

ANC 2D

**Minutes**

September 16, 2013, 7:00PM

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

The Meeting was opened with a moment of silence for the 12 people killed and the many who were wounded this morning at the Washington Navy Yard.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present were 2 Commissioners and 33 residents/guests. Fr. Evelio Menjivar, the new Pastor at Our Lady Queen of the Americas was introduced and welcomed.
3. Agenda was **Approved** as distributed.
4. Minutes of the June 17, 2013, Meeting were **Approved** as published.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters:
  - 5.1 Commissioner's Comments
    - 5.1.1 Commissioner Lamar shared information regarding recent crimes in S-K; the house fire on Wyoming Ave; and told all residents the importance of having their house number on both the front and back of the property.
    - 5.1.2 Commissioner Bender moved Resolution 2013-3 (Honoring Phil Baker), it was seconded and **APPROVED**  
SEE EXHIBIT C
  - 5.2 Treasurer's Report...Current Balance \$1008.00. The five community grants made have all submitted the necessary documentation which has been sent on to the Auditors.
  - 5.3 The 3rd Quarterly Financial Report (4-6/13) was **accepted** as submitted to the Auditors.
  - 5.4 Treasurer Lamar presented the FY 2014 Draft Budget. Following a brief discussion it was **moved** by Commission Bender, and seconded, that the Budget be tabled for final presentation at the October 21, 2013, Meeting. **Approved**
6. DC Gov't Reports:
  - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Lieutenant Jesse Porter
  - 6.2 Mayor's Office...James Bulger
  - 6.3 Council Member's Office..Sarina Loy...Ms. Loy spoke briefly on the Visitor Parking Pass Program

## 7. Old Business:

7.1 Chinese Embassy Project Update....Finiw, Han and Guanhua...Mr. Ron Finiw, Chair of the ANC 2D Task Force on the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, spoke briefly and then introduced two representatives from the Embassy. Renderings of both the front and back designs of the building were shown. All permits have been received and final negotiations are underway on several issues. Once these have been settled construction work will begin. Mr. Han assured us that we would be notified once the start date has been finalized.

7.2 2328 Mass. Ave.....Joshua O. Hill (MuseArchitects) Following a presentation by Mr. Hill in which he gave assurance that no changes were to be made to the front of the property and no zoning adjustments were being requested (a matter of right project); it was moved by Commissioner Lamar, and seconded, that ANC 2D fully support the proposed renovations to 2328 Mass Ave. as detailed in the Plans dated September 16, 2013.

### **APPROVED**

7.3 Zoning Regulations Review....Update: The 3 major issues in the revisions to the DC Zoning Code which could have an impact on S-K are: parking, corner stores, and accessory dwelling units. Following a brief discussion no further action was taken. Chris Chapin (President, S-K Neighborhood Council) reported on changes that are being made to the Diplomatic Overlay portion of the Code.

7.4 Update on 2225 California Street (Calistoga): The Contractor provided the following update on the project: "We have finally completed the foundations and are currently working on the second floor slab which we will pour in the next few weeks. There will be some more action on the street with cranes, deliveries, concrete pump etc. in September and October as the prefabricated metal framing panels are delivered and installed on the floors. We are targeting to have the structure complete and installing the roof in November. I had our foundation subcontractor do a big clean up of the job last week and he took out many loads, so that will make a difference. Also I will get some rat traps set out around the perimeter of the site this week".

7.5 United Arab Emirates (2406 Mass Ave.): In December 2010, ANC 2D approved plans (application #18136) for the site renovation. As of this week, all permits have been received and construction work will immediately begin. Ted Wolf, Forrester Construction, will serve as Construction Manager. He informed the residents that the sidewalk in

front of the property will be closed for safety reasons but assured everyone that as soon as possible it will be reopened. Since the project falls in Commissioner Lamar's Single Member District he will serve as S-K's contact person.

## 8. New Business:

8.1 Visitor Parking Pass Program...Evian Patterson, Management Analyst, DDOT.....**Postponed until Future Date**

8.2 Height of Buildings Act....Sally Berk; Following a presentation and brief discussion; Commissioner Lamar moved that; ANC 2D agrees to support The Historic Districts Coalition endorsement to "Make No Changes to the Height Act" and agrees to be a signatory on future correspondence which state this position. Seconded **Approved**

8.3 1823 Phelps....Commissioner Lamar moved, and it was seconded, that ANC 2D request HPRB to postpone the October 24<sup>th</sup> hearing on this property until the ANC has had an opportunity to hear the proposed site plan and to give it proper consideration. **Approved**

## 9. Announcements:

9.1 Restore Mass Ave: The Nevitss shared an update on RMA Tree Program activities; such as: 1) improvements to the S-K treescape, 2) inventory/measurement project, 3) plantings, 4) videos which have been added to the Website and YouTube and 5) the number of embassies and individuals involved in the project.

9.2 Our Lady Queen of the Americas: Fr. Menjivar announced that the Church would be doing landscaping work on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the Annual Procession would be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. A number of concerns have been received about vendors selling food along Columbia Road. He assured everyone that the Church does not sponsor nor support this activity.

9.3 Friends of Mitchell Park: Holly Sukenik, Vice President, reported that the FOMP would be hosting its Fall Benefit on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the home of The Netherlands Ambassador. Should you wish to attend the event and have not received an invitation, please contact Holly at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com) or call 202.332.2952.

9.4 Preserve Our Green Space: Holly Sukenik provided an update on the group and asked for residents who are interested in preserving Sheridan-Kalorama's green spaces to become a volunteer. She can be contacted at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com) or call 202.332.2952.

10. Open Comments: A resident raised concern over the exterior condition of the Albanian Embassy. Commissioner Lamar has raised this with the Department of State and DC's Secretary of State and they are working with the Albanians in an attempt to get them to clean up the exterior of the Florida Ave. property.

11. Date of Next Meeting—October 21, 2013

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Lamar, seconded, and approved at 8:45PM

### **Exhibit A:**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION ON 9/6/2013

Notice is hereby given that: License Number: ABRA-000704 Applicant: Fabwill Inc<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>Trade Name: **Royal Palace** ANC: 2B01

Has applied for the renewal of an alcoholic beverages license at the premises:

1805 CONNECTICUT AVE NW, Washington, DC 20009

PETITIONS/LETTERS OF OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE:

10/21/2013 HEARING WILL BE HELD ON 11/4/2013

AT 10:00 AM, 2000 14th Street, NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20009

License Class/Type: C Nightclub

ENDORSEMENTS: Days <sup>[[SEP]]</sup>Sunday:<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Hours of Operation 3 pm - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 3 am 3 pm - 3 am

Hours of Sales/Service 3 pm - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 2 am 11:30 am - 3 am<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>3 pm - 3 am

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### **Exhibit B:**

The D.C. Office of the People's Counsel:

**A Hands-on Citywide Workshop:**

**Making Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Real**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center**

*For additional information or to request disability accommodations or language/sign*

*interpreter services, contact OPC at 202.727.3071 or by email at [ccceo@opc-dc.gov](mailto:ccceo@opc-dc.gov) by September 30, 2013.*

## **Exhibit C:**

### **Resolution 2013-3**

**In 2002/03, the city invited neighborhoods to claim and repurpose the historic police and fire call boxes; the invitation fell on deaf ears in many neighborhoods, but not in Sheridan-Kalorama. Phil Baker saw it and said to himself: "We should do something about this." Before long he appeared at an ANC meeting and said the same thing to all of us and asked for volunteers. A Committee of residents was formed in 2003, under his leadership, they began working together to implement the project.**

**Since the beginning, Phil has clearly been the driving force behind the S-K Call Box Restoration Project. He set the bar high, called the meetings, kept the minutes, did much more than his share of the work. The result is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood, and we want to thank him as he prepares to step down from the leadership of the group. The call boxes of Sheridan-Kalorama as we now know them would have not existed without Phil Baker. There is still work to be done, but Phil feels it is time for him to step back. The Committee will find new leadership, but it is impossible to imagine better leadership. We owe a debt of gratitude to Phil for his vision and his persistence.**

#### COMMISSIONERS:

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*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise announced. There is an open forum at each meeting for discussion of relevant issues not on the regular agenda. For additional information go to the ANC website at [ANC2D.ORG](http://ANC2D.ORG).*