

ANC 2D

Minutes

October 21, 2013, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 28 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Minutes of the September 16, 2013, Meeting were **Approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments: None
 - 5.2 Treasurer's Report...Current Fund Balance is \$1,600.46. The DC Auditors approved 4th Quarter FY2013 Allotment of \$762.32.
 - 5.3 FY 2014 Budget: Treasurer Lamar presented the FY 2014 Draft Budget, which had been introduced at the September Meeting. Following a brief discussion it was **moved** by Commission Bender, and seconded, that the FY 2014 Budget be accepted. **Approved**
6. DC Gov't Reports:
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jesse Porter (jesse.porter@dc.gov) Representing Lieutenant Porter, Officer Johnny Jones and two other officers attended the meeting. Following introductory words, the Officers answered questions on the following topics: 1) Noise after 10:01PM; 2) Construction violation issues; 3) Traffic Enforcement; and 4) Items left in vehicles. Should you have further issues you can contact Officer Jones at johnnym.jones@dc.gov
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy...
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 Visitor Parking Pass Program (VPP) Update: On September 24, 2013, DDOT announced the following updates:
 1. The current 2012/2013 VPP will remain valid through December 2013.
 2. Residents that do not have a VPP may obtain a parking pass at a police station or substation in the ward in which they reside. Questions should be addressed to reggie.sanders@dc.gov

7.2 Belmont Park: Over the past several years discussions have been held regarding the transfer of the unpaved stretch of Belmont Road (from Connecticut Ave. to Kalorama Circle) from the DDOT to the Department of Parks and Recreation. City

Council Chairman Mendelson will hold a public hearing on B20-110 (bill introduced by David Catania, Jack Evans and Mary Cheh) on November 14th at 11am in the Council Chamber. After discussion, Commissioner Lamar moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D strongly supports the transfer from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Parks and Recreation the portion of Belmont Road, which runs from Connecticut Ave to Kalorama Circle as described in B20-110. **Approved**

<http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130207140112.pdf>

8. New Business:

8.1 1823 Phelps...Exterior/Landscaping Renovation...The property owner presented introductory remarks including site drawings. The Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association presented their opposition to the proposal. Following both presentations, the floor was opened for resident comments/questions. Commissioner Lamar moved, it was seconded, that ANC 2D oppose the proposal to enlarge the driveway at 1823 Phelps based on the following facts: ANC 2D supports "The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, in its 'Preservation and Historic Features' Title VIII, Section 807. Section 807 (f) states that 'The Landscape green space on...privately maintained front and side yards in Historic District...should be preserved. Special care should be taken to protect these green spaces from being paved over for vehicular access and parking.' 'Section 807 (i) 'In Historic Districts, the established form of development as evidenced by lot coverage limitations, yard requirements and other standards that contribute to the open space character and attractiveness of such districts should be protected.' We support the current policy of the DC Office of Planning to reduce parking spaces, reduce car usage, encourage walking, biking and public transportation as a smart way to protecting the environment and contribution to a livable city." **Approved** Vote...1 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain

8.2 Installation of Flag Poles and other signage; Greece/Croatia: Deborah Shapley.....Following a presentation and discussion lead by Ms. Shapley, it was agreed that the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council would investigate the issue and come back to the ANC should it be found that a position statement would be beneficial.

8.3 HPRB filing for 2422 Tracy Place, NW (HPA #13-600)...Property Owner Lisa Foster provided an overview of the issues facing the replacement of the

slate roof with fiberglass shingles. Following her presentation, the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association stated their opposition to the installation of fiberglass shingles. The floor was opened for comment. Commissioner Bender moved, it was seconded, that "ANC 2D support the HPO staff recommendation that the use of fiberglass shingles be used on the left side of the roof, with the front slope and right side of the front dormer be replaced with true slate making the property consistent with the purpose of the preservation law and that the decision should be delegated to staff for final approval." **Approved**

9. Announcements:

9.1 DDOT **Online Survey**

Throughout October, people will have another opportunity to comment on and critique three approaches that have the potential to transform the way people travel in the District. This unique, interactive survey enables users to focus on their own personal transportation needs and see how they affect the transportation system as a whole. A link to the survey is available online at <http://movedc.metroquest.com/>

9.2 **DC Water** is performing emergency rehabilitation of a portion of the Northwest Boundary Sewer Overflow at 22nd and P Streets, NW, in National Park Service property. This project has been initiated in direct response to a sinkhole that was first reported to DC Water in June 2013. Construction activities as part of this project include the following:

- Relining of existing 99-inch combined sewer
- Installation of new 15-inch storm sewer, while existing pipe is abandoned in place
- Installation of new manhole in the adjacent sidewalk
- Slope stabilization inside the park to address any damaged portion of the park land due to the sinkhole

The project started on August 19, 2013 and is slated for completion by the close of October 2013. The work is being performed between the hours of 7:00pm and 5:00am. While we have been made aware that some residents have expressed concerns regarding the work hours, please understand that our contractor is working during nighttime in order to minimize impacts to high daytime traffic. Site restoration will follow completion of all construction activities and will be completed in March 2014. There is no excavation of the roadway involved as the sewer is being accessed via a manhole in 22nd Street. DC Water is working diligently to ensure minimal disruption to residents during the work.

9.3 **DC DMV Moving to Central Issuance Process**

Agency to Issue New Driver License and New Identification Card

Beginning November 26, 2013, the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DC DMV) is moving to a central issuance process. DCDMV will no longer issue driver licenses and identification cards over the counter. Customers will

receive a temporary paper license or identification card valid for 45 days, and the new driver license or identification card will be mailed to customers.

The agency will not mail to PO Boxes.

With the new issuance process, DC DMV is also changing the design of the driver license and identification card. The credentials have different features that are designed to reduce fraud. They include, but are not limited to:

- Two photos on the front and one on the back;
- Signature on front and back;
- Veteran identifier, and
- Organ donor symbol.

Details about the new process and new credentials are available in DC DMV's brochure. It is available online as well as in DC DMV's service centers. The agency will also mail the [brochure](#) to customers in their driver license and identification card renewal notices.

DC DMV has more than [40 services available online](#) and through the mail, enabling customers to "skip the in-person trip." Visit us on your time.

9.4 Age-in-Place and Equitable Senior Citizen/Disabled Real Property Act.....The Act, introduced by Muriel Bowser, increases the eligible income limit from \$100,00 to \$125,000 (total household adjusted income) for the purpose of qualifying for a 50% discount on residential property tax bills. The Senior Citizen/Disabled property tax credit is in addition to the Homestead Deduction. Applications can be downloaded at <http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/node/409602>

10. Open Comments:

10.1 **Mitchell Park:** Holly Sukenik, Vice President, reported that the FOMP will be hosting its **Fall Benefit** on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the home of The Netherlands Ambassador. Should you wish to attend and haven't received an invitation, please contact Holly at hsukenik@hotmail.com or call 202.332.2952

Annual Fall Fun Day Sunday, October 27, 2013 2-4PM. Volunteers are still needed. Should you be interested in volunteering contact either Holly Sukenik or Audrey Nevitt (audrey.nevitt@verizon.net)

10.2 **Call-Box Restoration Project:** Rob Nevitt (the newly elected Chairman) spoke about the upkeep of the boxes, future funding raising options and an Adopt-a-Box program which their Board of Directors is studying. Rob can be contacted by email at rnevitt562@gmail.com

11. Date of Next Meeting—November 18, 2013

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Lamar, seconded, and approved at 9:05PM.