



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2019, 7:00 pm
Friends Meeting of Washington
2111 Florida Avenue NW

Call to Order

Chair David Bender called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 45 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 September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's September 16th, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Approval of ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 4 financial report. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler moved to pay Peter Sacco, the ANC's Administrative Coordinator, \$660 for services performed as Administrative Coordinator during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September 2019. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0)

Approval of ANC's FY 2020 Budget

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's FY 2020 budget. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of ANC Meeting Space Usage Fees

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve payment of \$192 to the Friends Meeting of Washington for the use of the meeting room. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Bender said that any local residents with comments regarding the ANC's proposed meeting schedule for 2020 can email their comments to the ANC.

Chair Bender said that the next community meeting regarding the Federation of State Medical Boards' development project at 2118 Leroy Place NW will be on Tuesday, October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Chair Bender said that the ANC received the alcoholic beverage license renewal application for MccLellan's Retreat at 2031 Florida Avenue NW. He said that the ANC also received an application for a medical marijuana dispensary to move to a new location at 1636 Connecticut Avenue NW.

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Lt. Jonathan Pongratz and Officer Jeremy Brady, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Chair Bender expressed concerns regarding ongoing speeding on and adjacent to the Taft Bridge. He also expressed concerns regarding ongoing illegal parking problems on the streets adjacent to Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

Several meeting attendees raised concerns regarding traffic safety along Florida Avenue NW.

Lt. Pongratz said that a bank has foreclosed on Douglas Jeffries' house at 2220 Q Street NW. He said that he is trying to get in contact with bank representatives to see if they will be evicting Mr. Jeffries from the house.

Old Business

2022 Florida Avenue NW (Royal Palace/Assets)

Gabby Miller, the owner of Assets, and Matt Minora, the counsel for the establishment, gave a presentation regarding the operations of the establishment, which took over Royal Palace's previous strip club license.

Commissioner Nestler said that Royale Palace had a settlement agreement with ANC 2B that was transferred to Assets alongside the license. He said that Assets was recently placarded for their license renewal application. He said that while the establishment is located in ANC 2B, it is close enough to ANC 2D that ANC 2D is able to have jurisdiction in the matter.

Commissioner Nestler gave an overview of the terms of the current settlement agreement.

Multiple meeting attendees expressed concerns regarding Assets' operations.

Commissioner Nestler said that Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) representatives will be attending the ANC's regular November meeting to discuss the license renewal process. He said that the ANC will formally consider the license renewal application at that meeting.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Old Business (Continued)

2323 Tracy Place NW (Concept/Rear Addition, Renovation and Window Alteration)

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 current owners of 2323 Tracy Place NW have designed a proposed addition to the rear of the property, window alterations, and other structural renovations,

WHEREAS, the property is a contributing building, built between 1924-1925, to the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant's proposal includes the demolition of historical elements which would make the property no longer compatible with this historical district,

WHEREAS, in 2001 the L'Enfant Trust approved an architectural easement on the property with the intent to protect the historic elements of the house from alterations or changes to the exterior facade of the house,

WHEREAS, neighbors which abut 2323 Tracy Place NW have raised concerns about the effects of the proposed demolition, excavation, and construction on their properties,

WHEREAS, excavating property in most historical districts is a difficult and complex undertaking and, if not done properly and maintained, can have devastating consequences on neighbors such as what has happened at 2325 Wyoming Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to this structure are visible from both Tracy Place and Wyoming Avenue NW and if allowed to go forward would set a most unfortunate precedent, and

WHEREAS, the ANC 2D commissioners concur with the findings of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association, the analysis found in the EHT Tracerics historic preservation report, and the content of seven letters received from neighbors opposing the application (no letters of support were received).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D opposes the pending Historic Preservation Review Board application as presented given that the changes undermine the historic elements and components of this 1924/1925 home.

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

2119 S Street NW (Roof Deck)

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 proposal to replace the deck at 2119 S Street NW with a new material per the plans submitted to the ANC.

Visitor Parking Permits

Commissioner Nestler encouraged local residents to send any comments regarding visitor parking permits (VPP) to their ANC commissioners. He also encouraged local residents to attend the ANC's regular November meeting, during which time will be set aside on the agenda to discuss VPP.

Chair Bender said he is trying to seek clarification from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding whether, if the ANC decides to participate in VPP, DDOT would adhere to the ANC's decision.

Commissioners and community members discussed several reasons for and against participating in the VPP program.

Announcements

Rob Nevitt, a board member for the Friends of Mitchell Park, said that on Saturday, October 26th the organization will be holding its annual Mitchell Park Fun Day from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at Mitchell Park. He said that the event will include a moon bounce, face painting, candy, games, and other fun activities.

Holly Sukenik, a board member for Restore Mass Ave, said that the organization will be holding its annual cocktail reception on Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Residence of the Colombian Ambassador, 1520 20th Street NW. She encouraged local residents to reach out to her if they would still like to purchase a ticket.

Open Comments

Meeting attendees discussed concerns regarding the possible valet operations at the former Restaurant Nora space at 2132 Florida Avenue NW and ideas about stopping illegal parking in no-parking zones through the installation of flexiposts.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Friends Meeting of Washington, 2111 Florida Avenue NW.

Motion to Adjourn

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.