

ANC 2D

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2012

Our Lady Queen of the Americas
2200 California Street

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present 2 Commissioners and 17 Residents/Guests.
3. Agenda was **approved** as published.
4. The Minutes of the February 27, 2012, Meeting were **approved** as published and distributed.

5. Administrative/Financial Matters

5.1 Treasurer's Report...Treasurer Lamar reported a current bank balance of \$3,828.15. The routine audit of the ANC's fiscal records continues. It is anticipated that the Request for Proposals for the 2012 Community Grants Program will be announced in April.

6. DC Govt. Reports

6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...All emergency (police, fire, medical) calls are to be made to 911 and not 311. For the past 30 days no violent crimes have been reported in S-K. Everyone is reminded not to leave anything visible in your car for thefts from cars are on the rise. You can track crime occurring in our neighborhood by logging onto CRIMEMAP@DC.GOV. 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

6.4 Office of the People's Counsel (Cheryl Morse; Consumer Outreach Specialist; Ward 2)...Morse introduced her presentation with an overview of this independent agency of the District government and its role in providing consumer education and serving as an advocate on utility issues affecting rates, quality of service, competitive choice and consumer safeguards. She then proceeded to highlight the following issues: 1)PEPCO's \$42.5 million rate increase proposal, 2)smart meter installation (digital readings showing real time usage information), 3)Verizon's Telecommunications Infrastructure, and 4)Washington Gas Light Company petition for a \$29 million increase in natural gas rates. Ms. Morse distributed a packet of information which provided detailed

information on each of the issues she discussed. cmorse@opc-dc.gov

7. Neighborhood Groups

7.1 SKHA...Kindy French...No report

7.2 SKNC...Chris Chapin...."The Combined Annual Meeting of Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Organizations" was held at 6:00PM, Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street. The meeting annually provides an opportunity for the community to hear reports on the various activities of its Neighborhood Organizations. If you are not a member of the SKNC or SKHA, you can contact Kindy French (kindyf@verizon.net) for membership information.

7.3 Friends of Mitchell Park...Pierre Wagner...Remember to mark on your calendars April 29 at 3:00 to attend the first "Dig In" Day. Bring your shovels and join your neighbors in planting herbs in the park followed by a barbeque.

7.4 Call Boxes...Phil Baker...Copies of the Fund Raising brochure was distributed.

7.5 Language ETC...Phil Baker...No report

7.6 Restore Mass Ave...Deborah Shapley...No report

7.7 Views from S-K...Saone Crocker...The Spring issue of Views is being finalized. Any one interested in contributing to the issue may contact the editors at viewsfromsk@gmail.com

7.8 Spanish Steps...David Bender....In last month's minutes the date for the Second Annual Jazz on the Spanish Steps was stated to be May 3rd. This is incorrect for the actual date of the Second Annual Jazz on the Spanish Steps concert is **May 5th from 1:00 to 3:00PM**. It will be hosted by Jim Bell. At its March 2012 Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a motion to honor the extensive support and leadership of Jean Tippett by adding a group of plants to the Park. Anyone interested in participating in this recognition of Jean's devotion to the Spanish Steps, can send a contribution to Holly Sukenik (2401 Tracy Place, NW). Copies of the recently released Fund Raising/Informational brochure were distributed. The production of the brochure was underwritten by Raymond and Laura Saba (Embassy Circle Guest House).

8. Old Business:

8.1 Polling Place....Ward 2, Precinct 13, will be voting on April 3rd, DC Primary, at Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Auditorium. It appears that for future elections this will remain the Polling Place.

8.2 1830 24th Street (#18368)....BZA Variance Hearing. Notification has been received that the BZA Hearing on this project will

be held at the June 2012 hearing.

9. New Business:

9.1 Bike DC....Sunday, May 13, 2012...Rick Bauman...The purpose of the event is to promote bicycling in the DC area. It is anticipated that approximately 8,000 riders will participate in the event which begins at 7:00AM and will end by 9:00AM. S-K will be minimally impacted by the closure of Rock Creek Parkway from K Street NW to Calvert St. NW. Further questions can be addressed to Mr. Bauman at WashingtonBikeDC@aol.com.

10. Open Comments:

11. Next Meeting–**April 23, 2012**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

–Ron Finiw, Chair of Chinese Embassy Restoration Project provided an update on the project. A contract has been signed with Clark Construction indicating that site preparation and pre-demolition activities will begin within the next month. Currently activities are the removal of furniture, non-structural elements and rodent containment.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

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