



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 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 7:00 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Ellen Goldstein (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 23 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of October 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's October 15th, 2018 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 announced that Jeff Nestler was recently elected as new the commissioner for single member district 2D02. She congratulated Mr. Nestler on his election.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will hold a community meeting regarding the agency's 20th Street / 21st Street / 22nd Street NW Protected Bike Lanes project on Wednesday, December 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the West End Library, 2301 L Street NW.

Commissioner Goldstein said that the broken lights at Mitchell Park have been fixed. She thanked the Mayor's Office for its help with ensuring that the lights were turned on.

Commissioner Goldstein said that on October 30th the DC Office of Zoning issued its zoning order for the 2118 Leroy Place NW project. She said that she does not know if there will be any further appeals of the zoning order.

Chair Bender said that the designated leaf collection dates for the Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood are November 18th and January 6th.

Chair Bender said that Restore Mass Ave has received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to install trees on the plaza adjacent to the PNC Bank at 1913 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Chair Bender said that the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application for 2332-2338 Massachusetts Avenue NW will be considered by HPRB during one of the board's November meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Goldstein said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$10,720.06.

FY 2018 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Goldstein moved to approve the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 4 financial report. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Treasurer's Report (Continued)

Commissioner Goldstein moved to pay Peter Sacco, the ANC's Administrative Coordinator, \$300 for services performed as Administrative Coordinator during the months of July, August, and September 2018. Chair Bender 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, the Lieutenant for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Police Service Area (PSA) 208, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Lt. Merrill said that he has been named a Captain for MPD and will soon be leaving the Second District. He said that MPD has not yet named a replacement for Police Service Area (PSA) 208. He thanked the community for its support over the years.

Chair Bender moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding Lt. Merrill's promotion. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

The Sheridan-Kalorama Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D) has been privileged to work with Lt. Jerome M. Merrill as the representative for Police Service Area 208 of the Metropolitan Police Department's Second District for the past several years. Lt. Merrill has enhanced the work of the Commission through his attendance at our monthly public meetings and other community events, always representing the PSA and MPD with honor and distinction in the spirit of community policing. We wish Lt. Merrill

much success in his new position as a Captain for MPD. We will greatly miss him and hope that someday he will return to the Second District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D commends and thanks Lt. Merrill for his years of distinguished service to the Sheridan-Kalorama community.

Mayor's Office

Alyssa Ryan and James Cerasia, Ward 2 representatives for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), were present. Ms. Ryan said that Mayor Bowser has prioritized the collection of fresh ideas from the community on ways to improve the city as part of the start of the Mayor's second term. Ms. Ryan said that local residents can email their ideas to Mr. Cerasia and herself.

Ms. Ryan said that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) leaf collection season has started. She said that there is a pamphlet with collection information on the table in the back of the meeting room.

Commissioner Goldstein thanked Ms. Ryan and Mr. Cerasia for their support of the community.

Councilmember's Office

Daniel Bassett, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that there is a large amount of DC Council activity currently taking place as part of the upcoming end of the current DC Council legislative session. He said that Councilmember Evans' Office is currently working on internet sales tax and sports betting legislation.

Old Business

District Department of Transportation's Assessment of High Crash Sites – Intersection at Florida Avenue, S Street, and Connecticut Avenue NW

Emily Dalphy, a Transportation Engineer for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave an overview of the agency's high crash site visits to two problematic intersections along Connecticut Avenue NW: the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW. She said that agency representatives reviewed crash data and field observations to try and find ways to improve safety at the two intersections. She gave an overview of the crash data and the field observations for the two interactions.

Ms. Dalphy gave a visual presentation regarding the proposed short-term and long-term safety improvements for the two intersections. She said that proposed short term improvements include the installation of additional signage, the installation of additional lane striping, the installation of curb bulb-outs, and the upgrading of crosswalk markings. She said that other possible improvements include the modification of pavement markings, changes to intersection signage, the installation of flexi-posts, and the closure of certain driving lanes in order to decrease pedestrian crossing lengths.

The Commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion with Ms. Dalphy regarding the proposed improvements to the two intersections and changes that could be made to the proposals.

Ms. Dalphy introduced Donise Jackson, a Community Engagement Specialist for DDOT, who Ms. Dalphy said can be reached via email at: donise.jackson@dc.gov if local residents have any Ward 2-related DDOT questions or concerns. Ms. Dalphy said that she can also be reached via email at: emily.dalphy@dc.gov if local residents have any questions or concerns related to this specific DDOT project.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Short-Term Rental Bill (B22-0092)

Chair Bender said that the DC Council is currently debating DC Council Bill B22-0092 – the “Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017.” He said that the community has concerns regarding the amount of money that the DC Government will have to spend in order to enact the legislation.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Update Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW Parking and Traffic

Chair Bender said that he and Lt. Merrill met with representatives from the Islamic Center of Washington in order to reach a compromise regarding the enforcement of parking regulations for mosque attendees who park on streets adjacent to the mosque. He gave an overview of the compromise that was reached.

A local resident raised concerns regarding DDOT and the United States Secret Service’s removal of certain marked parking spaces near the mosque.

New Business

Office of the People’s Counsel

Cheryl Morse, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People’s Counsel (OPC), gave an overview of the work of the office. She said that the office can assist DC ratepayers with issues that they are having with electricity, telecommunications, and gas providers in DC.

Ms. Morse said that the merger of AltaGas and Washington Gas was approved by the DC Public Service Commission. She said that, as a result of the merger, Washington Gas agreed to pay a rate credit to DC ratepayers as part of their August or September bills.

Ms. Morse gave an overview of Washington Gas’ PROJECTpipes, a long-term project to replace over 29 miles of aging gas pipes across all 8 wards of the city. She said that, as part of the project, Washington Gas is moving many gas meters that are currently located inside of homes to the outside of the homes. She said that Washington Gas should be distributing door hangers

alerting local residents to any upcoming gas pipe work that is going to be taking place on their street.

Mr. Morse gave an overview of OPC's efforts to provide guidance to local residents who are considering switching to third-party utility suppliers. She also gave an overview of the proposed DC Council legislation that would allow OPC to advocate on behalf of DC ratepayers in front of DC Water. She added that OPC can provide guidance to local residents who are considering installing solar panels on their home.

Myanmar Embassy; Installation of 5 Foot Rear Fence

Michael Greigg, an architect for the Embassy of Myanmar's construction project, gave a visual presentation regarding the embassy's proposal to install a security fence along the rear of the embassy property that would be five feet tall. He said that the embassy has been discussing the project with nearby neighbors. He added that some neighbors have indicated their support for the project. He said that the embassy has also received a letter of support from the U.S. Department of State regarding the project.

Chair Bender raised concerns regarding the proposed height of the fence, as well as the need for the fence. He said that the ANC would not approve of a fence that is taller than 42 inches.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Open Comments

There were not any open comments.

Announcements

Commissioner Goldstein said that it has been a pleasure to serve on the ANC. Chair Bender thanked Commissioner Goldstein for her service on the ANC.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, January 14th 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 8:53 pm.