

ANC 2D

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2012

Our Lady Queen of the Americas

2200 California Street

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.
2. A quorum was established: Present 2 Commissioners and 21 Residents/Guests.
3. Agenda was **approved** as published.
4. The Minutes of the March 19, 2012, Meeting were **approved** as published and distributed and the April 23, 2012 Meeting Notes were **accepted** as distributed.
5. Administrative/Financial Matters
 - 5.1.1 Treasurer's Report...Notification has been received from the District of Columbia Auditor that to increase transparency, ANC quarterly reports will be posted on the ODCA's website. Sensitive information (such as bank accounts numbers) will be extracted from the reports.
 - 5.1.2 A motion was made by Commissioner Lamar and seconded to **approved** the Quarterly Report (May 2012) as submitted to the ODCA.
 - 5.1.3 The current fund balance is \$3799.78. Commissioner Lamar reminded Community Not-for-Profit organizations that the deadline for submission of 2012 Community Grants is May 27, 2012. Grant Applications must include the 6 items contained in the Grant Announcement of April 23, 2012. (The Grant program was established in January 23, 2012, with the approval of the ANC 2D 2012 Budget)
6. DC Govt. Reports
 - 6.1 MPD (PSA 208)...Should you have further questions or concerns to be brought to the attention of MPD, you can contact Lieutenant McDonald at JohnC.McDonald@DC.Gov. Commissioner Lamar has been in continuous communication with Commander Reese and Lieutenant McDonald in regards to recent crimes which have occurred in S-K. He will continue to share relevant information via the ANC Listserv.
 - 6.2 Mayor's Office (James Bulger)...You can reach James at James.Bulger@dc.com
 - 6.3 Council Member's Office (Sarina Loy)...You can contact Sarina at sloy@dccouncil.us Ms. Loy reported that Councilman Evans has

talked with MPD about the recent crimes occurring in the ANC. The "temporary" buildings constructed on the parking lot of the Mosque is still under investigated.

7. Neighborhood Groups

7.1 SKHA...Kindy French...No report

7.2 SKNC...Chris Chapin....No report

7.3 Friends of Mitchell Park...Pierre Wagner...on the 3rd Thursday of June, July and August, FOMB will be showing films in the Park. The herb garden has been planted. A fund-raising event will be held on October 4, 2012, at the Portugese Embassy. Further information can be found in the next issue of the Newsletter.

7.4 Call Boxes...Phil Baker...No report

7.5 Language ETC...Phil Baker...No report

7.6 Restore Mass Ave...Holly Sukenik reported that RMA is recruiting volunteer "tree keepers" to help care for the trees along Mass Ave. and the S-K neighborhood. Should you be interested in volunteering please contact Deborah Shapley.

7.7 Views from S-K...Saone Crocker...The Spring issue of Views has been released. The deadline for the Fall issue will be the end of August.

7.8 Spanish Steps...David Bender...The review process on the proposals to do the restoration work on the Spanish Steps has been completed by Department of General Services and the recommended contractor's proposal has been forwarded to the Procurement team for approval. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in late May or early June. A community meeting will be held to inform the public of the work to be done and the time frame. The Board of Directors of the STEPS thanks Jim Bell for hosting the 2nd Annual Jazz on the Spanish Steps concert. The participants were treated to an enjoyable afternoon; however, attendance was sparse and donations for the preservation of the STEPS fell below expectations.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Update on Chinese Embassy Project....no report was available. Questions should be directed to Ron Finiw, Task Force Chair, at rfiniw@me.com.

8.2 Kalorama Village...the Steering Committee of the Village has decided to disband the organization. Residents interested in "Aging in Place" activities are encouraged to contact Dupont Circle Village at

Dupont Circle Community Resource Center, 9 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036; or bernice@dupontcirclevillage.org; or 202.436.5252.

8.3 1618 22nd Street...in a report, dated March 1, 2012, the ANC supported a variance application to allow a rear deck addition to an existing one-family row dwelling. On May 1, 2012, the Board of Zoning made a decision that the application would not be adverse to any party thus granting authorization for the home owners to proceed.

8.4 Bastille Day Celebration...Alliance Francaise...announces that the July 14th event has been moved from Wyoming Avenue to Hillwood Museum. The Mayor's Special Events Task Group denied the closure of Wyoming Ave. based on the facts that the street was too tight and that not 100% of the residents in the apartment building at 2100 CT. Ave. consented for the Alliance to close Wyoming Ave.

9. New Business:

9.1 Group Instruction Centers and Studios.....The Zoning Commission has released a final ruling amending the text for "Group Instruction Centers or Studios". The amendment permits dance, exercise, martial arts, music and yoga studios as a matter-of-right use in C-1, CR and W Zone Districts.

10. Open Comments:

10.1 Lynn Lambert reported on the activities of Preserve Our Green Space in Sheridan-Kalorama (a not-for-profit group) to save the St. Regis Garden (2225 California Street). The group is studying long term solutions to the elimination of green space throughout our neighborhood.

10.2 Commissioner Lamar reported that he is addressing a complaint regarding a flag poles on an embassy properties.

10.3 Cooperative efforts continue with the State Department on the deterioration of vacant embassy properties (such as the Albania and Egyptian Military building).

11. Next Meeting–June 18, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DDOT Issues New Procedures for Emergency No Parking Signs
Handwritten Signs will No Longer Be Permitted in Most Cases

(Washington, D.C.) – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced today that all signs posted in public space for ‘Emergency No Parking (ENP)’ restrictions must now be electronically printed. Handwritten ENP signs are no longer permitted in public space; they will be removed by inspectors and the permit applicant may be issued a \$25.00 fee for each improperly posted sign.

--The change will make it easier to track the posting of Emergency No Parking signs and help residents determine if posted signs are valid and properly permitted.

--Applications for public space permits can be submitted using DDOT’s Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS) and Emergency No Parking signs can be printed at the Public Space Permitting Center, 1100 4th Street from 8:30am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday or at most Metropolitan Police Department stations.

--All ENP signs issued for public space permits should include the following information:

–Date(s) and hours for which parking is prohibited

–Public space permit number or DDOT contact number

–Date the signs were printed

–Contact name and phone number

Utility companies working in public space now have the ability to print no parking signs at their facilities. If they are responding to an emergency—such as a gas or water leak—they may post handwritten signs if necessary, provided the signs include an Emergency Work Request number.

If you believe a posted no parking sign is not valid, call the Public Space Inspections office at 202.671.2036

PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT LOOKUP TOOL Residents can also research permits online using the Public Space Permit Lookup Tool. The user can enter a specific address or area and pull up all the all the Public Space Occupancy and Construction permits issued for that location or within that area and see information including who the permits were granted to and for how long.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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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.