



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018, 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 7:15 pm.

### Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Ellen Goldstein (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 27 residents and visitors in attendance.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Approval of September 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's September 17th, 2018 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Approval of October 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's October 4th, 2018 special meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Administrative and Financial Matters

#### Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Goldstein said that a sign was recently posted on the Government of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW which appears to show that construction work on the property will begin soon.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the dumpsters have been removed from the street in front of the Government of Cameroon's property at 2349 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the Restaurant Nora property at 2132 Florida Avenue NW has been sold to a local restaurateur.

Chair Bender said that the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) has stated that no changes have been made to the planned ingress and egress points for the Government of China's apartment building project at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW. He added that the ANC is still trying to determine what the final plans for ingress and egress are.

Chair Bender said that the ANC urges all neighborhood groups, including Restore Mass Ave, to work together regarding the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project. He added that the ANC also urges DDOT to acknowledge that Restore Mass Ave should be able to meet with DDOT's various representatives to discuss the organization's requests for the project.

Commissioner Goldstein said that she is working with the DC Government to ensure that the broken lights at Mitchell Park are fixed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Goldstein said that the current balance of the ANC's checking account is \$9,966.32.

#### Approval of FY 2019 Budget

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

#### Administrative Assistance Agreement Renewal

Chair Bender moved to approve the renewal of the ANC's administrative assistance agreement with Peter Sacco, the ANC's Administrative Coordinator. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### **DC Government Reports**

#### Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

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

Lt. Merrill introduced Officer Jeremy Brady, a traffic officer for the Second District.

Chair Bender gave an overview of the traffic and parking issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW during holy days. He said that the traffic and parking issues are recurring issues and that there needs to be more enforcement at the

intersection. Officer Brady said that he will continue to patrol the area in order to make sure that the parking and traffic regulations are being followed.

Multiple meeting attendees raised concerns regarding the parking and traffic issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW.

#### Mayor's Office

Alyssa Ryan, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced herself to meeting attendees. She said that she will notify the Department of Public Works' (DPW) parking enforcement representatives about the parking issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW.

Ms. Ryan said that feminine hygiene products are no longer subject to DC sales tax as of October 1st, 2018. She said that she left some magnets that list what items can and cannot be recycled on the table in the back of the meeting room, along with a new handout about rodent control. She added that the city's FY 2019 budget includes funding for several new rodent control initiatives that DC Health will oversee.

#### Councilmember's Office

Daniel Bassett, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' office, thanked Commissioner Goldstein for testifying during the DC Council Committee of the Whole's recent hearing regarding DC Council Bill B22-0465 - the "Foreign Government Owned Vacant and Blighted Building Amendment Act of 2017."

Mr. Bassett said that the DC Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue is currently considering proposed legislation regarding internet sales tax and sports betting.

Mr. Bassett gave an overview of the DC Council's current deliberations regarding DC Council Bill B22-0092 - the "Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017." Commissioner Goldstein asked if the DC Council researched how other cities regulate short-term rentals. Mr. Bassett said that the DC Council did look at other cities' regulations when it developed its own proposed legislation.

#### Department of Public Works

*No one was present regarding this matter.*

#### **Old Business**

##### Approval of ANC 2D Meeting Schedule for 2019

Chair Bender moved to approve the ANC's meeting schedule for 2019. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 18th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, June 17th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, October 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

### **New Business**

#### **Pedestrian Advisory Council, Ward 2 - Marina Streznewski**

*No one was present regarding this matter.*

#### **Medical Marijuana Facility Renewal Application: National Holistic Healing Center Dispensary, 1718 Connecticut Avenue NW, and Herbal Alternatives II, LLC Dispensary, 1710 Rhode Island Avenue NW**

Chair Bender moved to take no position regarding the medical marijuana facility renewal applications for the National Holistic Healing Center Dispensary and the Herbal Alternatives II, LLC Dispensary. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

#### **DDOT Public Space Permit #318144 - 2118 Wyoming Avenue NW**

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

### **Open Comments**

Rob Nevitt, the Chair of the Sheridan-Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project, said that the organization recently met with President Barack Obama to discuss the organization's proposal to install a tribute to President Obama, who lives in the neighborhood, in the "Presidents call box" at the intersection of 23rd Street and Wyoming Avenue NW. He said that the "Presidents call box" includes tributes to the six U.S. Presidents who live or have lived in the neighborhood.

### **Announcements**

Audrey Nevitt, a representative for the Friends of Mitchell Park, said that the organization will hold its annual Mitchell Park Day event on Saturday, October 27th from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at Mitchell Park.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, 2200 California Street NW.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.