



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019, 7:00 pm
Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church
2200 California Street NW

Call to Order

Chair David Bender called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 33 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of July 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Bender moved to approve the July 29th, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nestler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler said that the ANC has received a DC Government funding allotment increase for FY 2020.

Commissioner Nestler said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued a final report regarding the 20th Street / 21st Street / 22nd Street NW Bike Lanes Project. He said that the report proposes 20th Street NW as the agency's final choice for the bike lane. He added that he is not aware of the timeline for building the bike lane.

Commissioner Nestler said that the Royale Palace property at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW has been sold. He said that it appears that the property will be reopening as a new establishment called "Assets." He added that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has issued a stop work order after finding illegal construction on the property.

Commissioner Nestler said that he has been in contact with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and DDOT regarding concerns about traffic accidents at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and R Street NW. He said that he is working to create a proposal for addressing speeding at the intersection.

Commissioner Nestler said that the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens will be holding its annual auction on Saturday, November 16th at 6:00 pm at Squire Patton Boggs, 2550 M Street NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the fundraiser. He added that the fundraiser organizers are also looking for sponsors and auction items.

Chair Bender said that he received notice that AT&T is proposing to install a 5G facility at 2540 Massachusetts Avenue.

Chair Bender said that the ANC received notice regarding the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) hearings for the projects at 2118 Leroy Place NW and 2323 Tracy Place NW.

Commissioner Nestler said that he has been working with the city and the U.S. Department of State to address the deteriorating conditions at the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler said that there are no treasurer's updates to report.

ANC's FY 2020 Budget

Commissioner Nestler said that Chair Bender and himself will be presenting a proposed FY 2020 budget at the ANC's October meeting.

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Lt. Jonathon Pongratz and Officer Jeremy Brady, representatives for MPD's Second District, were present. Lt. Pongratz gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Chair Bender raised concerns regarding ongoing noise from laundry loading and unloading at the Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC / Dupont Circle at 1900 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that he is working to convert the designated taxi parking spots at the Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC / Dupont Circle at 1900 Connecticut Avenue NW to residential parking.

Mr. Kotb said that he is working to address yard waste at the Embassy of Argentina's abandoned property at 2161 Florida Avenue NW.

Mr. Kotb said the H Street Festival will be taking place on Saturday, September 21st from 12:00 to 7:00 pm on H Street NE; the Fiesta DC Parade will be taking place on Saturday, September 21st from 1:00 to 5:30 pm on Constitution Avenue between 7th Street and 12th Street NW; and the Congressional hearing on DC statehood will be taking place on Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 am. He encouraged local residents to attend the events.

Councilmember's Office

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, introduced himself as Councilmember Evans' new liaison for ANC 2D. He said that today was the DC Council's first day back in session after its summer recess. He added that tomorrow will be the DC Council Committee of the Whole's first legislative session after the recess.

Mr. Florio said that Councilmember Evans recently attended the Art All Night event in Dupont Circle on Saturday, September 14th.

Old Business

2118 Leroy Place NW (Concept/Exterior Alterations at Rear, Rebuild Addition, Replace Fence and Roof; Add Stair)

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

2519 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Turn Around Court Off Driveway)

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 public space application for 2519 Massachusetts Avenue NW based on the understanding that the new section of driveway will not be used for parking.

Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) Program

Chair Bender gave an overview of the ANC's previous decision to not participate in the Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) Program. He said that the Commission will discuss whether to reverse the ANC's previous decision during the ANC's regular November 2019 meeting.

New Business

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

Chair Bender said that the Commission will consider this matter during the ANC's regular October 2019 meeting.

2200 Wyoming Avenue NW (Installation of Roof Top Solar Panels)

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 proposed installation of twenty solar panels at 2200 Wyoming Avenue NW.

2548 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Installation of Deck Rear of House)

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 proposed rear addition at 2548 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Mitchell Park/Composting

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 does not take any position regarding the request for composting at Mitchell Park. The ANC supports the position taken by the Friends of Mitchell Park and the ANC encourages the residents of Sheridan-Kalorama to use the composting service available at the Dupont Circle Farmers Market.

2225 R Street NW (Installation of a Statue of the First Armenian Ambassador)

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 has not received any information from the applicant regarding the public space application for the installation of a statue at 2225 R Street NW and therefore the ANC takes no position on the application.

Announcements

Rob Nevitt said that the Friends of Mitchell Park will be holding its annual concert in the park on Sunday, September 29th at 4:00 pm. He said that the event will feature songs from the musical

“9 to 5” that will be performed by students from the Catholic University of America’s School of Music, Drama, and Art.

Mr. Nevitt said that the Friends of Mitchell Park will be organizing a bulb-planting project on Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 am in the park. He said that the organization is seeking volunteers to help with the project. He said that anyone who is interested in volunteering can contact Susan Galbraith via email at: susankgalbraith@gmail.com or via phone at: (202) 341-0254.

Mr. Nevitt said that the Friends of Mitchell Park will be holding its annual Mitchell Park Fun Day on Saturday, October 26th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the park. He added that the organization is working to replace several dead trees in the park and to do some grass seeding later in the fall.

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, October 21st at 7:00 pm at a location to be determined.

Motion to Adjourn

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.