



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2019, 7:00 pm
Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church
2200 California Street NW

Call to Order and Election of Officers

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

Commissioner Nestler moved to elect Chair Bender as the ANC's Chairperson and Secretary and himself as the ANC's Vice Chairperson and Treasurer for 2019. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 19 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Bender moved to approve the ANC's November 13th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler said that he is happy to have started his term as a commissioner.

Chair Bender said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has set a new parking rate schedule for the Penn Quarter and Chinatown neighborhoods. He said that the rate schedule is time-based and that the rates fluctuate between \$1.00 per hour and \$6.50 an hour.

Chair Bender said that the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has released new guidelines regarding small cells. He said that NCPC is currently discussing the possibility of housing small cells underground instead of on public space.

Chair Bender said that the comment deadline for DDOT's 20th Street / 21st Street / 22nd Street NW Protected Bike Lanes Project has been extended to Wednesday, February 13th, 2019.

Chair Bender said that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) recently announced the realignment of certain district boundaries across the city. He said that ANC 2D is not affected by the boundary realignment.

Chair Bender said that ANC 2B and ANC 2D will most likely hold a public meeting regarding DDOT's Dupont / Kalorama Curbside Management Study sometime this coming spring or summer.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$10,729.93.

Security Fund Participation

Chair Bender moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2019 ANC Security Fund and the respective \$25 expenditure to participate. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Meeting Cancellation Policy

Chair Bender gave an overview of the ANC's meeting cancellation policy, which states that the ANC and its committees and task forces will not meet on days where the DC Government is closed due to inclement weather

Bank Signatories

Chair Bender moved to add the ANC's new officers as authorized signatories on the bank signature card for the ANC's checking account, and to remove the previous ANC officers for 2018. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commendation for Former Commissioner Ellen Goldstein

Commissioner Nestler 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:

WHEREAS, Ellen L. Goldstein has served the Sheridan-Kalorama Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D) as Commissioner for single member district 2D02 and as Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Commission since January of 2015,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Goldstein's command of the facts, attention to detail, and clear articulation of issues have enabled the Commission to accomplish its work in an effective and efficient manner,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Goldstein's dedication to the work of the Commission has advanced its standing throughout the various city agencies that the Commission advises, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Goldstein has gained respect for her four years of service, which have enhanced the work of the Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D and the residents of Sheridan-Kalorama release Ellen L. Goldstein from her labors for us and send her forth to new adventures with profound gratitude for the mark she leaves upon the community.

FY 2019 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 1 financial report. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

No one was present regarding this matter.

Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced himself to meeting attendees as a new Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office. He said that his new counterpart is Nicole Goines, however he added that he will serve as the representative for ANC 2D. He said that local residents can reach him via phone at (202) 297-6566 or via email at: amr.kotb@dc.gov.

Mr. Kotb gave an overview of Mayor Bowser's upcoming FY 2020 budget engagement forums. He said that the closest forum to ANC 2D will take place on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 pm at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1001 5th Street SE.

Councilmember's Office

Daniel Bassett, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, encouraged local residents to reach out to the Councilmember's Office if they have any comments about small cells. He added that the DC Council will soon be entering its annual budget and performance oversight season.

A local resident raised concerns regarding the recent news reports about how the DC Government is trying to offer financial incentives in order for the Washington Redskins to return to DC. Mr. Bassett said that Councilmember Evans' Office is not involved in the matter.

Old Business

District Department of Transportation's Assessment of High Crash Sites - Intersection at Florida Avenue, S Street, and Connecticut Avenue NW

Chair Bender said that DDOT gave a presentation regarding the agency's assessment of the high crash site at the intersection of Florida Avenue, S Street, and Connecticut Avenue NW at the ANC's last regular meeting. He said that, at this point, DDOT is still doing analysis on the project and thus there is nothing for the ANC to take action on.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Myanmar Embassy - Installation of Rear Fence

Michael Greigg, a representative for the Embassy of Myanmar, gave an overview of the applicant's recent discussions with Historic Preservation Office (HPO) staff regarding the proposed rear fence. He also gave an overview of the embassy's most up to date plans for the project. He said that the embassy is continuing to request a 5-foot tall fence, which he said that HPO staff have stated that they are ok with. He added that the embassy continues to collect letters of support from nearby neighbors.

The commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion with Mr. Greigg regarding the proposed height of the fence.

Commissioner Nestler said that he believes that the ANC should not take any action regarding the matter due to the fence's unique location up the side of an embankment, in a thicket of trees, in the back of the property. He said that the fence is recessed significantly from the street and adjacent to the large brick garage of the property next door. He said that the fence line is currently a broken chain-link fence. He said that he believes that these unique circumstances create a special exception to the ANC's precedent of not supporting fences that are taller than 42 inches tall. He added that he believes that the city should ultimately decide whether to approve or deny the fence proposal, but that the ANC should not stand in the way.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Federation of State Medical Boards - 2118 Leroy Place NW

Chair Bender said that an appeal has been filed for the Board of Zoning Adjustment's (BZA) order to approve the Federation of State Medical Boards' zoning application for 2118 Leroy Place NW. He said that a date has not yet been set for the appeal hearing.

Kindy French, a local resident, said that the appeal was filed by the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association and the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council. She distributed a list of residential addresses in the neighborhood that were of a similar size as the 2118 Leroy Place NW property and thus could potentially ask for the same BZA exceptions.

2144 California Street NW - Construction After Hours Permit

Commissioner Nestler moved to oppose Saul Urban's after-hours construction permit request for 2144 California Street NW. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

In support of concerns regarding noise, parking, and other quality of life issues expressed by area residents, ANC 2D opposes Saul Urban's after-hours construction permit request for 2144 California Street NW.

New Business

1900 Connecticut Avenue NW (Courtyard Marriott) Renovations

Chair Bender said that he and Commissioner Nestler met with the new owners of the Courtyard Marriott property at 1900 Connecticut Avenue NW to discuss the proposed renovations for the property. He said that the owners told them that a rooftop patio cannot be added to the roof of the building due to the existing mechanical equipment on the roof. He said that the owners also said that the existing hotel exterior will largely remain the same and that the hotel will be acquiring the Courtyard Marriott's current liquor license.

Commissioner Nestler said that the property at 1900 Connecticut Avenue NW will be the company's second property in the U.S.. He said that the hotel has approximately 150 rooms. He added that the new owners plan to replace the hotel's current management company sometime in the coming months. He said that the majority of the rooms will remain as regular hotel rooms, while 35 of the rooms will become multi-occupant hostel-style rooms.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Announcements

There were not any announcements.

Open Comments

There were not any open comments.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will be on Monday, February 11th, 2019 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 8:25 pm.