

ANC2D

## Minutes

January 11, 2016, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by David Bender, Chair/Secretary

1. Call to order and Election of Officers; The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. A motion to elect the following slate of officers for 2016 was moved by Commissioner Bender and seconded:

Chair/Secretary: David Bender

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Ellen Goldstein      **Approved**

2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were 2 Commissioners and 14 Residents/Guests.

3. The Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.

4. Minutes of the November 16, 2015, Meeting were **Approved** as published.

5. Administrative/Financial Matters:

5.1 Commissioner's Comments; Commissioner Bender offered highlights of a most informative "Briefing on the District's Snow Preparedness Plan" that was held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, by the Department of Public Works Acting Director Christopher Shorter. For further details see Exhibit A.

5.2 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer Goldstein reported that the Commission's 11/30/15 TD Bank fund balance was \$7,888.40.

5.3 **Security Fund** Participation; Commissioner Goldstein moved and the motion was seconded, "that the Commissioners of ANC 2D, meeting on January 11, 2016, approve the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25.00 fee for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Chairperson (Bender) and Treasurer (Goldstein) were authorized to execute the necessary agreements. **Approved** 5.4 **Meeting Cancellation Policy**; Commissioner Bender reminded residents that it is the ANC's **Policy (Approved 1-23-12)** "that ANC 2D and any of its committees, task forces or any other group will not meet on any day when the District Government is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency situations".

5.5 **Bank Signatories**; Commissioner Goldstein moved and it was seconded "that for Calendar Year 2016 Bank Signatories for ANC 2D are Chair (Bender) and Treasurer (Goldstein). The Commission's banking accounts are held at the TD Bank, 1753 Connecticut Ave., NW". **Approved**

5.6 February 2016 Meeting Date—Change of Date; The Commissioners agreed to change the date of the February 2016 meeting from Monday (Feb 15) to Tuesday (Feb 16). See Exhibit B for Schedule of 2016 Meeting Dates

## 6. DC Gov't Reports

6.1 MPD (PSA 208)... Lieutenant Jerome M. Merrill; [jerome.merrill@dc.gov](mailto:jerome.merrill@dc.gov) 202-715-7325(Office) 202-407-0582 (Cell) Lieutenant Merrill provided an update on recent crime statistics and said that he would investigate recent comments regarding traffic, noise and parking made by residents in the Mass. Ave./Belmont Road/Waterside Drive area.

6.2 Mayor's Office...Eva Lewis [eva.lewis@dc.gov](mailto:eva.lewis@dc.gov) Ms. Lewis spoke about two of the Mayor Bowser's initiatives: 1)Pledge to End Homelessness in DC by 2020 and 2)Safer, Stronger DC. Ms. Lewis encouraged residents to contact her should they have any issues, concerns, comments they wish to share.

6.3 Council Member's Office...Tom Lipinsky [tlipinsky@dccouncil.us](mailto:tlipinsky@dccouncil.us)

(Adam Gutbezahl, General Counsel for the Committee on Finance & Revenue)

[agutbezahl@dccouncil.us](mailto:agutbezahl@dccouncil.us) Following discussion on agenda item 8.3, Mr. Gutbezahl assured residents that he would look in the matter and provide the Commissioners further information.

## 7. Old Business:

7.1 2016 ANC 2D Grant Applications; Commissioner Goldstein reminded that the due date for applications is February 15, 2016. Those grants to be awarded will be announced at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting. Guidelines for making an application are included in the November 16, 2015, Minutes.

## 8. New Business:

8.1 Alcoholic Beverage Renewals; Sarah Fashbaugh (Community Resource Officer); [sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov](mailto:sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov) This year will be one of the biggest license renewal years in District history. Approximately 1,500 on-premises licenses are set to expire in 2016. As a result, all restaurants, hotels, multipurpose facilities, clubs and caterers will need to renew licenses by March 31, 2016. **ANC 2D has five licenses which are up for renewal:** 1) The Churchill Hotel; 2) Washington Marriott Courtyard; 3) Russia House; 4) Sushi Ogawa; and 5) McClellan's. Taverns and nightclubs will need to do so by Sept. 30, 2016.

ABRA's Complaint Hotline (202)329-6347

8.2 Electronic (E-Mail) Notifications from the Office of Zoning; Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D selects to receive electronic (E-Mail) notifications from the Office of Zoning pertaining to Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment Matters". **Approved**

8.3 Embassy of Estonia Street and Off-Street Parking; Commissioner Goldstein reported that DDOT has request the State Department to approve the removal of the parking signs which have been recently installed. The Commission will monitor this item.

8.4 DPR Permit Request for Use of Mitchell Park (Lambert)

Commissioner Goldstein moved and it was seconded, “that ANC 2D approve the request for a permit to be issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation for holding a concert at Mitchell Park on September 25, 2016 from 1:30-5:30PM, as submitted by Lynne Lambert on behalf of The Friends of Mitchell Park”. **Approved**

8.5 DPR Permit Request for FOMP Summer Films (Nevitt); Commissioner Goldstein moved and it was seconded that, “ANC 2D approves the request for permits to be issued by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation for holding four film showings at Mitchell Park on Thursday, June 16, 2016 starting at 8:30 PM; Thursday, July 21 starting at 8:30 PM; Thursday, August 18 starting at 8:00 PM; and Friday, September 9 starting 7:30 PM, as submitted by Audrey Nevitt on behalf of the Friends of Mitchell Park”. **Approved**

8.6 Wedding Permit Request—Spanish Steps; It was moved by Commissioner Bender and seconded that, “ANC 2D approves the request for a permit to be issued by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation to hold a wedding at the Spanish Steps on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:30 AM for 40-60 guests as submitted by Megan Finck. Provided that Ms. Finck ensures, that at the end of the ceremony, the STEPS and park are free of clutter/debris and that no flower petals or debris will be floating in the fountain”. **Approved**

9. Announcements: **9.1 Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting – Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – at the Woodrow Wilson House – 2340 ‘S’ Street, NW**

9.2 Department of Public Works---Winter is Coming! Announcement...See Exhibit A

10. Open Comments: No Comments Made

11. Date of Next Meeting—February 15, 2016

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldstein, seconded, with the meeting being adjourned at 8:01PM. **Approved**

### **Exhibit A: Winter Weather is Coming. Are You Ready?**

*DPW says now is the time to prepare your family, home and car for winter weather.*

(WASHINGTON, DC) Meteorologists are saying that due to a strong El Niño effect, December and January temperatures are likely to be normal to warmer than normal, but in February, temperatures may plunge and a significant winter storm may occur. So, are you ready to withstand a major storm or do you need to prepare your family, home and car? The Department of Public Works encourages residents to go to [snow.dc.gov](http://snow.dc.gov) for tips to make sure they have everything needed to be safe this winter.

**‘Safety is our focus and we want to make sure it’s yours, too,’** said Department of Public Works Acting Director Christopher J. Shorter. **‘This year, avoid the race to the hardware store for deicer and a shovel or the supermarket for bread and milk when snow is forecast. Plan ahead. Here are some examples of what to do. For your family, have on hand all prescription and other medications, bottled water and food that doesn’t need to be cooked. For your home, keep flashlights, extra batteries, bottled water and a first-aid kit accessible. For your car, have kitty litter for traction as well as blankets, flares and a mobile charger. And don’t forget your pets’.**

The DC Snow Team (Department of Public Works and District Department of Transportation) has been preparing since summer to be ready when the first snow storm begins. There are 14 new 6-wheel dump

trucks to salt and plow major streets and six new Ford 550s to salt and plow smaller residential streets. Additional equipment is on standby just in case a substantial snowfall is forecast, and the salt domes are filled to capacity, starting the season with 39,000 tons of salt.

Serve DC is doing its part for snow readiness by enlisting volunteers to shovel sidewalks for residents who have disabilities or are age 60 or older. Eligible residents may call 311 to sign up for this service. Serve DC also is seeking volunteers for the DC Resident Snow Team, which will provide sidewalk shoveling services to persons with disabilities or who are 60 years old or older. Residents who want to volunteer may sign up for the DC Resident Snow Team at [www.snowteam.dc.gov](http://www.snowteam.dc.gov) or call (202) 727-7925. Shovels will be loaned to volunteers who don't have one.

**‘Clearing your sidewalk of snow and ice is the right thing to do and the majority of property owners accept that responsibility,’** said Director Christopher Shorter. **“We urge residents to reach out to their neighbors to form shoveling teams and offer to clear the sidewalks for those who are unable’.**

Property owners can make clearing their sidewalks easier by applying abrasives (deicer, rock salt or non-clumping kitty litter) before a storm starts. This is especially useful when ice is predicted.

DPW encourages everyone to pay attention to weather forecasts during the winter and prepare your family, home, and vehicle before snow begins to fall. Go to [snow.dc.gov](http://snow.dc.gov) for preparation tips”.

**Exhibit B.....ANC 2D MEETING SCHEDULE for 2016**

**January 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).....7:00PM**

**February 16 (Tuesday).....7:00PM**

**March 21.....7:00PM**

**April 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Monday).....7:00PM**

**May 16.....7:00PM**

**June 20.....7:00PM**

**July.....No Meeting**

**August.....No Meeting**

**September 19.....7:00PM**

**October 17.....7:00PM**

**November 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)..7:00PM**

**December.....No Meeting**

**Meetings are held at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, 2200 California Street, NW.**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

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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*