



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019, 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 7:01 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 25 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of February 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's February 11th, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler said that Royale Palace at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW has closed and has been sold to a developer, who is looking to renovate and add a new retail option to the space.

Chair Bender gave an overview of the Humane Rescue Alliance's DC Cat Count program, which uses state-of-the art camera trap methods to identify the number of cats in the Washington, DC region.

Chair Bender said that the Dupont Circle Village's annual gala will take place on Friday, April 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the American Geophysical Union's headquarters, 2000 Florida Avenue NW.

Chair Bender said that the ANC has been told that the Embassy of China's development project at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW will soon be completed and that the first tenants are supposed to move into the building in April.

Chair Bender said that the ANC has received notifications for the alcoholic beverage license renewal applications for Glen's Garden Market at 2001 S Street NW and The Phillips Collection at 1600 21st Street NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler said that he did not have anything to report.

Commission's 2018 Annual Report

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

DC Government Reports

Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged local residents to continue to send him any concerns regarding parking and construction in the neighborhood. He also said that he is working to examine long-term 3-1-1 patterns in the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to continue to submit 3-1-1 requests for any issues that they see in the neighborhood.

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Lt. Jonathon Pongratz, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, introduced himself to meeting attendees. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said that MPD has been seeing an uptick in thefts from vehicles in the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents and visitors to lock their cars, roll up the windows, and not leave any valuables in their cars.

Lt. Pongratz encouraged local residents to email him at: jonathon.pongratz@dc.gov if they have any concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood.

Councilmember's Office

Daniel Bassett, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the Mayor's proposed FY 2020 budget will be sent to the DC Council this week. He said that the DC Council will then begin a series of hearings regarding the proposed budget. He added that Councilmember Evans' Office is considering proposing legislation to address the large amount of dumpsters that are parked in public space.

Department of Public Works Update

Inspector Sonya Street, a representative for the Department of Public Works' (DPW), gave an overview of DPW's new smartphone app, which provides notifications regarding street sweeping, leaf collection season, and car booting and towing. She said that the app can let local residents and visitors where their car is located if it gets towed.

Inspector Street said that any trash can inspection requests can be submitted via the city's 3-1-1 system. She said that the requests will then be routed to her.

Old Business

ANC 2D ABRA License Renewals 2019 Class C

Chair Bender said that all on-premises alcoholic beverage license establishments have to renew their licenses this year. He said that the renewal placards will be posted on establishments soon.

Commissioner Nestler encouraged local residents to let him and Chair Bender know if they have any concerns regarding licensed establishments in the neighborhood.

New Business

Friends of Mitchell Park Permit Requests

Commissioner Nestler moved to support the Friends of Mitchell Park's permit requests. Chair Bender 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 2019 "Films in the Park" on the following four dates:

- Thursday, June 13th (Rain Date: Thursday, June 20th) from 8:00 to 10:30 pm
- Thursday, July 11th (Rain Date: Thursday, July 18th) from 8:00 to 10:30 pm
- Thursday, August 8th (Rain Date: Thursday, August 15th) from 7:30 to 10:30 pm
- Friday, September 6th (Rain Date: Friday, September 13th) from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

ANC 2D also supports the permit request to hold a concert by the Catholic University of America's Musical Theatre Division on Sunday, September 29th from 12:00 to 5:30 pm.

Finally, ANC 2D also supports the permit request to hold the Mitchell Park Fun Day on Saturday, October 26th (Rain Date: Sunday, October 27th) from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.

Water Sampling Project

There was no one present regarding this matter.

BZA Case #19998, 1814 24th Street NW

Chair Bender moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the owner of the property at 1814 24th Street NW has designed a proposed addition of a trellis and railing on the existing garage roof deck,

WHEREAS, this property is located within the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District,

WHEREAS, the owner's architects, Land Art Design, have prepared sketches to be submitted to the Board of Zoning Adjustment seeking a special exception,

WHEREAS, the relief being requested will result in a better design of the garage roof structure, allowing it to appear as part of the existing structure,

WHEREAS, the plans presented by Land Art Design at the March 18th, 2019 ANC 2D meeting will provide a pleasing architectural design without any change to the existing footprint, and

WHEREAS, the immediate neighbors have seen the plans and have no objections to the proposed additions, determining that there will be no adverse impact by this addition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D fully supports the applicant's request of a variance for lot occupancy relief and special exceptions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC 2D Chair or his designee be authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Open Comments

Chair Bender said that the ANC has not yet announced the ANC's grant program for 2019. He said that the ANC is working to determine how the ANC's grant program can conform with the new grant guidelines that the ANC has received from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC).

A local resident raised concerns regarding the DC Government's inability to prevent thru traffic in the alley between Waterside Drive and Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Old Business (Continued)

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

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:

ANC 2D supports the District Department of Transportation's proposed high crash site safety improvements at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th 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 8:29 pm.