

ANC 2D

Minutes

June 17, 2013, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.
2. A Quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 22 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Minutes of the May 20, 2013, Meeting were **Approved** as published.

5. Administrative/Financial Matters

5.1 Commissioner's Comments: No comments made.

5.2 Treasurer's Report: Fund balance is \$3,072.00. Concern was raised over the Auditor's deduction from the 2nd Quarter FY2013 Allotment for a disallowable Community Grant expense. The Commission questioned the Auditor's decision based on their finding that the expenses were for "entertainment" but in reality the grant was spent for educational programming not provided for by any other community/city event or activity.

6. DC Gov't Reports

6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jesse Porter, Jr... "I have reviewed the crime stats and it appears that crime in your immediate vicinity is down. I have received several emails in reference to Mitchell Park (dog complaints). I have officers giving the location special attention. I have also spoken to Animal Control and DC Park Ranger and they are also aware of the situation". jesse.porter@dc.gov

6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger... James.Bulger@dc.com James introduced himself and encouraged residents to share comments/ideas with him. He mentioned the June 25th Mayor's Quarterly Meeting with ANC Chairs. Following the meeting he spoke with a resident regarding the condition of the Albanian Embassy on Florida Ave.

6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy....sloy@dccouncil.us Spoke with several residents following the meeting regarding community projects and traffic issues.

7. Old Business:

7.1 2013 Neighborhood Charitable Organization Grants....

Commissioner Lamar summarized the 5 applications received from 5 Community Not-for-Profit organizations and recommended that the following organizations be awarded 2013 Grants with funds provided

for in the approved 2013 FY ANC 2D Budget: 1) Each grant will be for \$500.00; totaling \$2,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Commission Lamar and was seconded [with the understanding that each recipient must adhere to the Grant Guidelines or will be required to return their funding to ANC 2D]. 1) Language Etc.....scholarship funding for 4 ESL students; 2) Sheridan-Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project.....offset cost of repainting several existing call boxes; 3) Spanish Steps Preservation Project...landscaping and upkeep (maintenance); 4) Mitchell Park... continued upkeep and planting of herbs and annuals; 5) Restore Mass Ave....beautification of a sidewalk strip on Sheridan Circle. **Approved**

7.2 Bump Out at the Corner of CA. Street and Mass. Ave., NW.....

Single Member District 2D01 Commission Bender read a letter dated June 14, 2013, from **Kim Nettles** who had circulated a petition [petitioning **Terry Bellamy**, Director, DDOT] regarding the removal of the Bump Out. "With this letter, I am enclosing the petition circulated through change.org to Kalorama residents and other interested parties. This petition has been signed by 136 people and requests that **DDOT remove the bump out at the corner of California Streets and Massachusetts Ave. NW.** I hope this petition will be helpful to you in addressing this important safety issue with DDOT.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the ANC Meeting on June 17. I request that you read this letter at the meeting and place it in the record". Sincerely Kim Nettles, 2501 Mass. Ave., WDC 20008. On June 17, 2013, **James Cheeks**, Chief Traffic Engineer, DDOT, provided a response that they would look "at some modifications that will include the adjusting of parking spaces on the approach to the bulb out....We will monitor these movements for the next 30-45 days.... Following a brief discussion a number of residents voiced that they were in support of the bulb out for it has reduced traffic on California Street and has made the intersection less dangerous except for cars turning right onto CA from Mass. However, they felt that the adjustment in parking might improve the intersection.

8. **New Business:**

8.1 Presentation on Preliminary Ideas for 2328 Mass. Ave.; Joshua Hill; Presented preliminary drawings, plans, ideas for the renovation of the house. He answered a number of questions and sought further community involvement. Since there will be no changes to the front of the house, no zoning relief is necessary. There are 3 easements on the property which have to sign off: 1) Commission on Fine Arts; 2) Historic Preservation; and 3) L'Enfant Trust. Mr. Hill will return to the

ANC in the fall for further discussion and action.

8.2 New Roof Deck proposed for 2131 Bancroft Place (HPA No. 13-393); Cary Kadlecek; Mr. Kadlecek made a brief statement about the property and then turned the discussion over to the architect, Jeffery Povero. Mr. Povero presented a series of drawings which explained the overall project including a visibility analysis. Commissioner Lamar asked the property owner, John Bantivoglio, if he had received support from the adjacent property owners. He said that he had and that they were in agreement with the re-designed plans. A discussion of the proposed plans clarified a number of issues with Commissioner Lamar then moving "that ANC 2D fully supports the construction of the proposed roof deck as presented in the images of the revised roof deck plans dated June 16, 2013"; motion was seconded. **Approved**

9. Announcements:

9.1 *Films in the Field Series* returns to Mitchell Park on June 29, July 18 and August 15. Each film will begin at 8:30PM.

9.2 The Spanish Steps Preservation Project thanked all S-K residents who attended the Turkish Ambassador's Reception in support of the maintenance and preservation of the Steps and Park.

10. **Open Comments:**

10.1 Two residents raised concerns that they have observed an increase in cars without Zone 2 stickers being parked along Kalorama Road. Many of these cars have Maryland plates. In addition the person who appears to be responsible for patrolling this street is seen sitting in his car smoking or talking on his cell phone. Are others experiencing the same problem?

10.2 One resident shared his thoughts on Mitchell Park, Dogs and Owners....he felt most users of the park are good citizens adhering to the Laws and clean-up after their pets.

11. **Date of Next Meeting—September 16, 2013**

12. Motion to Adjourn was made and approved at 7:55 PM.

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