

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011 Brookings Institution**

The May 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), Will Stephens (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Jack Jacobson (2B04), Victor Wexler (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Will Stephens (2B08) and Ramon Estrada (2B09). Phil Carney (2B07) was not present. The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to approve the April minutes. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

**Public Announcements**

1. Public Safety Meeting: 5/16/11 7pm @ Policy Restaurant, 1904 14th St NW
2. Office of Zoning's "Zoning 101" session: 5/24/11 7:00-8:30pm @ MLK Library, 901 G St NW, Rm. A-10
3. Announcement of Public Meeting for the Expansion of Capitol Bikeshare: 5/25/11 6-8pm @ 441 4th St NW, Rm. 1107 (Sandy Castor, DDOT)
4. Launch of Dupont Festival (Aaron DeNu). Information can be found at [dupontfestival.com](http://dupontfestival.com) or by emailing Aaron Denu at [dupontfestival@gmail.com](mailto:dupontfestival@gmail.com)
5. Other Announcements (if any) Debbie Schreiber, President of DCCA introduced herself to the Commission.

**General Items**

Update on Whitman Walker Project—District Condos, James Nozar, Project Manager

Mr. Nozar noted that new apartments would be up for sale. More info can be found at [dcdistrict.com](http://dcdistrict.com).

**Regulatory**

ABC Applications

**Application by Chi Cha Lounge (1624 U St NW) for termination of Voluntary Agreement with L. Owen Taggart and Preston Reed, Jr. Petition due 5/16/11; Hearing 5/31/11. NOTE:**

**Correction by ABRA of March 2011 item on which ANC 2B took no action; Does not affect existing VA with ANC 2B. (2B08)**

Commissioner Stephens noted that the Commission took no action last month. ABRA had placarded the wrong VA. The Commission took no action on the termination of the VA with the two former owners.

**Application by Ping Pong Dim Sum, One Dupont Circle, for new CR (Restaurant) license w/hours of operation, sales, service, summer garden (20 seats) and sidewalk cafe (80 seats) of Mon-Thur 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-3am. Entertainment: DJ or up to 4-piece band, dancing. Petition Due 5/23/11; Roll Call Hearing 6/6/11 (2B02)**

Commissioner O'Connor made the following motion:

ANC 2B does not object to the application for a new CR Restaurant license, because the establishment changed the hours in its application to close its summer garden and sidewalk cafe by 11pm Sunday through Thursday nights, and by 12am Friday and Saturday nights.

Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

**Application by Shophouse Southeast Asian Kitchen, 1516 Conn Ave NW, for new 40-seat, 50-occupancy DR (Restaurant beer-&-wine-only) license w/hours 11am-12am daily. Petition Due 5/23/11; Roll Call Hearing 6/6/11. (2B02) Commissioner O'Connor recommended taking no action. The Commission took no action.**

**Application by Current Sushi Restaurant 1215 Connecticut Ave. N.W. to amend 2007 Voluntary Agreement amendment (original VA 2002) to allow louder music on Summer Garden. (2B05)**

Commissioner Wexler made a motion to support. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

**Application by the Guitar Bar, 1216 18th St NW, for new CT (tavern) license, for upscale tavern serving European sausages, hotdogs, pretzels, & popcorn; summer garden with 210 seats; interior seating capacity 60; and total occupancy 330. Hours Sun-Thurs 11:30am-2am, Fri-Sat 11:30am to 3am; Entertainment (DJ and background music). No designated dance floor or dancing. Sun-Thurs 6pm-2am, Fri-Sat 6pm-3am; Petition Due 5/23/11, Roll Call Hearing 6/6/11 (2B06)**

Commissioner Feldstein made the following motion:

ANC 2B protests the application for this new CT license on the basis of peace, order, and quiet, subject to the successful negotiation of a voluntary agreement.

Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

**Application by The Post Office (1407 T Street NW) for CR license with occupancy load of 259. Request for sidewalk cafe with 56 seats and summer garden with 14 seats. Maximum operating hours (2am/3am) inside and 11 p.m. and midnight for sidewalk cafe and summer garden. Request for entertainment endorsement for recorded music and DJ. Petition due June 6; Roll Call Hearing June 20. (2B09)**

Commissioner Estrada made the following motion:

ANC 2B protests the application for this new CR license on the basis of peace, order, and quiet, and adverse effect on parking and vehicular safety, subject to the successful negotiation of a voluntary agreement.

Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-1) with Commissioner Jacobson abstaining and Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

**Application by Capitol City Brewing Company t/a Penthouse Bar, 1612 U Street NW, for new CT (tavern) license with American-style menu, sandwiches, soups, and salads, with occupancy load 299; hours of operation, sales, service, & consumption (rooftop summer garden) Sun 10am-2am, Mon-Thurs 8am-2am, Fri-Sat 8am-3am.**

Commissioner Stephens made the following motion:

ANC 2B protests this application on the basis of peace, order, and quiet, subject to the successful negotiation of a voluntary agreement.

Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Silverstein not participating.

### **Public Space Sidewalk Cafe Applications**

#### **Sweet Spot, 1140 19th St NW (tn#61054) (2B06)**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the application. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Jacobson out of the room.

#### **Martini Bar, 1223 Conn. Ave NW (tn#61096) (2B05), 24 chairs, 2 tables, hours 11:30am-2am Sun-Thur, 11:30am-3am Fri-Sat**

Commissioner Wexler made a motion to not object. Commissioner Stephens made friendly amendment to not object, and to require food service up to one hour before closing. Commissioner Wexler withdrew his motion. He also made a motion to object due to the hours. Commissioner Silverstein made a friendly amendment that:

ANC 2B supports the application, but only up to 12:00 AM.

Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

#### **Hank's Oyster Bar, 1622 Q Street NW (tn#61078), 20 chairs, 10 tables, hours Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12am (2B05)**

Commissioner Wexler made the following motion:

ANC 2B supports the application, on the condition that the applicant share a letter describing its plans to buffer sound with the adjoining property to the east.

Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, but then withdrew it. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-1-1) with Commissioner Wexler abstaining and Commissioner O'Connor opposing due to the condition requiring a letter.

**Madhatter, 1319 Conn. Ave NW (tn# 61067), removal of 2 trees, 36 seats, hours Sun-Sat 8am-10:30pm (2B07)**

Commissioner Stephens made the following motion:

ANC 2B does not object, on the condition that the applicant will (if feasible) re-locate the two existing trees to available space adjacent to 18th Street, and if that is not feasible, will plant new trees of an appropriate species.

Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-2) with Commissioners Jacobson and Feldstein abstaining.

HPRB & Zoning Applications

No HPRB or Zoning applications

Other Regulatory Applications

**Request by Mundo Verde Public Charter School to operate a public charter school at 2001 S Street NW (2B01)**

Commissioner Feldstein made the following motion:

ANC 2B supports the occupation of space by Mundo Verde Public Charter School at 2001 S Street NW.

Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0) with Commissioner Silverstein out of the room.

**Committee Reports**

Dupont West Moratorium Ad Hoc Cmte

Report on status – Commissioner O'Connor reported that the ABC Board will be deciding next week on the moratorium.

## ABRA Policy Committee

Reports on old business (if any): Draft model VA, Ward 2 Singles Sales restrictions

Commissioner Estrada noted that the committee is currently working on a VA toolkit.

Next Meeting: TBD

## Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

Reports on old business (if any): Interactive zoning map, Capital Bikeshare locations, Zoning Re-write, Conn Ave underpass greening, Conn Ave median & landscaping, Farragut virtual Metro tunnel, Speed hump study

Commissioner Feldstein briefly discussed the Zoning Map meeting

Next Meeting: Tues. 6/7/11 7pm @ Resource Center (if needed)

## Community Involvement Committee

Reports on old business (if any): Community “Grants” Policy

The Committee will be having an informal “dinner summit” of neighborhood organizations before the next ANC meeting

## 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)

## Other Admin items (if any)

One Lounge: entertainment endorsement (2B02) – Entertainment endorsement went through.

Mighty Pint: extended hours (2B02) – VA was agreed upon and submitted to ABRA.

Marrakesh: CT tavern renewal (2B02) – Commissioner O’Connor requested a continuance for the rest of the month during the protest hearing.

Ezme: Sidewalk cafe & change from DR to CR (2B02) – Application went through.

Vento: Sidewalk cafe & valet parking (2B02) – Application went through.

1506 19th St NW: alteration of facade & green space (2B02) – No update.

Unused post box removal (2B04) – No update.

Cities Restaurant: sidewalk cafe (2B06) – No update.

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

Heritage India: valet parking (2B07) – No update.

Policy: 14th St & T St sidewalk cafes (2B09) – Public space committee asked the applicant to withdraw it's application.

Reeves Center voting barriers (Stephens) – Meeting will take place regarding security at the building.

DDOT public space notice (Stephens) – DDOT provides an email list for notices, and we have now all been signed up.

### **Administrative/Financial Matters**

#### 1. Finances/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mohammad, Treasurer, reviewed and approved the ANC's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010 financial report.

Commissioner Silverstein reported:

Checking: \$32,585

Savings: \$34,824

Total: \$67,406

### **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, June 8, 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: June 8, 2011