek Parkway will not be installed.
7. Neighborhood Groups
 - 7.1 SKHA...Kindy French...No report
 - 7.3 Friends of Mitchell Park...Pierre Wagner...A fund-raising gala will be held at the Portuguese Embassy on October 4th. The Annual

Mitchell Park Fall Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday October 28th. FOMP is looking for volunteers to assist with various activities in the Park. If interested, contact FriendsofMitchellPark@gmail.com.

7.4 Call Boxes...Phil Baker...No report

7.4 Restore Mass Ave...No report

7.5 Views from S-K...Saone Crocker...No report

7.6 Spanish Steps...David Bender...If you haven't been by the STEPS, do so. The restoration work is nearly completed. The Board of the STEPS is most appreciative for the efforts of the City, mainly Jackie Stanley and Ali Sultan (Department of General Services), in restoring this historic park.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Update on Chinese Embassy Project....Ron Finiw, Chair of Chinese Embassy Task Force shared the following information provided by Chris Reutershan:

"The façade support system on Connecticut will be completed this week. They will then move to put up the Belmont façade support towers. These are the structure which will support the walls of 2310 throughout construction of the new building. When the new building is "joined" entirely to the preserved façade these support towers will be removed. The support towers are erected in the sidewalk and on Belmont – but the new building will remain on the Embassy's property and not intrude into public space.

Next week they will commence separating 2300 and 2310 by "hand". This will take app. two weeks. Following this (i.e. three weeks from today (app.) a crane will commence "ball" demolition starting at the center rear of 2300. About a week or so before, Kalorama adjacent to the site will be posted and a pedestrian walkway will be installed in the street adjacent to the curb. Demo of 2300 should take app 8 weeks – Nov 17, est. Total demo will continue on 2310 until app. just before Christmas.

The contractor has killed all of the rats and will take a final pass before demo begins. The onsite staff has not seen a live rat for the past 6 weeks – there were many before then ---so I think we are good on that score.

After demo we will start on excavation – this should occur sometime after Jan 1."

Should you have questions to be addressed by the Task Force, you can contact Mr. Finiw at rfiniw@me.com.

9. New Business:

9.1 Navy Air Force Half Marathon, September 16th....Julie Hanson...Ms. Hanson informed the community of the Navy Half-Marathon Route. Rock Creek Parkway will be closed on this Sunday morning from approximately 7:00AM to 11:00AM.

9.2 Renaming of 1621 22nd Street NW; Dimitar Peshev Way or Dimitar Peshev Plaza....Neil Glick...Mr. Glick provided details of his interest in requesting the DC Council to rename the street or intersection in front of the Embassy of Bulgaria (1621 22nd Street NW) as either Dimitar Peshev Way or

Dimitar Peshey Plaza. Commissioner Lamar moved and it was seconded that "ANC 2D table further discussion on this proposal until its October 22, 2101, allowing an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts." For more details see Attachment A.

9.3 Run/Walk/Roll Against Bullying...October 6, 2012 in Rock Creek Park....No report

10. Open Comments:

10.1 Guest Residential Parking Permits...the pilot project, providing each household one guest parking past, which has been tested in other sections of the City will become a possibility in ANC 2D in the near future. Residents are asked to let your Commissioners know of your thoughts. As details become available they will be shared with you.

10.2 James Pepper (POGS)....Discussed POGS continuing activities occurring on the development of 2225 California Street.

11. Next Meetings–October 22, 2012 and December 17, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no November 19th meeting.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Attachment A:

Dear Commissioners Bender and Lamar,

I'm Neil Glick, a six term ANC Commissioner from Capitol Hill (6B08). I write to you today for an idea I have for renaming a street in 2D.

I write to enlist your support to offer recognition to help our city honor a hero of civil rights, justice, and a man whose work saved the lives of 48,000 Jews in World War II – the Honorable Dimitar Peshev. In short, during World War II, when Bulgaria was a Nazi ally, Dimitar Peshev was the Vice Chair of Parliament, and he pushed back the Nazi plans to deport and murder the Jews of Bulgaria. Only because of his intervention, Bulgaria holds the distinction of being the only Nazi Ally/Nazi occupied nation during World War II, to save its' entire Jewish population. I've attached a short bio I put together about Dimitar Peshev.

I am requesting that the DC Council vote to rename (or co-name) the street (or intersection) in front of the Embassy of Bulgaria, 162122nd Street NW as either

Dimitar Peshev Way, or Dimitar Peshev Plaza.

In DC this was done for Andrei Sakharov the father of the Soviet human rights movement and for Raoul Wallenberg for the street in front of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

We have many pressing issues in our city, but here is an easy way to give a lasting honor to a person who saved so many in our world. As issues of equality are a major discussion point in this election, and the marginalizing of some members of our American society are now a divisive political issue, this would be another great way to show that DC supports the protection of rights for all people, and supports the ongoing work of democracy building in Bulgaria.

I hope that this is something that you and your ANC can support, with a letter of support I can send to Council Chair Mendelson. I have not contacted the Embassy of Bulgaria yet, however, he is considered a national hero, so I do not see any objections to this idea from the Embassy.

Thank you,

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