

ANC 2D

Minutes

April 20, 2015, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by Secretary, David Bender

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bender at 7:00PM.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were two Commissioners and 18 residents/guests.
3. Agenda was Approved as amended (addition of item 7.2).
4. Minutes for the March 16, 2015, Meeting were **approved** as distributed.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments; No Comments Made
 - 5.2 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer Goldstein announced that as instructed at the March 16, 2015 Meeting (Item 5.2) the checking account at PNC Bank was closed and transferred to TD Bank.
6. DC Gov't Reports
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Captain David Sledge...David.Sledge@dc.gov; Captain Sledge was introduced along with two of his colleagues. Following an update on crime statistics, he informed the residents that he was aware of a number of critical concerns facing S-K and that he and his team were discussing ways to address these issues.
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office...John Fanning/Keylin Rivera; keylin.rivera@dc.gov
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office...Tom Lipinsky...tlipinsky@dccouncil.us; The Council is currently engaged in ongoing budget hearings and oversight activities. The Mayor's Office is aware of the impact 2220Q Street is having on the neighborhood and is moving forward on the situation. 2140 Wyoming Ave. has been declared "vacant" and the Office of Tax and Revenue has released a revised property assessment.
 - 6.4 Office of the Attorney General; Jennifer White, Chief of Juvenile Section; Attorney White provided an overview of the Attorney General's office. Since January 2, 2015, Karl Racine has been serving as the District's first elected Attorney General. The Attorney General serves as the District's chief legal officer and represents the District, its agencies and its officials in court. OAG provide independent and objective legal advice to the city's elected officials and serves as the District's chief legal advocate. Four Key

Initiatives are: 1) Consumer Protection and Community Outreach; 2) Affordable Housing Protection and Enforcement; 3) Public Safety and Criminal Justice, Protecting Children and Families and Juvenile Rehabilitation; and 4) Protecting Taxpayers, Workers, and Enforcing Honest Government. Attorney General Racine is eager to hearing comments from the electorate. Contact can be made through Robert White, Director of Community Outreach [Robert.white@dc.gov or 724-5487]; Jennifer White [jennifer.white@dc.gov]; or oag.dc.gov.

7. Old Business:

7.1 Addition to 2111 Florida Ave, Friends Meeting House; Commissioner Bender made a brief statement regarding the “Accessibility Structure” being planned for connecting the two buildings at the Meeting House. Without vote, ANC 2D Commissioners voiced support of the proposed design and praised the applicants for their responsiveness to community input.

7.2 2229 California Street; Commissioner Bender announced that an electronic notification had been received from the Public Space Permit Office stating that an application to occupy public space for the purpose of “Excavation: Electric Connection (Trench) Fixture” had been filed. Attempts to clarify the purpose of the application remained unanswered---is it addressing the removal of the electrical charging station outlet or re-locating it? Word was received that it was not a complete application and would not be acted upon. Without knowing what the application is actually addressing, Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D urges the Public Space Management Branch to deny this application, unless it is for the permanent removal of the electrical box charging box which if this is the case the Commission has no objection to this application. **Approved**

8. New Business:

8.1 Ward 2 ANC Chairs Meeting with Chief Financial Officer Jeff DeWitt; Chairperson Bender announced that CFO DeWitt has invited the Chairs of Ward 2 ANCs to meet with him on April 30th to share comments on various fiscal issues facing the District. Should you have an issue you believe should be brought to the CFO’s attention, let Commissioner Bender know before April 25th.

8.2 2430 Tracy Place NW; John Campitell; During discussion of the planned patio enclosure the, Commissioners raised the following concerns: 1) the lack of neighbor comments, 2) the use of space below the enclosed above ground structure, 3) the need for BZA relief, and 4) compatibility of design with the houses on either side of the proposed patio. Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D, with reservation, supports the enclosed patio addition to the rear of the house as presented in the documentation provided to the ANC at its April 20, 2015, public meeting. **Approved**

8.3 Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:

8.3.1 Martin’s Wine and Spirits; 1919 Florida Ave., NW

8.3.2 Sherry’s Wine and Spirits; 2627 CT. Ave., NW

8.3.3 Universal Liquors; 2018 Florida Ave., NW

Following a brief discussion, the Commissioners decided to take no action on the 3 renewal applications since they appear not to be problematic.

8.4 Zoning Commission Hearing on Roof Top Penthouse Regulation Amendments; The Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on the *Revised Zoning Regulation Text Amendments Pertaining to Rooftop Penthouse Regulations* on April 30, 2015, at 6:30PM. These amendments do not address “Pop-Ups”. For further details; contact the Office of Planning at www.dcoz.dc.gov or call 202-442-7600.

8.5 Use of Spanish Steps, May 16, 5:30 PM; Wedding; Eric Fox; 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 May 16, 2015, at 5:30PM as submitted by Eric Fox. **Approved**

8.6 Use of Mitchell Park, Series of Events sponsored by FOMP; Pierre Wagner; Commissioner Goldstein moved and it was seconded, that “ANC 2D fully supports the request of the FOMP to hold for the benefit of the community the following events: Films in the Fields (June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17); Music Afternoon (September 17); and Fun-Day and Halloween Party (October 25) and requests the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue the necessary permits. **Approved**

8.7 Use of Spanish Steps, May 2, 11AM-2PM; After Wedding Photos; Michael Owens; 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 an after-wedding photo session at the Spanish Steps on May 2, 2015, at 11:00AM until 2:00PM as submitted by Michael Owens. **Approved**

8.8 Request from Mitchell Park for Circulation of DPR Closure Notices; Kindy French; All residents are reminded that following prolonged rains, the athletic fields at Mitchell Park are often closed by the Department of Parks and Recreation. There are multiple ways to receive field closure updates:

- Visit dpr.dc.gov where updates will be listed on their homepage
- Call the DPR weather hotline at (202) 671-0331
- Follow on [Twitter](#) for the latest DPR weather updates
- Subscribe to the [DPR list serve](#)

9. Announcements:

9.1 Summer Hours, **Circulator Bus**; See **Exhibit A**

9.2 **Metro’s New Safety Preparedness Video**; See **Exhibit B**

9.3 Department of Housing and Community Development is conducting a 3 month community meeting series by Ward. These event will update residents on current projects, what is being planned and to hear concerns and innovative ideas on what would be best for our communities. **The Ward 2 meeting is scheduled for June 18 6:30-8:30PM at the MLK Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW.**

9.4 Holly Sukenik informed the residents that **Restore Mass Ave.** will hold a Spring Fundraiser at the Dutch Ambassador’s Residence, 2347 S Street, on May 7, 2015. Anyone who hasn’t received an invitation can contact Holly at hsukenik@hotmail.com.

10. Open Comments: No comments made.

11. Date of Next Meeting—May 11, 2015 (**This is the 2nd Monday of the Month and not the 3rd**)

12. The meeting was adjourned, by consent, at 8:17PM.

EXHIBIT A

DC Circulator Summer Service Hours Start March 30

Extended hours, Sunday service on Nationals Game Days; stop change on Union Station—Navy Yard Route

(Washington, DC) Starting this **Monday, March 30**, the DC Circulator will extend its service hours by two hours on weeknights and add Saturday service on the Union Station—Navy Yard Metro and Potomac Avenue Metro—Skyland via Barracks Row routes.

Both routes will run Mondays through Fridays from 6 am to 9 pm, and Saturdays from 7 am to 9 pm. The extended hours will run until Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Union Station—Navy Yard Metro Stop Change

As of March 30, buses at Union Station headed in the direction of Navy Yard will only serve the stop at Massachusetts Avenue, NE, and Columbus Circle, NE, before turning right at Columbus Circle to head south on Second Street, NE.

Buses on this route will no longer service the First Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NE, or Second Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NE, bus stops headed eastbound.

DC Circulator to Ballpark

For every Washington Nationals night game (beginning at 4:05 pm or later), the Union Station—Navy Yard route will operate until midnight. For Sunday home games, the route will operate from 10 am to 10 pm.

Known for its convenient 10-minute frequency, the Circulator costs one dollar a ride, with additional discounts for seniors and District students. More information about the routes and schedules is available at www.dccirculator.com.

EXHIBIT B Metro introduces new safety preparedness video

Metro today unveiled new safety preparedness videos to show riders what they should do in the event of an emergency involving smoke or fire on a train or in a station.

The 60-second videos, available in English and Spanish, will be aired on local television stations as Public Service Announcements. In addition, Metro has purchased paid advertising time to maximize awareness. The ads will begin airing next week.

"We encourage all of our customers to take a moment to review the new video," said Metro Interim General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Jack Requa. "We will continue to take steps to improve safety and emergency preparedness for our riders in the weeks and months ahead."

The English-version video features Metro Transit Police Detective Erin Cooper. In the wake of the January 12 incident, customers indicated that they wanted additional information about what to do in an emergency and those they trust Metro Transit Police to deliver that message.

The three-minute version, intended for online presentation on wmata.com and social media, features an introduction from MTPD Chief Ron Pavlik and Prince George's County Fire & Rescue Chief Marc Bashoor. Chief Bashoor also serves as the Chair of the Council of Governments Fire Chiefs Committee. Among the topics covered in the video: +When and how to evacuate +Third-rail familiarization and safety guidance +How to use on-board intercoms +Location and use of emergency exits +Location of emergency signage Use link to view link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVkYTffV90w>

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise announced. There is an open forum at each meeting for discussion of relevant issues not on the regular agenda. For additional information go to the ANC website at ANC2D.ORG