

ANC2D

Minutes

September 8, 2015, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by Secretary, David Bender

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bender at 7:02 PM.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were 2 Commissioners and 17 residents/guests.
3. The Agenda was **approved** as circulated at the meeting.
4. Minutes of June 15, 2015, Meeting were **approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:

5.1 Commissioner Comments :

+ The Commission is requesting DDOT to perform traffic calming studies at four locations; 1) 2300 Kalorama Road and 23rd Street; 2) 2200 Kalorama Road and Thornton Place; 3) 2000-2300 Connecticut Ave. (Taft Bridge); 4) Alley—Waterside Drive to Mass. Ave and Belmont Road Intersection with Mass. Ave.

+ The Commission is participating in a Dupont/Kalorama curbside parking study being conducted by DDOT's Policy, Planning & Sustainability Administration. At our last meeting a question was asked---"Would S-K residents who live on RPP Streets, support the installation of parking meters for use by non RPP holders"? By a show of hands, 100% of those present at the meeting indicated they would not support the installation of parking meters on residential streets in Sheridan-Kalorama.

+ Commissioner Bender briefly spoke about the Public Safety Meeting sponsored by at Large Councilmember Anita Bonds on August 31, 2015.

5.2 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer Goldstein announced that the Auditors had released the Commission's 4th quarter FY 2015 allotment of \$762.32. Current fund balance is \$7,230.21.

5.2.1 Introduction of FY 2016 Draft Budget....The draft budget was discussed and placed on the Table until the October 19, 2015, meeting. See Exhibit D for budget.

6. DC Gov't Reports:

6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jerome M. Merrill jerome.merrill@dc.gov 202-715-7325(Office) 202-407-0582 (Cell); Lieutenant Merrill provided an update on recent crimes and urged everyone to call 911 should they witness anything out of the ordinary.

6.2 Mayor's Office... Eva Lewis; eva.lewis@dc.gov Ms. Lewis mentioned the August 20th Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Walk which identified a number of issues that require investigation, restoration work or were potential hazard spots. She distributed copies of the Mayor's 6 Month Progress Report and a fact sheet highlighting a comprehensive public safety agenda to combat violent crimes in the District which the Mayor will introduce tomorrow afternoon (September 9, 2015)

6.3 Council Member's Office...; Tom Lipinsky; tlipinsky@dccouncil.us

Mr. Lipinsky announced to the residents that on September 10th all Ward 2 Residents are invited to attend a Night at the Shakespeare Theatre Company to see a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The performance is free to Ward 2 residents. See details below in Exhibit A. Mr. Lipinsky spoke of Councilmember Evans' concern on the recent increase in crimes throughout the District.

Commissioner Goldstein moved, and it was seconded, "that the Commission and residents of ANC 2D express their appreciation to Mayor Bowser and Councilmember Evans for the total rebuilding of the alley between Bancroft and Leroy Place". **Approved**

7. Old Business:

7.1 ANC 2D Resolution Regarding the DC Public Service Commission's Order Denying Exelon's Proposed Acquisition of Pepco (See Exhibit B) Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D support the Resolution Regarding Exelon's Proposed Acquisition of Pepco be enacted and forwarded to Randy Speck, Chair, ANC 3/4G and the 17 other recipients who received his requested dated September 3, 2015". **Approved**

8. New Business:

8.1 Office of Human Rights; Teresa Rainey, Community Outreach Coordinator Ms. Rainey provided an overview of the responsibilities and duties of the Office of Human Rights. The Office enforces the DC Human Rights Act, which makes discrimination illegal based on 19 protected traits for people that live, visit or work in the District. She distributed a listing of the Protected Traits. The DC Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations

and educational institutions. For further information, contact Ms. Rainey at teresa.rainey@dc.gov or call 202-727-5343.

8.2 Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic Application for Rear Deck; 2360 Massachusetts Ave NW. Following a presentation by First Secretary Zhanybek Eraliev, and the answering of questions, Commissioner Goldstein moved, and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D support the Embassy's BZA Application Number 19091, noting that this is a "Unique Situation" and is not intended to create a precedent that might likely be replicated anywhere else within ANC 2D". **Approved** See Exhibit E.

8.3 2449 Tracy Place; Sidewalk Wall Replacement; Bob McCandless, Green Future Construction, discussed the project and following the presentation, Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, "Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D fully supports the application as presented with the agreement to include the four additional items in Exhibit C and pending approval by the Office of Historic Preservation". **Approved** See Exhibit C.

8.4 Spanish Steps; Permit Request for Wedding Ceremonies;

8.4.1 Sat. September 26, 2015; 3:30PM; Liam Butt:

Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D approve the request for a permit to be issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation for holding a wedding at the Spanish Steps on September 26, 2015. With the understanding that no debris (flower petals, paper, rice or whatever) will be thrown around the fountain or park area. **Approved**

8.4.2 Sun. September 27, 2015; 11:00AM; Jessica Rodriguez: Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded, "that ANC 2D approve the request for a permit to be issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation for holding a wedding at the Spanish Steps on September 27, 2015. With the understanding that no debris (flower petals, paper, rice or whatever) will be thrown around the fountain or park area. **Approved**

9. Open Comments: A resident of 2144 California Street (The Envoy) raised concern about parking, renovation plans to the front of the building, removal of a tree and a number of other issues. Commissioner Goldstein will speak further with the resident.

10. Announcements:

10.1 SHERIDAN KALORAMA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2430 Tracy Place NW, HPA 14-636, one-story rear sunroom addition and deck. The Historic Preservation Review Board approved the project but asked that the applicants work with staff to improve the quality and compatibility of the proposed materials for the addition and stair. Vote: 5-0.

10.2 Kindy French, SKHA, 2422 Tracy Place has replaced the roof according to the properly approved roofing materials.

10.3 Holly Sukenik announced that the Spanish Steps will be hosting its **2015 Fund Raiser** on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, from 5:30—7:30PM at the home of Heather Podesta. Should you wish to attend and haven't received an invitation, please contact Holly at hsukenik@hotmail.com or call 202.332.2952

10.4 Our Lady Queen of the Americas: Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala announced that on **October 25 the annual procession of El Señor delos Milagros** will take place on California Street from noon to 6 pm. This is a major event that affects the entire neighborhood. The Church does not encourage nor sponsor vendors during the celebration. Father Menjivar-Ayala informed the group that the Church was formulating plans for the installation of an elevator that would be handicapped accessible. He will have further information to be presented to the Commission at its Oct or Nov meeting.

10.5 Friends of Mitchell Park---Films in the Park; "Some Like it Hot" will be shown Friday, September 11, 7:30PM, and the "Graduate" will be shown on Oct 9, 7:00PM.

11. Date of Next Meeting—October 19, 2015, 7:00 PM

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Goldstein, seconded, with the meeting being adjourned at 8:40 PM.

EXHIBIT A: Join me and your fellow Ward 2 neighbors for a fantastic performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the Shakespeare Theatre Company! Ward 2 Night at Shakespeare Theatre Company 610 F Street, NW Thursday, September 10th at 7:45pm* If you would like complimentary tickets for the show please email Amorde Brabham at abrabham@dccouncil.us by Tuesday, September 8th. There is a 2 ticket limit per resident and tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. *Tickets will be distributed at the theater on the night of the performance between 6:30-7:45pm. All tickets must be picked up at the theater by 7:45pm or they will be given away. Hope to see you there, Jack

EXHIBIT B: Whereas, on August 27, 2015, the DC Public Service Commission (the “PSC”) denied Exelon’s and PHI’s merger application, finding that “[w]e are not persuaded by the record before us that [Exelon] will be the enthusiastic supporter and facilitator necessary to lead the District and its local distribution franchise in the future,” and that “the Proposed Merger, when taken as a whole, is not in the public interest because it does not benefit District ratepayers and the District rather than merely leave them unharmed;”

Whereas, the PSC’s August 27, 2015, order expressly acknowledged that 26 out of 42 ANCs adopted resolutions opposing the Proposed Merger, and the DC Public Service Commission has reviewed and considered these public comments in [its] decision-making process;

Whereas, ANC 2D believes that the PSC has compiled exhaustive evidence and has carefully considered the views of customers, ANCs, Councilmembers, the general public, and Exelon/PHI in making its findings and in reaching its conclusions;

Whereas, no conditions or concessions by Exelon can cure many of the serious deficiencies in the proposed merger (e.g., no commitments or conditions can remedy the intrinsic conflict between Exelon’s interest in protecting its generation business revenues and the District’s interests in promoting distributed renewable generation or negate Exelon’s control of the District’s utility from Chicago);

It is hereby RESOLVED that ANC 2D fully supports PSC’s denial of Exelon’s application to acquire PHI and asks that the Mayor, the Council, and the District Government take no steps that would undercut, compromise, or otherwise diminish the full force and effect of the PSC’s order.

Exhibit C: 2449 Tracy Place, NW

Following the presentation made regarding the replacement of the existing stone walk that is structurally compromised thus causing a hazard to pedestrians, the homeowner, and the flow of traffic. The Commissioners acknowledge that immediate action needs to be taken to address this bowing out wall and urges both HPRB and DDOT (Public Space) approve the proposal as submitted to the Commission on September 8, 2015.

In addition the property owner agrees:

1. That the basement wall that will become exposed, is compatible with the above grade surfaces.
2. That the Call Box at the corner of Tracy Place and Kalorama Road will be protected as well as the street trees.
3. That the new landscaping will be gently sloped up to the house from the wall to lessen the amount of exposure.
4. The design and construction of the wall will be 3"2' at its lowest point and not sloped with the sidewalk.

Exhibit D: Draft FY 2016 Budget

Estimated Revenue: \$3500.00

Admin Items: 150

Bank fees: 150

Contingency: 200

Community Grants: 3000.00 Total: \$3,500.00

Exhibit E: Re: Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic

WHEREAS the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic, located at 2360 Massachusetts Ave. NW, (Lot 0050, Square 2507), has designed a proposed addition/expansion to said property, and

WHEREAS this property is located within the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District, and

WHEREAS the Embassy and its consulting construction company have prepared the necessary documentation and work description, and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and discussed with Zhanybek Eraliev, First Secretary of the Embassy, and residents of Sheridan-Kalorama neighbors and community organization leaders,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, despite concerns that the lot occupancy percentage exceeds allowed amount, ANC 2D supports the proposal as presented on September 8, 2015, and

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

COMMISSIONERS:

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