

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

Theuly Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Darren Bowie at 7:05 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Rob Halligan (2B-01), Karyn-Siobhan Robinson, (2B-02), Bob Meehan (2B-03), Darren Bowie (2B-04), Mark Bjorge (SB-05), Mike Silverstein (2B-06), Gerald Schwinn (2B-07), Major Giese (2B-08), and Ramon Estrada (2B-09). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bowie noted that petitions from the Board of Elections and Ethics for those who want to become candidates for the ANC.

Commissioner Meehan announced that a Public Space Committee public hearing is scheduled for the Friends of Ross School for the 4th Thursday of August (August 26) at 10:00 am. The location is in the Office of Planning at 801 N. Capitol Street.

Commissioner Meehan attended an Emergency Management Agency meeting for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners regarding a message alert system to be used in disaster situations. Community leaders should sign up for messages that they can pass on.

The Commissioners heard a suggestion from the audience that a map of Single Member Districts be shown at public meetings.

Upon hearing a comment regarding tour buses, Commissioner Bowie directed the constituent to Ramona Burns, of the District Department of Transportation. Commissioner Schwinn suggested inviting Ms. Burns to a future meeting.

Jim Mears of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association invited people to volunteer for the house tour.

A resident of Corcoran Street noted he had no recent flooding but that the sidewalk on his street is in bad condition and slopes toward his building. Commissioner Halligan has contacted District officials about this previously and will do so again.

The Commissioners heard a request for input from neighbors regarding what they would like to see recycled in addition to clothes and shoes; comments may be sent to crco@erols.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Halligan stated the next Public Safety Committee meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Police Station at 7:00 pm. It will consist of a general meeting followed by a discussion regarding pawn shop laws.

Police Lt. Gary Durand discussed car break-ins, mostly north of the Circle and south of S Street. He urged prevention by avoiding leaving valuables (e.g. laptop computer, coins, purses) in sight in cars. He noted that people are not causing problems if they report suspicious activities such as someone peering into cars.

Police Lt. Muslim noted that when people call the police to report suspicious activity, they should say if the suspect is still on the scene. Also present during the discussion was Andy Lopez, Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Marco Santiago announced a police open house at 17th and U Streets for Saturday, August 14, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Rachel Goldstein of DC Citizens United for Clean Energy presented a position in support of District legislation that would require “at least 10% of the District’s electricity come from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar, phased in over a ten-year period.” Commissioner Bowie requested that she present resolution wording for consideration at the next meeting.

John Trypus of WASA provided an update on the status of repairs to prevent future flooding in the Dupont Circle area. He reported that much of the work is done and that WASA continues work on some smaller, localized issues.

REGULATORY AGENDA

A representative for The Fab Lounge, Inc. addressed the Commission regarding its ABC application no. 60761 (for a new license). Commissioner Halligan proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to protest the application on the basis of peace, order and quiet, with the intent to withdraw the protest following completion of a voluntary agreement addressing issues of trash, hours, line management, noise and parking, and allow Commissioner Halligan to negotiate a voluntary agreement for presentation for 2B’s Chairman’s signature. The motion was passed unanimously.

A representative for Pegasus, Inc. addressed the Commission regarding its ABC application no. 60775 (for a new license). No motion was made on the application, thus the Commission took no action.

The Commission took no action on the following ABC license renewals:

1801 Corporation c/o Phil Sheridan, T/A Rosemary & Thymes Bistro, 1801 18th St. NW, CR 02
Mt. Everett, Inc., T/A Mt. Everett Restaurant, 1805 18th St. NW, CR 01
Best Hunan Inc., T/A Best Hunan Restaurant, 2020 Florida Ave. NW, CR 01

Pace Inc., T/A Anna Marias Restaurant, 1737 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
R Street Restaurant, Inc., T/A La Tomate, 1703 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 02
Alero, Inc., T/A Alero Restaurant, 1724 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 02
Ben Incorporated, T/A Odeon Café, 1714 Conn. Ave. NW CR 02
Maharjan and Lama, Inc., T/A Polo India Club, 1736 Conn. Ave. NW CR 01
Paradise, Inc., T/A Pizzeria Paradiso, 2029 P Street NW, CR 01
D-p Inc., T/A Pesce, 2016 P Street NW, DR 01
2120 P St. Assoc., LLC/Lan, Inc., T/A Marriott Residence Inn/Phantom Restaurant, 2120 P St.,
NW, CH 02
Primi Piatti Café LLC, T/A Savino's Café & Lounge, 1 Dupont Circle NW, CR 02
Ascha & Co., Inc., T/A Childe Harold, 1610 20th St. NW, CR 02
The Washington Palm, Inc., T/A The Washington Palm, 1225 19th St. NW, CR 03
Thai Chef Inc., T/A Thai Chef, 1712 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 02
888 Incorporated, T/A The Front Page Restaurant & Grille, 1333 N.H. Ave. NW, CR 02
California Pizza Kitchen, Inc., T/A California Pizza Kitchen, 1250 Conn.Ave. NW, CR 02
Obelisk Inc., T/A Obelisk, 2029 P Street NW, CR 01
Style, Inc., T/A Sette, 1666 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 02
D G Holdings, Inc., T/A Raku - An Asian Diner, 1900 Q St. NW, CR 01
Mourayo, LLC, T/A Mourayo, 1732 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
Meristar H & R Operating Co. LLP, T/A Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Mass Ave. NW, CH 02
La Sostanza Inc., T/A Etrusco, 1606 20th St. NW, CR 02
Cosi, Inc., T/A Cosi Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Dessert Catering, 1350 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 02
Cosi, Inc., T/A Cosi Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Dessert Catering, 1647 20th St. NW, CR 02
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., T/A Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1629 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
Barcelo Hotels, USA, Inc., T/A Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P St. NW, CH 01
The Phillips Collection, T/A The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW, CR 01
Levante Corp., T/A Levante's, 1320 19th St. NW, CR 02
International Grocery Inc., T/A Casa Pena, 1636 17th St. NW, Ret. B
Hunam Inn, Inc., T/A Sol/Cobalt, 1639 R Street NW, CR 03
Chaos, Inc., T/A Q Club and Restaurant, 1633 Q St. NW, CR 02
Agl Investments No. 3 Limited Partnership T/A Washington Terrace Hotel, 1515 R.I. Ave. NW,
CH 02
Mirror, Mirror, Inc., T/A Iron Gate Inn Restaurant, 1734 N St. NW, CR 01
Kusam International Inc., T/A Ascot Restaurant, 1050 17th St. NW, CR 03
La Salle Washington Three Lessee, Inc., T/A Hotel Rouge, 1315 16th St. NW, CH 02
La Salle Washington One Lessee, Inc., T/A Topaz Hotel, 1733 N St. NW, CH 01
Pizzetti 824, Inc., T/A Komi, 1509 17th Street NW, DR 01
V.A. Assoc. I Limited Partnership, T/A Café Soleil, 839 17th St. NW, CR 01
Kissako LLC., T/A Teatism, 800 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
Blackie's House of Beef, Inc., T/A 4th Estate Grill, 1101 17th St. NW, CR 02
McCormick & Schmick Restaurant Corp., T/A McCormick & Schmick Seafood Restaurant,
1652 K St. NW, CR 02
Harvest Moon, Inc., T/A Equinox, 818 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
The University Club, T/A The University Club of Washington DC, 1135 16th St. NW, CX 01
The Mayflower Corporation, T/A The Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Conn. Ave. NW, CH 02
Olives D.C. LLC., T/A Olives, 918 16th St. NW, CR 02

Bns Restaurant LLC, T/A The Meeting Place, 1100 17th St. NW, CR 02
 R I Associates, T/A Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Ave. NW, CH 02
 Nationsbank, National Association, T/A Bank of America, 730 15th St. NW, CR 02
 1207 19th Restaurant LLC, T/A Porters, 1207 19th St. NW, CR 02
 S & H D.C. Restaurant LLC, T/A Sam and Harry's, 1200 19th St. NW, CR 03
 Sizzling Express Inc. T/A Sizzling Express, 1150 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
 Kawasaki M and M Corporation T/A Sushi Kappo Kawasaki, 1140 19th St. NW, CR 01
 HH Leonards Associates, T/A The Mansion on O Street, 2020 O Street NW, CX Club 01
 Magic Meals Inc., T/A Oodles Noodles, 1120 19th St. NW, CR 02
 Platsa Company Inc., T/A Giorgios Pizza, 1247 20th St. NW, CR 01 (
 La Salle Washington Two Lessee, Inc., T/A Hotel Madera, 1310 N.H. Ave. NW, CH 01
 Modica Enterprises LLC, T/A Spezie, 1736 L St. NW, CR 02
 Arthur Alan Inc., T/A Art Gallery, 1712 I Street NW, CR 02
 Grill Concepts-dc, Inc., T/A Daily Grill, 1200 18th St. NW, CR 03
 Morton's of Chicago/Washington Square Inc., T/A Morton's of Chicago, 1050 Conn. Ave. NW,
 CR 03
 S & W D.C. LLC, T/A Smith & Wollensky, 1112 19th St. NW, CR 02
 I.J.K. Inc., T/A Teatro Goldoni, 1909 K St. NW, CR 02
 Karma Java, Inc., T/A Karma Java, 1919 Penn. Ave. NW, CR 01
 1720 Eye Street DC Hospitality LLC, T/A Café Asia, 1720 I St. NW, CR 03
 Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., T/A Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1837 M St. NW, CR 01
 El Chalan Inc., T/A El Chalan, 1922 I St. NW, CR 01
 Capital Restaurant Concepts, Ltd., T/A Fin, 1200 19th St. NW, CR 03
 Tequilla Ventures, Inc., T/A Tequilla Grill, 1990 K St. NW, CR 02
 Little Man, LLC, T/A Le Tarbouche, 1801 K St. NW, CR 02
 Cosi, Inc., T/A Cosi Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Dessert Catering, 1919 M St. NW, CR 03
 Kaz, LLC, T/A Kaz Sushi, 1915 I St. NW, CR 01
 Tni Corporation, T/A Luna Grill, 1301 Conn. Ave. NW, CR 01
 Berckelab Woldeyohannes, T/A Keren Restaurant, 1780 Florida Ave. NW, CR 01
 Capitol City Brewing Co., LLC/404.2, T/A Capitol City Health Bar, 1612 U St. NW, CR 01
 Lauriol Plaza, Inc., T/A Lauriol Plaza Restaurant, 1835 18th St. NW, CR 03
 1600 U Inc., T/A Local 16, 1600 U St. NW, CR 03
 Poy Loung Inc., T/A The Regent Thai Cuisine, 1910 18th St. NW, CR 02
 1414 U Street Restaurant, T/A Coppi's Pizza, 1414 U Street NW, CR 01
 Jojo Development Inc., T/A Jojo Restaurant & Bar, 1518 U St. NW, CR 01
 Buruca Brothers Inc., T/A El Paraiso Restaurant, 1916-1918 14th St. NW, CR 01

The Commission heard commentary on Tupps, Inc., T/A Thaiphon, 2011 S St. NW, CR application. Commissioner Halligan proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to protest the application on the basis of peace, order and quiet and sanitation and allow Commissioner Halligan to negotiate a voluntary agreement for presentation for 2B's Chairman's signature. Both Commissioners accepted a friendly amendment by Commissioner Silverstein to withdraw the protest if a voluntary agreement can be obtained.

Regarding Fuddruckers Inc., T/A Fuddruckers, 1216 18th St. NW, CR 02 application, Commissioner Silverstein proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Halligan, to protest

the application pending the successful reaching of a voluntary agreement on trash issues. The motion was passed 8-0-1 (Commissioner Robinson did not cast a vote).

Regarding Asia 21, Inc., T/A Pan Asian Noodles & Grill, 2020 P St. NW, CR 01 application, Commissioner Silverstein proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Halligan, to protest the application pending the successful reaching of a voluntary agreement on issues of “peace, order, quiet, hours and sanitation”; both Commissioners accepted a friendly amendment by Commissioner Bowie regarding the wording of issues to be cited for the protest. The motion was passed 8-0-1 (Commissioner Robinson did not cast a vote).

The Commission heard commentary on Cada Vez LLC, T/A Cada Vez, 1438 U St. NW, business model plans and CR 03 application. Commissioner Estrada proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to protest the ABC license renewal subject to the Commission reviewing the amount of substantial changes, to be placarded for substantial changes, and encourage the owners to enter into a voluntary agreement, and allow Commissioner Estrada to negotiate such a voluntary agreement for presentation for 2B’s Chairman’s signature, to avoid a full protest. The motion was passed unanimously.

Regarding Haile G. Binosai, T/A Selam Restaurant, 1524 U St. NW, CR 01 application, Commissioner Estrada proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Giese, to protest the application subject to the signing of a voluntary agreement (which is believed to be near completion). The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Commission postponed consideration of a resolution concerning “Zero Tolerance for Illegal Signs and Posters.”

Commissioner Meehan presented ANC 2B’s 2d Quarterly Financial Report and proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that it be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meehan noted that at times, language by the ANC referred to transfers of ANC money to the Jewish Community Center as grants. He emphatically explained the ANC’s formal position that it does not issue grants. Commissioner Meehan proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Giese, that ANC 2004 minutes using such language be hereby considered as revised to their correct status of “donation.”

Commissioner Giese proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwinn, that the Commission pay \$38.25 to the Current newspapers for advertising the search for ANC executive director applicants. The motion was passed unanimously and a statement from the Current newspapers was given to Commissioner Meehan.

Commissioner Giese proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Estrada, to approve the minutes of the May, 2004, special meeting and the June, 2004, regular meeting, with Commissioner Giese authorized to make technical corrections to the final text. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the D.C. Jewish Community Center, 16th & Q Streets, NW.

At 10:05 p.m., Commissioner Giese proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Estrada, to adjourn. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Major Giese
Commissioner and Secretary of the Commission
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission

ADOPTED: September 8, 2004.