

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2011 Brookings Institution

The December 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), Phil Carney (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09). Commissioner Mike Silverstein (2B06) expected for a late arrival due to his ABC Board meeting.

Commissioner Estrada made a motion to approve the December minutes. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

Announcements

- Mike Lipin & Daniel Kramer announced that Dance in the Circle will have a dance festival featuring 8 Dance Companies on 4/21/12 from 3pm-9pm.
- Commissioner Estrada announced that the Post Office on 14th & T Streets will remain open until February and that Taylor Gourmet will be opening between T&U Streets.
- Commissioner O'Connor reminded everyone to use-#ANC2B on twitter. Also announced that the President was in the neighborhood on Friday therefore cars were towed unknowingly. The appropriate persons will be contacted in order to resolve this issue.
- Commissioner Feldstein announced that Dupont Festival now has nonprofit status. On February 2nd at 8am they will be hosting a Groundhog's Day event.
- Commissioner Jacobson announced that the Congo Embassy has torn up cement that was laid down & ANC Commissioner in Ward 5 was accused of stealing \$20,000. introducing an ethics & acct. proposal
- Dupont Circle resident, Carl S. announced that his car was broken into. 911 dispatchers and DC Police failed to react and respond effectively. Discussion on police work and duties followed. Commissioner Feldstein took the resident's information for follow-up.

General Items

***Annual election of officers / committee chairs ***

Commissioner Wexler moved that the existing officers be elected to another term.

Commissioner added a friendly amendment to include committee chairs in the vote.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. The Motion Carried 9-0

Elected Officers: Will Stephens (Chair), Mike Feldstein (Vice Chair), Mike Silverstein (Treasurer), and Phil Carney (Secretary)

Committee Chairs: Ramon Estrada (ABRA Policy), Mike Feldstein (Zoning, Preservation, & Development), Mike Feldstein (Community Involvement)

Consideration of opportunity to participate as co-hosts for a February or March 2012 Democratic candidate forum for At-Large District Council

Commissioner Jacobson moved that ANC 2B participate. Commissioner O'Connor seconded. The motion carried 8-0, Commissioner Silverstein stepped out.

Consideration of support for presidential debate in DC (Robin Diener)

Item was stricken from the agenda and tabled until February.

Resolution concerning Internet Gambling

The following resolution by Commissioner Wexler was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and carried 9-0.

Whereas, the D. C. Council has passed a law allowing internet gambling in hotels, bars, restaurants and,

Whereas, this bill was passed without public discussion, and

Whereas, placement and operation of Internet Gambling is vested wholly in the D. C. Lottery with only notification to the ANCs but without requiring the support of the ANCs and,

Whereas, no oversight authority is granted to any government agency, including the ANCs of the operation of internet gambling and,

Whereas, security measures to protect D.C. revenues from losses due to internet manipulation have not been identified,

Let it be resolved therefore, that the ANC 2B urges that the D.C. Council law on internet gambling be repealed with the understanding that such a law may be proposed in the future when due process is applied and the community at large consulted.

Regulatory

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Consideration of concept design proposed addition to Argentine OAS Mission building at 1816 Corcoran St NW (2B03)

Proposing an addition above the existing garage.

Commissioner Meehan introduced 2 block residents who had concerns about the cohesiveness of the new addition with the rest of the block, trees, and natural light.

Commissioner Meehan read the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and carried 9-0.

ANC 2B supports the project as presented. We recommend recessed panels in the front of the existing garage facing Corcoran Street, NW, to continue the rhythm of the street.

Public Space Applications

Prior business: Parking at 1841 16th St NW (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada motioned to reconsider initial support. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. The motion to reconsider carried by unanimous consent. Upon reconsideration, new motion to object by Commissioner Carney and seconded by Commissioner O'Conner. Carried 9-0.

Public Space Application #62940 for 6 tandem parking spaces at rear of 1438 U Street NW (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada motioned to object. Commissioner Carney seconded. Carried 8-0-1 with Commissioner Jacobson abstaining.

Application by St. Thomas Parish, 1772 Church St NW, for sign in public space (along 18th Street) (2B07)

Commissioner Carney motioned to not object and sees no problem. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Carried 8-0. Commissioner Meehan stepped out.

Alcohol Applications

Application for renewal of CR (rest.) license for Local 14, 1832 14th St NW (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada stated that the building for the establishment is still under construction and there is no business. Active License up for renewal & VA is continuing with the application. Recommendation is to take no action and let renewal move forward. The Commission took no action.

Application by Fuel Pizza & Wings, 1606 K St NW, for class CR (Restaurant) license for a “fast casual restaurant serving pizza, wings, salads, and similar fare;” Seating capacity 130; total occupancy 180; No entertainment; Hours daily 11am-2am; Petition due 1/23/12; Roll call hearing 2/6/12. (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler made a motion to support stipulated license & full license application. Carried 7-0-1 with Commissioner Meehan abstaining. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Application by Black & Orange, 1931 14th St NW, for new CR (restaurant) license for “restaurant specializing in hamburgers and Latin food” with occupancy 79 & 40-seat sidewalk cafe; open 24 hours (interior & exterior); alcohol sales/service hours Sun-Th 9am-2am, Fri-Sat 9am-3am (interior & exterior); Petition date 1/30/12; Roll Call Hearing 2/13/12. (1B02, near to 2B09)

Commissioner Estrada motioned to protest on basis of peace & order subject to successful negotiation of VA. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. ANC 1B will take lead but ANC2B is concerning itself with public space guidelines regarding outdoor cafe hours. Black & Orange is within 600 feet from ANC 2B boundary so it can protest because it is an affected ANC. Carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC board.

Application by Eye Bar, 1716 I St NW, for substantial changes as follows: (1) existing CT (tavern) license to new CN (nightclub) license; hours of interior operation Sun-Th 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-4:30am; hours of summer garden operation Sun-Th 11am-2:30am, Fri-Sat 11am-3:30am; hours of sales/service Sun-Th 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-3am (interior & exterior); Petition due 2/6/12; Roll Call Hearing 2/21/12. (2B06)

Commissioner O'Connor suggests taking no action. If objecting, he would like to be removed as lead from the matter.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to protest on basis of peace, order, & quiet subject to the negotiation of VA Carried 6-0-2 with Commissioner Stephens and O'Connor abstaining. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC board.

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

- Action on proposed bill regarding promoters and police detail- the bill has been referred to CM Graham's oversight committee. Commissioner Estrada would like to see this oversight committee schedule a hearing regarding this proposed legislation. The bill has been distributed to the ABRA Policy Committee for their thoughts and has received some great comments. Commissioner Estrada motioned to have the ANC write a letter requesting a hearing on regulation of promoters. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. Carried 8-0-1 Commissioner Silverstein abstained.
- Commissioners Estrada and O'Connor are still reviewing and working online VA toolkit w/ Kevin.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

- Next Meeting: Tues. 2/7/11 (First Tuesday) 7pm @ Resource Center –Subject to change may pair this with meeting regarding biking.

Community Involvement Committee

- Commissioner Feldstein would like more feedback on the Grants Policy Paper.

Dupont West Moratorium Ad Hoc Cmte

- Follow-up/info from moratorium – Commissioner O’Connor: there have been no applications for the lifting of licensing restrictions. Commissioner Stephens brought up the option of dissolving this committee and motioned to dissolve. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. Carried 9-0.

Commissioner Reports

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)

- Commissioner Silverstein-Occupy DC protested West End Library plan.

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

1. Bistro Bistro: valet parking (2B01) No Update
2. Board Room: new CT license (2B01) license granted
3. G-Star Raw security gate (2B02) Installing new gate
4. Sette Osteria: sidewalk cafe redesign (2B02) No Update
5. One West: singles sales & hours (2B02) ABRA has allowed them to sell singles
6. Whyland Condo: temporary parking space (2B03) No Update
7. First Baptist Church: Zoning relief (2B05) Granted
8. Third Church: HPRB concept design (2B05) HPRB meeting on 1/26/12
9. Barmy Liquors: singles sale & hours (2B06) ABRA has allowed them to sale single sales
10. 2017 N St: HRPB 4th floor addition (2B06) approved subject to limiting size of back stairway
11. Boqueria: New CR license (2B06) approved opening in February
12. IMF: BZA Application (hearing 12/13) (2B06) approved
13. Guitar Bar: new license (2B06) No Update
14. Ohfish: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) approved
15. Upper Crust Pizzeria: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) approved
16. Breadline: public space cafe (2B06) approved
17. Corner Bakery: public space cafe (2B06) approved
18. Potbelly: public space cafe (2B06) approved
19. Kabab-Ji, Heritage: valet parking (2B07) No Update
20. El Tamarindo: sidewalk cafe (near 2B08) Still ongoing
21. Friends of S/T Street Parks & DCCA partnership (Stephens) No Update
22. Resource Ctr cleaning, renovation, leasing (Stephens/Feldstein) cleaning bill paid up

Administrative/Financial Matters

1. Circulation of Draft FY 2011 Annual Report-meeting outside of ANC monthly meeting to discuss further on 1/28/12
2. Finances/Treasurer Report
Quarterly report by Commissioner Silverstein: District allotment of \$5,327, funds available for the quarter was \$75,479, \$4,695 spent in expenses (salaries, wages, taxes, etc.), Total funds \$70,784.74. Quarterly report by Commissioner Silverstein. Commissioner Jacobson motioned to approve. Carried 9-0.
3. Commissioner Stephens moved to appropriate \$25 to DC ANC security fund for 2012 Commissioner Estrada seconded. Carried 9-0.
4. Approval of FY 2012 budget. Commissioner Silverstein reported that there is no budget from Congress yet but will move this issues to next month.
5. Consideration of an amendment to the Policies and Procedures manual entitled “Ethics and Accountability” :

Commissioner Jacobson committed to talk with Gottlieb Simon about conforming the proposal to existing statutes. Tabled to 1st item for next monthly meeting.