



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2020, 7:00 pm

Online via Zoom

#### Call to Order

Chair David Bender called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

#### Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners David Bender (2D01) and Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 22 residents and visitors in attendance.

#### Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nestler 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 May 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's May 18th, 2020 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

#### Administrative and Financial Matters

##### Commissioner's Comments

*There were not any commissioner's comments.*

##### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler said that he had no updates as part of the treasurer's report.

Chair Bender said that the ANC's proposed FY 2021 budget will be discussed during the ANC's regular September meeting.

#### DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Officer Jeremy Brady, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood

### Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that DC is continuing to monitor the coronavirus data before moving into Phase Two of reopening. She said that the first day that it would be possible to move into Phase Two is this Friday, June 19th, however that is not guaranteed. She said that the Mayor's Office is encouraging local residents to get tested, especially if they attended First Amendment demonstrations. She gave an overview of the new testing sites that are open to the public, including several fire stations across the city. She also gave an overview of specific Ward 2 projects that are included in the Mayor's proposed FY 2021 budget.

### Councilmember's Office

Sherri Kimbel, a representative for the Ward 2 DC Council Office, said that the Windsor Park Hotel is licensed as a rooming house. She encouraged local residents to call 9-1-1 if there are any issues with the property. She said that she is going to follow up with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) regarding Assets possibly illegally starting outdoor food and alcoholic beverage service. She also gave an overview of the transition to a new Ward 2 DC Council Office staff.

### Old Business

#### Massachusetts Avenue NW Renovation — Scope of Project

Commissioner Nestler said that he does not know when the Massachusetts Avenue NW renovation project is planned to start. He said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is still assessing how deep the excavations need to go down along the roadway.

#### Foreign Mission Properties — Chinese, Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopian

Commissioner Nestler said that the Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire's property at 2424 Massachusetts Avenue NW has a commercial brokerage sign out front. He said that the U.S. Department of State says that the property is not listed for lease.

Chair Bender said that the ANC is still not clear if the Embassy of China will turn the unpaved portion of Belmont Road NW over to the city. He said that the ANC is continuing to investigate the matter.

Chair Bender said that the former Embassy of Ethiopia property at 2134 Kalorama Road NW continues to sit vacant and there continue to be problems with four trees on the property. He said that the ANC continues to advocate for the removal of the four trees.

#### Zambia Chancery, 2419 Massachusetts Avenue NW — BZA 20254

Chair Bender gave an overview of how the ANC previously supported the proposed renovations for the Embassy of Zambia's property at 2419 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

#### 2020 Census Update

Chair Bender encouraged all local residents to complete their 2020 Census.

#### 2118 Leroy Place NW (Federation of State Medical Boards) Update

Chair Bender said that the Federation of State Medical Boards has decided to put its property at 2118 Leroy Place NW up for sale. He said that the property's ongoing renovation will be part of the sale package. He said that the ANC does not know when the sale will occur. He added that there will be a caretaker who will be on the property each day to prevent vandalism.

#### **New Business**

##### DC Water Town Halls 2020

Chair Bender said that DC Water holds a series of town halls each year. He encouraged people to go to DC Water's website at [www.dewater.com](http://www.dewater.com) to find the town hall information and to attend the town halls.

##### 2449 Tracy Place NW

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

ANC 2D supports the proposed replacement of the fence along Wyoming Avenue NW on the property of 2449 Tracy Place NW. The ANC requests that all materials, including the metal fencing and the stone and cement fencing, match the existing fence. The ANC further requests that the applicant provide project plans to the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association and the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Council.

##### 2475 Kalorama Road NW

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

ANC 2D supports the project plans as presented as part of the Historic Preservation Review Board application for 2475 Kalorama Road NW. The ANC looks forward to having the project completed with the historically-approved architectural features as discussed with the ANC.

### **Announcements**

Chair Bender encouraged people to check out DC's coronavirus website at [www.coronavirus.dc.gov](http://www.coronavirus.dc.gov) for up to date information regarding DC's response to the coronavirus.

Chair Bender said that he has decided to not stand for reelection later this year.

### **Open Comments**

*There were not any open comments.*

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Bender said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Chair Bender adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.