



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2019, 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 Jeff Nestler (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 26 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of April 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nestler moved to approve the ANC's April 15th, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Bender seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Guest: Jeff Marootian, Director of the District Department of Transportation

Brant Miller, a Program Analyst for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave an overview of DDOT's various responsibilities across the District, including public space, roadways, and sidewalks. He encouraged local residents to report any DDOT-related issues through the city's 3-1-1 system. He added that local residents can also reach out to him if they feel as though specific issues are not being addressed. He said that his email is: brant.miller@dc.gov.

Mr. Miller gave an overview of DDOT's PaveDC map, which maps out all of DDOT's paving activities and future paving plans across the District. He said that the map can be found at: www.ddot.dc.gov/pavedc. He said that DDOT also recently created a sidewalk repair list for the entire city.

Commissioner Nestler gave an overview of several DDOT-related issues in the neighborhood that he has discussed with Mr. Miller. Commissioner Nestler said that he is keeping a spreadsheet that lists all of the issues.

Chair Bender gave an overview of his concerns regarding the traffic patterns that will result from the opening of the Embassy of China's apartment building at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW. He also gave an overview of the neighborhood's ongoing concerns regarding through traffic on the alley off of Waterside Drive NW.

The meeting attendees discussed various neighborhood DDOT concerns with Mr. Miller.

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Commander Duncan Bedlion, Captain Paulette Woodson, and Officer Jeremy Brady, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, were present. Commander Bedlion introduced himself to meeting attendees as the new Commander for the Second District. He said that the Second District is currently focused on addressing thefts from automobiles. He added that he also regularly receives community concerns regarding the need for more traffic enforcement across the Second District. He encouraged local residents to participate in the Mayor's Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Captain Woodson also introduced herself to meeting attendees. She said that she can be reached on her cell at (202) 809-8116. She said that the Second District has added a traffic enforcement unit for its midnight tour of duty.

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nestler gave an overview of the ANC's previous discussion to opt out of DC's Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) program. He said that he continues to seek feedback on whether the ANC should consider opting into the VPP program.

Chair Bender said that DC Water will hold its annual Ward 2 town hall on Tuesday, May 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Jelleff Recreation Center, 3265 S Street NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nestler said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$10,491.37.

DC Government Reports (Continued)

Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of his efforts to address various rat, trash, and parking issues across

the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to send him any safety issues in the neighborhood, including streetlights that are not working.

Mr. Kotb said that the 2019 Capital Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, June 8th at 4:30 pm in Dupont Circle. He encouraged local residents to attend the parade. He also said that the DC Council is currently considering the Mayor's proposed FY 2019 budget. He gave an overview of several specific DC Council budget actions that the Mayor is concerned about.

Councilmember's Office

Daniel Bassett, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council is currently focused on finalizing DC's FY 2019 budget. He gave an overview of some of the citywide investments that are proposed as part of the budget, including investments in DC's "Birth-to-Three" initiative. He added that Councilmember David Grosso's proposed mansion tax did not make it into the budget.

Mr. Bassett gave an overview of the current status of the Shaw Middle School site. He said that Councilmember Evans strongly supports the reopening of a new middle school at the site and does not support the Mayor's proposal to move Banneker High School to the site.

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

Trina Stewart, a Supervisory Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Specialist for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), gave an overview of the agency. She said that CSOSA is a federal agency that serves as DC's probation and parole agency. She added that she serves as the agency's liaison to MPD's Second District.

Ms. Stewart said that if any local nonprofit organizations have a need for volunteer manpower, she can arrange for some of the agency's clients who have community service requirements as part of their release to help out.

Mr. Stewart said that she can be reached via email at: Trina.Stewart@csosa.gov.

Old Business

License Renewal Applications (The Churchill Hotel, Sushi Ogawa, and Washington Courtyard By Marriott)

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Chinese Embassy Apartment Building Public Space Application

Chair Bender said that the ANC previously filed a statement regarding the Embassy of China's public space application for the embassy's apartment building at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW. He said that the statement included ANC comments regarding the fencing, the vehicular access,

the walkway along the north side of the property, the condition of the small park in front of the property, and the reopening of Connecticut Avenue NW near the front of the property.

Update Regarding 2341 Wyoming Avenue NW (Afghanistan Embassy)

Chair Bender said that the ANC had previously been told that a construction company had been hired to fix the retaining walls on the Embassy of Afghanistan's property at 2341 Wyoming Avenue NW. He said that it appears that construction has not started yet. He added that the retaining walls are in danger of collapsing.

New Business

5G Small Cell Permit Applications for the 2300 Block of Tracy Place, the 2000 Block of Thornton Place, the 2100 Block of Bancroft Place, the 2400 Block of Massachusetts Avenue, the 1900 Block of Connecticut Avenue, the 1500 Block of 22nd Street, and the 2200 Block of Massachusetts Avenue NW

Commissioner Nestler said that under the city's new small cell regulations, cell carriers have to reach out to the ANC with information regarding where the companies are proposing to install small cells in the neighborhood. He gave an overview of the proposed small cell locations that the ANC has received thus far from Verizon. He also showed a map that included all of Verizon's proposed small cell locations in the neighborhood.

Chair Bender said that multiple studies have concluded that there are no negative health impacts related to small cells.

Multiple meeting attendees raised concerns regarding the installation of small cells in the neighborhood.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

2241 Bancroft Place NW (Kitchen Extension)

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

ANC 2D supports the historic preservation application for 2241 Bancroft Place NW.

Announcements

21st Annual MANNA Race for Affordable Housing on June 15th

No one was present regarding this matter.

Other Announcements

Audrey Nevitt, a representative for the Friends of Mitchell Park, gave an overview of the organization's 2019 "Films in the Park" schedule, which is as follows:

- Thursday, June 13th (Rain Date: Thursday, June 20th) from 8:00 to 10:30 pm - A League of Their Own
- Thursday, July 11th (Rain Date: Thursday, July 18th) from 8:00 to 10:30 pm - Coco
- Thursday, August 8th (Rain Date: Thursday, August 15th) from 7:30 to 10:30 pm - Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
- Friday, September 6th (Rain Date: Friday, September 13th) from 6:30 to 10:30 pm - All the President's Men

Monica Sibri, the National Program Coordinator for IGNITE, gave an overview of the organization, which aims to build the political ambition of young women and girls who will ultimately run for office.

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, June 17th 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 8:35 pm.