

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, February 11, 2004  
DC Jewish Community Center**

The February Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Vince Micone at 7:15 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Rob Halligan (2B01), Vince Micone (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Darren Bowie (2B04), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Irv Morgan (2B07), Major Giese (2B08) and Ramon Estrada (2B09). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Micone announced that he would resign his Commission seat in March. Commissioner Irv Morgan announced his intention to resign in March also. Both Commissioners are relocating outside the Dupont Circle ANC.

Commissioner Micone proposed, and Commissioner Meehan seconded, a **motion** to name Commissioner Bowie Chairperson-elect so that he may take office immediately on April 1, 2004. The motion passed with 6 votes, with Commissioners Micone and Morgan abstaining.

It was announced that Mayor Williams will convene a Ward 2 Citizen's Summit on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at the Kennedy Recreation Center, 1440 7th Street, NW, at 7 pm.

Assistant US Attorney Michael Liebman distributed the quarterly prosecution report for MPD's Third District.

The following public safety meetings were announced: PSA 309, Thursday, February 19, 2004; Dupont Circle Public Safety Committee, Tuesday, February 17th; 3<sup>rd</sup> District Citizens Advisory Council, Thursday, February 26, 2004.

It was announced that the Embassy Square Hotel, located at the intersection of 20th and N Streets, NW, has closed and is expected to reopen as an apartment or condominium building.

Representatives of the new Heritage Indian Restaurant in the 1300 block of Connecticut Avenue announced their intention to request a stipulated ABC license at a future meeting.

Architect William G. Middleton, Jr., a representative of the Straits of Malaya restaurant announced the owner's intention to reopen the restaurant and to request a stipulated ABC license at a future meeting.

Commissioner Silverstein departed citing illness after authorizing the Chair to cast his vote by proxy for the rest of the meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Patrol Service Area (PSA) Restructuring: Commissioner Micone proposed, and Commissioner Estrada seconded, a **motion** to submit written testimony to DC Council's Judiciary Committee regarding the proposed new PSA boundaries. The motion carried unanimously. The Judiciary Committee, chaired by Councilmember Kathy Patterson, will conduct a hearing on this matter on February 24, 2004. Commissioner Micone noted that PSA 306 includes nearly all of the Dupont Circle ANC and that the Commission is on record supporting congruent PSA/ANC boundaries in general and the redrawn PSA 306 boundaries in particular. Commissioner Estrada will represent ANC 2B before the Committee.

**GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Though invited, representatives of the DC Department of Transportation were not in attendance to provide an update on area transportation projects. However, it was announced that the target completion date for the P Street Bridge project has been moved from May to June in light of the recent bad weather. The Chair commended the Urban Forestry Administration for removing a tree stump on O Street in a very timely fashion.

DC WASA representatives provided an update on its continued efforts in the Dupont Circle area. Mr. John Trypus testified that sewer cleaning in the Dupont Circle area has been completed and that sewer repair will be completed in April or May. Commissioners and members of the public reported continuing problems, especially with catch basins. DC WASA noted that all catch basins are cleaned once per year and that residents can call DC WASA for additional service as necessary. A further update will be presented by DC WASA officials at the March ANC meeting. Residents may contact Mr. Trypus at [jtrypus@dcwasa.com](mailto:jtrypus@dcwasa.com). Members of the public testified and Mr. Trypus acknowledged that the Scott Circle area, site of a planned DC Department of Transportation project, may need some immediate attention from DC WASA as many have observed drainage problems in the immediate vicinity.

Commissioner Bowie lauded the Historic Preservation Review Board and the DC Office of Planning for their efforts in the first comprehensive review since 1985 of the Historic Preservation Regulations. Commissioner Bowie proposed, and Commissioner Meehan seconded, a **motion** to support the proposed regulations with several recommended changes which strengthen the ability of ANCs to comment on applications before the Historic Preservation Office and the Historic Preservation Review Board. The motion carried unanimously.

## **REGULATORY ISSUES**

MPD Sergeant Brett Parson testified in favor of a proposed curb cut on the concrete pad above the Connecticut Avenue overpass adjacent to the Sun Trust Bank to accommodate up to three parking spaces for police cruisers. The Metropolitan Police Department's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit's new offices will soon be located in the Sun Trust building. Commissioner Morgan proposed a **motion**, seconded by Commissioner Estrada, to support the application to the Public Space Committee. The motion carried with 7 votes, with Commissioner Micone abstaining, as he is an MPD Reserve officer.

Mr. Louis Nichols, counsel to the Ascot Restaurant, testified before the Commission and requested a modification to the Voluntary Agreement with regard to the establishment's hours of operation for ABC service on Sundays. The current Voluntary Agreement between ANC 2B and the Ascot prohibits hours on Sunday. The Commission took no action on the request and recommended that the establishment's representatives submit a Substantial Change application to the ABC Board.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Bowie announced that documentation substantiating La Frontera Cantina's previous ABC license for sidewalk café service has been located. The ABC Board will consider the substantial change application submitted by La Frontera Cantina pending the negotiation of a voluntary agreement addressing the concerns of ANC 2B. Commissioner Bowie will present a draft Voluntary Agreement to the Commission at its March meeting.

Commissioner Giese announced that the ANC Assembly has heard a presentation on pay phones. He reminded the Commission and the public that if a local pay phone appears to be troublesome to a neighborhood, there is a process for improvement, and that these pay phones should not be considered permanent fixtures.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Commissioner Meehan proposed, and Commissioner Morgan seconded, a **motion** to continue banking services with Riggs Bank. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meehan proposed, and Commissioner Giese seconded, a **motion** to participate in the ANC Security Fund and to pay \$25.00 toward this participation. The motion carried without objection.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER MATTERS**

Commissioner Micone proposed a **motion**, seconded by Commissioner Bowie, to authorize the Chairperson and Chairperson-elect to provide testimony on ANC 2B's operations before the DC Council's Committee on Public Service. Each of the city's 37 ANCs is required to appear before the Committee annually.

The Commission heard public testimony on a resolution regarding Immigrant Voting Rights. Commissioners Micone, Bowie and Estrada will further refine the resolution's language before bringing it before the Commission for a vote at a future meeting.

Commissioner Giese proposed, and Commissioner Estrada seconded, a **motion** to adopt the January 2004 Minutes. The motion carried without objection.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 7 pm at the DC Jewish Community Center, 16<sup>th</sup> & Q Streets, NW.

The February 11, 2004, Meeting of ANC 2B was **ADJOURNED at 10:05 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Richardson  
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