



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020, 7:00 pm
Our Lady Queen of the Americas
2200 California Street NW

Call to Order and Election of Officers

Chair David Bender called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Nestler moved to elect Chair Bender as the ANC's Chair and Secretary and himself as the ANC's Vice Chair and Treasurer for 2020. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 19 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler said that Annabelle 2132 Florida Avenue NW is opening this week. He said that the owner of the establishment is committed to being neighbors. He added that the establishment has a settlement agreement with ANC 2B.

Commissioner Nestler said that the DC Government has been doing a good job of keeping the Embassy of Pakistan's building at 2201 R Street NW clean and free of trash. He said that the city is charging the embassy for the cleaning work.

Commissioner Nestler said that Chair Bender and himself recently attended the roll call hearing for the protest of Assets' license renewal. He said that the ANC's negotiations with the applicant are ongoing and that the ANC will keep residents updated about the progress.

Chair Bender said that the construction overhang over the sidewalk in front of the Embassy of China's apartment building at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW has come down.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler gave an overview of the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 1 financial report.

Approval of ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 1 financial report. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Security Fund Participation

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

Meeting Cancellation Policy

Chair Bender said the ANC will not meet on days where the DC Government is closed due to inclement weather.

Bank Signatories

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Sgt. John Sprague, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave his contact information to meeting attendees and said that he can help bridge the gap between local residents and DC Government agencies when it comes to DC Government issues.

Chair Bender congratulated Mr. Kotb for his year of service to the ANC.

Councilmember's Office

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, gave an overview of Councilmember Evans' recent resignation from the DC Council. He said the resignation will be effective this Friday, January 17th. He said that the Board of Elections will hold a special election in June of 2020 for the remainder of Councilmember Evans' current term. He added that Councilmember Evans' staff has been transferred to Chairman Phil Mendelson's office. He said that the staff will still be able to respond to constituent services.

Chair Bender thanked Mr. Florio for his service to the ANC.

Department of Public Works

Inspector Sonya Street, Ward 2's Lead Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), said that leaf collections in the neighborhood will continue until January 24th. He said that DPW will soon be collecting Christmas trees still out on the sidewalk through a blitz collection.

American Fazl Mosque

Yahya Luqman, the new Imam at the American Fazl Mosque at 2141 Leroy Place NW, introduced himself and his family to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the mosque.

Old Business

2419 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Zambian Chancery—Permits for Renovation)

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:

ANC 2D supports the plans for the renovation project at 2419 Massachusetts Avenue NW as presented to the ANC during the ANC's January 13th, 2020 meeting.

2548 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Rear Deck BZA Application)

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 Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 2548 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

New Business

There was not any new business.

Announcements

Commissioner Nestler moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the Friends of Mitchell Park's 2020 park permit applications. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6 PM – at the Woodrow Wilson House – 2340 S Street NW

Don Friedman, the President of the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council (SKNC), said that the Sheridan-Kalorama Combined Neighborhood Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm at the Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street NW.

Holly Sukenik, the Treasurer of the Spanish Steps Preservation Project and Endowment Fund, said that the organization will be holding an event on Thursday, March 19th to benefit the Spanish Steps. She said that event invitations will be going out in a few weeks. She added that local residents can contact her via email at: hsukenik@hotmail.com if they do not receive an invitation.

Open Comments

There were not any open comments.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of the Americas, 2200 California Street NW.

Motion to Adjourn

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.