

ANC 2D

**Minutes**

May 11, 2015, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by Secretary, David Bender

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bender at 7:00PM.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were two Commissioners and 9 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **approved** as published.
4. Minutes for the April 20, 2015, Meeting were **approved** as distributed.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
  - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments; Commissioner Goldstein and I had the pleasure, along with a group of S-K neighbors, to attend the 2015 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Two of our own received awards: Restore Mass Ave. (Deborah Shapley) and Individual Lifetime Achievement Award (Sally Lichtenstein Berk).  
Chair Bender reported on the following:
    - A. A meeting was held with Gottlieb Simon to discuss adjustments to be made to the ANC's website and how to proceed. Further details will be shared as the plans unfold.
    - B. The hearing on 2220 Q Street will be held on May 15, 10:00AM, Room 100, DC Superior Court, 500 Indiana Ave. Judge Maurice Ross will be the presiding Judge.
    - C. The residents were informed that the Commissioners have asked DDOT to assist with a study of parking options for S-K.
    - D. The electrical car charge box has been removed from public space in front of 2229 CA. Street.
  - 5.2 Treasurer's Report; no report
6. DC Gov't Reports
  - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Captain David Sledge...[David.Sledge@dc.gov](mailto:David.Sledge@dc.gov); Lieutenant Donald Craig attended the meeting and reported that the recently created Crime Patrol Unit had been successful in reducing the number of thieves from autos. An order has been issued for 2-D that all noise complaints must be followed up with a written report. Should you need to contact Lt. Craig you may call him on his desk phone at 202.715.7344 or at [donald.craig@dc.gov](mailto:donald.craig@dc.gov).
  - 6.2 Mayor's Office... Eva Lewis; [eva.lewis@dc.gov](mailto:eva.lewis@dc.gov)
  - 6.3 Council Member's Office...Tom Lipinsky...[tlipinsky@dccouncil.us](mailto:tlipinsky@dccouncil.us); The Committee on Finance and Revenue (which Jack chairs) will report out of committee that two tax increases currently in the budget should be removed. These are the sales and parking taxes.
7. Old Business:
  - 7.1 Ward 2 ANC Chairs Meeting with Chief Financial Officer Jeff DeWitt; the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was held with CFO DeWitt and the Public Affairs Officer David Umansky. Following a brief presentation by the CFO on the 2014 Strategic Plan, each of the five attending Ward 2 ANC Chairs shared issues that were of concern to their constituents. The four topics presented by me were: 1) assessing taxes on

vacant foreign mission property (there was agreement that further investigation would be done); 2) inheritance law revisions (January 2016 the exception will go to 2 million dollars—future adjustments will depend on revenues); 3) property assessments and taxes on property owners who do not declare DC as their residence; and 4) the rainy day fund (the City's borrowing is based on reserves—currently a 45 day reserve is being held). Another Chair brought up the topic of Budget Autonomy. There wasn't much optimism that Congress was willing to grant such authority to the City. Currently DC receives the Federal Government approximately 500,000 million dollars that other "States" are not eligible to receive.

#### 8. New Business:

8.1 DDOT's Proposed Changes to DC's Sign Control and Billboard Ordinances...It was moved by Commissioner Goldstein, and seconded, that "ANC 2D supports the efforts of The Committee of 100 on the Federal City in opposing DDOT's proposed sign regulations that would permit digital billboards on the sides of buildings and rooftops". It was discussed that such signage is harmful to the beautification of the city and is not environmentally friendly wherever it is installed. Most areas of the city are now a mixture of residential/commercial districts and such signage with is not appropriate for either business or residential districts. Having just returned from NYC and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, where jumbo electronic billboards are in use 24/7, where I felt a negative impact on the livability and the character of the neighborhood.

#### 9. Announcements:

9.1 Tony Harvey discussed the Marie Reed School Modernization Plan and ANC 1C's vision statement which has been formulated and shared with various stakeholders. For further details, see the May 2015 (Vol. 46, No.11) pp. 1 and 5 of the InTowner newspaper.

9.2 A speed camera has been installed north bound on Connecticut Ave. between Leroy and Bancroft. Work is ongoing trying to get a camera installed south bound on the Taft Bridge.

9.3 Mitchell Park; Calendar of Events: **An Architectural Walking Tour Sheridan-Kalorama** lead by Sally Berk, May 16, 10:00AM in Mitchell Park; **Films in the Fields** (June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17); **Music Afternoon** (September 17); and **Fun-Day and Halloween Party** (October 25) Any questions on any of the events contact Holly Sukenik at 332-2952 or [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com)

10. Open Comments: No comments made.

11. Date of Next Meeting—June 15, 2015

12. The meeting was adjourned, by consent, at 7:55 PM.

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