

ANC 2D

MINUTES

October 19, 2015, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

Submitted by David R. Bender, Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order 7:02 PM by Chairperson Bender.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were 2 Commissioners and 31 Residents/guests.
3. The Agenda was **Approved** as amended: Item 8.3 was removed and item 7.2 was added.
4. Minutes of the September 8, 2015, Meeting were **Approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments: No comments made.
 - 5.2 Treasurer's Report...Treasurer Goldstein reported that the September Fund Balance is \$7,992.84. Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded that two administrative reimbursement checks (#101 and #104) be issued. **Approved** Commissioner Bender moved and it was seconded that the 3rd Quarterly Report (April-June) for 2015 be accepted as presented. **Approved**
 - 5.3 Acceptance of FY 2016 Budget...Following discussion in which the grants program was mentioned, a motion to accept the FY 2016 Budget that was introduced at the September Meeting was moved by Commissioner Bender and it was seconded. **Approved** See Exhibit A
6. DC Gov't Reports:
 - 6.1 U.S. Representative (Shadow) Franklin Garcia; D.C. Statehood; Representative Garcia highlighted current DC Statehood legislative initiatives being introduced in both the House and the Senate. It appears that the House Bill is gain more sponsors than have any previous bill. However, the Republican legislators are still not signing on. He shared several strategies that are being used to gain more support for the creation of "New Columbia". A question and answered period followed. franklin.garcia@dc.gov
 - 6.2 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jerome M. Merrill; Not present jerome.merrill@dc.gov
 - 6.3 Mayor's Office... Eva Lewis; eva.lewis@dc.gov Ms. Lewis discussed several of the Mayor's current initiatives highlighting, assistance for the elderly, homeless reduction, and the *6 Month Progress Report*. Ms. Lewis was thanked for outstanding support and service she has provided to the Commissioners and S-K residents.

6.4 Council Member's Office...; Tom Lipinsky; tlipinsky@dccouncil.us Not present

7. Old Business:

7.1 Application for new liquor license; Sushi Ogawa (2100 Ct. Ave): John Stegner. Concerns were shared over the hours of operation and potential noise. Mr. Stegner assured residents that the owners of Sushi Ogawa wanted to be a supportive neighborhood establishment and should any issues ever arise that Mr. Minoru Ogawa (chef/owner) and he would meet with the community to solve the issues. Commissioner Bender moved, and it was seconded, that "In supporting this application for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, the ANC notes, for the record, that a restaurant operates at this location under a special proviso allowing a 'non conforming business to operate in a residential district'. Sheridan Kalorama is zoned as a residential district as well as being designated a Historic District. The ANC recognizes this special "non conforming" status for the restaurant at 2100 Connecticut Ave., NW, in its support of the restaurant's application to the ABRA, while affirming that a restaurant has no 'right', by zoning law, to operate at this location". **Approved**

7.2 Zambian Embassy Temporary BZA Application; David Snider. Mr. Snider, representing the Zambian Ambassador, presented Case Number 19134 (Application for Foreign Mission) for the temporary use of the single family dwelling at 2200 R Street as the Chancery of the Embassy. The Embassy staff of 20 has already moved into the home. No parking is being requested for the staff that will continue to park at the Embassy that is undergoing extensive renovations. The Embassy is seeking a one-year special exception for it will move back to Mass. Ave. location once the renovation work has been completed. Following a lengthy discussion of both the Commissioners and residents, Commissioner Goldstein moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D opposes the allowing of the conversion of an existing Single Family Dwelling into chancery in D/R 3 and urge that the Embassy be granted the right to continue to operate at this location without street parking for the necessary temporary one year period.**Approved**

8. New Business:

8.1 National Park Service; Landscape Rehabilitation of Park at Mass Ave, 24th Street and S Streets; Joshua Torres and Nick Bartolomeo: The National Park Service is proposing to rehabilitate the landscaping and portions of the infrastructure of the triangle park that contains the sculpture of Irish patriot Robert Emmet. The scope of the project was shared. The Commission stated that the Call Box at the corner of 24th Street and Mass. Ave. should be protected during all rehabilitation work. The Commission also raised concern about the condition of the National Park at Kalorama Road and Connecticut Ave. **Without vote, the Commissioners, supported the proposed landscape rehabilitation to U.S. Reservation 302 as**

presented at the ANC's October 19th Meeting by Nick Bartolomeo and Joshua Torres.

8.2 2113 Bancroft Pl., NW, Basement Apartment (DCOZ #19105); Francisco Ruiz. The property owner is seeking to convert the existing basement to an accessory apartment. The conversion would require relief for the additional square footage added to the house would fall short of the lot size requirement. After Commissioner and resident discussion, Commissioner Goldstein moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D supports, with reservations ((1) that action on this application does not present a precedent for future requests, and 2) that the property owner assures through engineering studies and ongoing inspection of the common walls and the stability of the foundations on the two adjacent properties)) the application for relief at 2113 Bancroft Pl., NW was accepted. **Approved**

8.3 Exterior Elevation Installation, Our Lady Queen of the Americas; Father Evelio. **Postponed until a future meeting**

8.4 Spanish Steps; Permit Request for November 14, 2015, Wedding; 2-5 PM.....Juskiewicz: 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 November 14, 2015. It is understood that no debris (flower petals, paper, rice or whatever) will be thrown around the fountain, on the Steps or in the surrounding park area. **Approved**

8.5 Resolution to Support the Mayor's Work to End Homelessness in DC; A motion was made by Commissioner Bender and was seconded, to accept the Resolution as read. **Approved** See Exhibit B

9. Announcements:

9.1 Mitchell Park Fall Fun Day is Sunday October 25th from 2:30-5:00PM. On November 5th, (6:30 until 8:30PM) the Friends of Mitchell Park will host a fundraiser at the residence of Curtis Bristol, MD and Marie Drissel. Should have any questions regarding these two events, please contact Holly Sukenik (hsukenik@hotmail.com)

10. Open Comments: No comments made.

11. Date of Next Meeting—November 16, 2015

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldstein, seconded, with the meeting being adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Exhibit A: **FY 2016 Budget**

Estimated Revenue: \$3500.00

Admin Items:	150	
Bank fees:	150	
Contingency:	200	
Community Grants:	3000.00	Total: \$3,500.00

Exhibit B:

A Resolution in Support of Reducing Homelessness in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS there are too many children, women and men living on our streets and shelters;

WHEREAS Mayor Bowser and the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness have introduced a five-year plan called *Homeward DC* to reduce homelessness and support policies to;

- Make shelter available to families when they are in need, not only during hypothermia.
- Commit to reduce the time individuals and families experience homelessness by connecting them to housing and important ‘wrap-around’ social service to help them achieve independence and find a path to the middle class.
- Provide ‘interim eligibility’ short-term placements to assure the public safety of families waiting for permanent shelter placement.
- Clarify emergency housing configuration as apartment-style or a private room;

WHEREAS as a community, we should close and replace DC General with smaller, more dignified emergency housing for families in need of shelter and other housing assistance;

WHEREAS the City should provide greater assistance and financial support to existing Homeless Programs, such as Charlie's Place at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, affirms its support in reducing homelessness in the District of Columbia and will seek the support of the residents of Sheridan-Kalorama with this effort.

ATTESTED BY: David R. Bender, Chair/Secretary ANC 2D (10/19/15)

This resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0 on October 19, 2015, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 2D at which a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS:

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