

ANC 2D

## Meeting Minutes

March 18, 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 2 Commissioners and 18 residents/guests.

3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.

4. Minutes of the February 25, 2013, Meeting were **Approved**

5. Administrative/Financial Matters

- 5.1 Commissioner's Items:

1. On February 26, 2013, the Commissioners from ANC 2B and 2D participated in a work session to establish a working relationship and to share ideas on various issues—ranging from fiscal matters to alcohol/beverage issues to assistance provided by various City Agencies.

2. Commissioner Lamar announced he had received notice that the Public Space Committee has approved the installation of the Ataturk Statue as presented by the Embassy of the Republic Turkey (1606 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW). The flag pole was not approved to be installed on the "park space" but rather should be placed on the building.

- 5.2 Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lamar reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2012 Allotment of \$735.92 had been received. Fund balance is \$3104.82.

- 5.3 It was moved by Commissioner Bender, that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter fiscal year 2013 financial report, which covers the period October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, be approved as prepared. Motion was seconded. **Approved**

6. DC Gov't Reports:

- 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Sergeant John McDonald....spoke of crime in the Sheridan-Kalorama area. He urged residents to be aware of what is occurring around them and not be distracted by using handheld devices, etc. You can contact Sargent McDonald at [johnmcdonald2@dc.com](mailto:johnmcdonald2@dc.com)

- 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger [James.Bulger@dc.com](mailto:James.Bulger@dc.com)

- 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy...Reported Councilmember Evans has requested for inclusion in the current budget being submitted to the Mayor a sum of \$50,000.00 for

restoration of the small house at Mitchell Park. [sloy@dccouncil.us](mailto:sloy@dccouncil.us)

## 7. Old Business:

7.1 Chinese Embassy: Ron Finiw, Chair, Task Force on the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, reported that the selection of a General Contractor is in progress with an expected completion date of April 5. The Embassy is targeting mid-April groundbreaking with excavation to start around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Start to finish is currently planned as 26 months for a completion date in July 2015.

7.2 2225 California Street....(2219 California Street; Calistoga).....Don Malnati, Renovations Unlimited, Inc., attended the meeting to provide an update on the project and answered questions. Issues being or to be addressed:

1. Mobilization of the site – sediment controls, fencing, clearing, enclosing street tree, etc
2. Excavation for the foundation
3. Commence underpinning works to the existing garage structure
4. The meeting to be held between the developer and residents, at the urging of HPRB, has not been held.

Note - they will have the sidewalk closed on California St Monday to Friday during work hours for the duration of the project per approved Traffic Management Plan and Public Space permit. Further questions should be sent to Matt Baker, Project Manager at [mbaker@renunlimited.com](mailto:mbaker@renunlimited.com).

## 8. New Business:

8.1 District's Public Space Regulations...Chris Shaheen, Program Manager, DC Office of Planning. Provided an overview of the District's public space regulations. His presentation included an informative visual presentation of important definitions. Shaheen outlined the Public Space Committee's responsibility assuring that the use of public space for public and private purposes are consistent with the laws and policies of the District government. A question and answer session provided additional insight into the responsibilities and work of the Committee. [chris.shaheen@dc.gov](mailto:chris.shaheen@dc.gov)

## 9. Announcements:

--9.1 **Councilmember Jack Evans will be making a presentation at our April 15, 2013, Meeting.**

--9.2 DDOT has announced a series of public meetings to be held this month to discuss *moveDC*, DDOT's initiative to develop a long range

transportation plan. Everyone who drives, walks, bikes, rides a bus, or takes a train in DC should plan to attend to help create a new transportation vision for current and future generations. To learn more and locate meeting schedule log on to [www.wemovedc.org](http://www.wemovedc.org)

--9.3 Restore Mass Ave: Her Excellency Muni Figueres, Ambassador of Costa Rica, and the Board of Restore Mass Ave. are hosting a fund raising cocktail reception on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 6:00 until 8:00PM. Anyone who has not received an invitation and wishes to attend should contact Holly Sukenik; [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com)

--9.4 The Spanish Steps Preservation Project and Endowment Fund: Has announced two spring events to be held to benefit the Preservation of the Steps. 1)The Third Annual Jazz on the STEPS will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013, 1-3PM. 2)The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey a reception on Thursday, June 6, 2013, 6:30-8:30 PM.

10. Open Comments:

11. Date of Next Meeting—April 15, 2013

12. Meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

#### COMMISSIONERS:

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