

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011 Brookings Institution**

The April Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:00 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Jack Jacobson (2B04), Victor Wexler (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08) and Ramon Estrada (2B09). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

**Special Guest:** At-Large Council Member Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Mendelson spoke briefly regarding public safety, the District budget and redistricting.

**Minutes/Calendar**

1. Approval of February & March 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

2. Circulation of Monthly Work Calendar

**Public Announcements**

1. Next Public Safety Meeting for PSA 208: Tues. 7pm @ District 3 HQ (17th & V)
2. Avon Walk for Breast Cancer: April 30-May 1 (Molly Gascoigne)

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to support the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer event on April 30-May 1. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

3. New Interactive Zoning Map: full Briefing Tues. May 3rd 7pm

A full briefing will take place May 3rd at 7pm at the ANC resource center.

4. Other Announcements (if any)

Commissioner Stephens announced that Commissioner contact info and resolution letters were posted to website.

Commissioner Estrada noted that Standard had opened recently at 14th and S Street.

Commissioner Carney announced the Concert for Life.

Commissioner Feldstein announced that the ceremony honoring the turning on of the Dupont Circle fountain would take place Sunday, May 17th at 12pm.

Commissioner Jacobson noted that graffiti tagging was seen around the neighborhood. He also noted that the Freemasons Temple had cancelled its community garden.

## **General Items**

### **Presentation asking for support by Youth Pride (additional details forthcoming) – being held in Dupont Circle on April 30, 2011 (2B02)**

The applicant requested a small grant. Commissioner O'Connor proposed a grant of \$300. Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to support Youth Pride held in Dupont Circle on April 30, 2011. Commissioner Stephens stated he would support a grant, but only if Commission pays directly due to ANC law requiring receipts. Commissioner O'Connor accepted the friendly amendment. Commissioner Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

### **Request for removal of unused U.S. Post Office storage box at 1615 Q Street, NW (2B04)**

Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to request that USPS or DDOT remove the Post Office storage box located at 1615 Q Street NW. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0) with Commissioner Feldstein out of the room.

### **Consideration of resolution urging continued funding of overtime police detail**

Commissioner O'Connor noted that the ABRA budget calls for elimination of MPD Police details. He made the following motion:

Whereas, the Metropolitan Police Reimbursable detail has been an effective tool used to enhance the public safety of the Dupont Circle community; and

Whereas, business, residential and community interests alike support the use of reimbursable details to support Dupont Circle nightlife; and

Whereas, Mayor Gray's Fiscal Year 2012 budget calls for a \$498,977 net decrease in Special Purpose Revenue funds for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board budget that would cover the Metropolitan Police Reimbursable detail;

Whereas, ABRA regulatory reforms currently under consideration by the City Council are estimated to increase alcohol sales taxes by over \$6 million and may serve as an ideal revenue source to fund reimbursable details.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC 2B) opposes the reduction of funding for the Metropolitan Police Reimbursable detail in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget;

Be it further resolved, that ANC 2B requests that the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia recognize the important role Metropolitan Police Reimbursable details play in communities around the District and identify alternate sources of funding that will protect the Metropolitan Police Reimbursable detail in the coming fiscal year.

Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

### **Consideration of resolution recommending Mike Silverstein for a full term on the ABC Board (5 mins)**

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to recommend Commissioner Silverstein for a full term on the ABC Board. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not voting due to his position on the ABC Board.

### **Regulatory**

Multiple Agencies

### **Application by Local 16, 1602 U Street NW, for new sidewalk cafe on NH Ave. side: HPRB, DDOT, and ABC applications filed. (2B08)**

Commissioner Stephens recommend to take no action, but asked the applicant to bring back more detailed documentation regarding the green area. DCC noted that it did not support the application because of the loss of green space. The Commission took no action.

### **Application for public space sidewalk cafe and application to change class from DR to CR by Ezme (DR Restaurant), 2016 P Street, NW hours of operation Sun 10am -12am Mon-Th 11am-12am, Fri-Sat 11am-1am (2B02)**

Commissioner O'Connor noted and requested the minutes to reflect that non-attorney representative Andrew Kline did not bring a previous public space permit, issued December 29, 2010, before the Commission for Ezme. He noted that the Commission cannot vote on the public space aspect of the current application. Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to not object to the the application for a public space sidewalk cafe, but notes that DDOT did not notify the Commission of this application. Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to support the request for a change from DR to CR license, including a stipulated license for the change from DR to CR. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0), with Commissioner Silverstein not voting due to his position on the ABC Board.

### **Public Space Applications**

#### **Application by Vento, 2120 P Street NW, for sidewalk cafe permit and for valet parking (DDOT hearing 4/21). (2B02)**

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to make no objection to the application for a public space sidewalk cafe, noting that DDOT did not notify the Commission, and that ANC 2B had no objection to the valet parking request. The motion carried (8-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

#### **Application by Ping Pong Dim Sum, One Dupont Circle, for public space sidewalk cafe permit (2B02)**

Commissioner O'Connor noted that the Commission cannot support the proposed hours. The applicant stated he would work with the Commission on hours of operation.

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to not object to the request. The motion carried (9-0).

#### **Application for public space sidewalk cafe at 1629 16th St N.W., Chopt Restaurant, DDOT Tracking Number 59659. Hours of Operation Mon-Fri. 10:30am to 8pm, Sat. 11 am-5pm. (2B05)**

Commissioner Wexler noted that the Office of Public Space already granted a license, before notifying the Commission about the application. The Commission was extremely disappointed in the manner this application was handled by DDOT. We received notice of the application, with 30 business days to respond. However, prior to this deadline, this item was put on the DDOT public space agenda and approved. Therefore, the ANC did not have an opportunity to weigh in. The SMD Commissioner, Victor Wexler, was going to recommend that we make no objection to this particular application, because of its location and hours, but we did not even have that opportunity here.

Commissioner Wexler recommended taking no action under the circumstances. The Commission took no action.

Application by Heritage India, 1337 Conn Ave NW, for valet parking. ANC comment due 4/15/11 (2B07) (10 mins)

Commissioner Carney made a motion to oppose the application. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

Application for public space sidewalk cafe permit for T Street side of 1904 14th St NW, Policy Restaurant, DDOT Tracking Number 59699. Cafe space is 224 sq ft with 8 tables, 16 seats and 6 umbrellas. (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada made a motion to object to the T Street café, subject to negotiations to include the existing signatories of the voluntary agreement. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating due to his position on the ABC Board.

### **ABC Applications**

No separate applications

### **HPRB & Zoning Applications**

**HPRB Application: 1506 19th street NW – repaving the area in public space facing 19th street, creating a new stairway down to a cellar retail space, and refurbishing the façade at the first floor and cellar levels (2B02)**

Commissioner Feldstein made a motion to support the application. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. Commissioner Stephens made a friendly amendment to support the request, but not include language about speaking with the owner regarding green space. Commissioner O'Connor accepted the friendly amendment. The motion carried (8-1) with Commissioner Jacobson voting in opposition.

**Cities Restaurant (919 19th Street, NW) – Application for public space sidewalk cafe. Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the request. Commissioner Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0) with Commissioner Feldstein out of the room.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Dupont West Moratorium Ad Hoc Cmte – ABC Board passed 60 day extension.**

### **ABRA Policy Committee**

Reports on old business (if any): Draft model VA, Ward 2 Singles Sales restrictions – Commissioner Estrada noted that the Committee is meeting on 4/27 at 7pm at Dupont Circle

Resource Center and is scheduled to review additional sample language for the Model VA. The Committee will also be discussing the Single Sales ban renewal.

### **Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee**

**Reports on old business (if any): Capital Bikeshare locations, Zoning Re-write, Conn Ave underpass greening, Conn Ave median & landscaping, Farragut virtual Metro tunnel, Speed hump study – No update.**

Next Meeting: Tues. 5/3/11 7pm @ Resource Center (if needed)

### **Community Involvement Committee**

Reports on old business (if any): Community “Grants” Policy – No update.

### **Commissioner Reports (9:35pm)**

Neighboring Jurisdiction Reports (if any): West End/Foggy Bottom (2B06), Adams Morgan (2B01, 2B08), Kalorama (2B01, 2B02), Logan Circle (2B04, 2B05, 2B09), Georgetown (2B06), Columbia Heights/Shaw (2B09)

### **Short Reports on Old Business (if any)**

One Lounge: entertainment endorsement (2B02) – No update.

Mighty Pint: extended hours (2B02) – VA submitted to applicant.

Marrakesh: CT tavern renewal (2B02) – Protest hearing date is May 25.

Freshfarm Market: public space Vermont Ave (2B05) – No objection.

Shake Shack sidewalk cafe (2B06) – Submitted revised plan removing two benches.

Tandoori Time sidewalk cafe (2B06) – Technical amendment made to VA.

Kabab-ji: valet parking application (2B07) – No update.

### **Administrative/Financial Matters**

Finances/Treasurer’s Report

### **Quarterly financial reports**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to approve quarterly report. Commissioner Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

Commissioner Silverstein reported:

Savings: \$34,828.52

Checking: \$28,285.85

Total: \$63,113.37

Expenses: Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to approve the following expenses:

- Check 1858 for \$537 to Executive Director:
- Check 1859 for \$74.75 to Datarealm for website expenses.
- Check 1860 for \$246.79 to Paychex
- Check 1861 for \$500 for Policy Intern Stipend
- Check 1862 for \$89 to Kevin O'Connor
- Check 1863 for \$121.89 for printer toner

Commissioner Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to approve no more than \$200 for renting a car for Pride Parade. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

Other Admin items (if any)

### **Adjournment**

At 10:00 PM, Commissioner Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclimation.

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 7:00 PM at the Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – 1st Floor, Falk Auditorium .

Respectfully submitted,

Freddie Blicher  
Executive Director  
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B  
ADOPTED: May 11, 2011