

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, July 14, 2004
D.C. Jewish Community Center**

The July, 2004, Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Darren Bowie at 7:00 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Rob Halligan (2B01), Mark Bjorge (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Darren Bowie (2B04), Gerald Schwinn (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Karyn Siobban-Robinson (2B07), Major Giese (2B08) at 9:30 pm, and Ramon Estrada (2B09). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Meehan announced that the Public Space Committee will hear the request from Friends of Ross School on July 22 at 10 a.m. at 801 N. Capital Street in the conference room.

It was announced that the position of Executive Director is being posted as a part time position for ten hours per week.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rob Halligan announced that Inspector Groomes will be managing the Park Road Police Station.

GENERAL AGENDA

Department of Health representative Peggy Keller outlined the role of DOH in pest control, abatement and enforcement. A PowerPoint presentation is available by email. She discussed the fines that are issued by DOH. She can be reached at peggy.keller@dc.gov.

Councilmember Harold Brazil discussed various economic development projects including the new waterfront development in SE. He also discussed the drop out rate of 38% in District schools. He further stated that he supports ANC access to citations without requiring a FOIA request.

REGULATORY AGENDA

Concerning the proposed condemnation of 1745, 1749 and 1755 N Street N.W., Commissioner Schwinn proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Halligan, and seconded by Commissioner Halligan, that the Commission unanimous support the Dupont Conservancy position letter with the addition of a resolution stating 1. that the vacant historic buildings at 1745, 1749 and 1755 N Street NW be condemned, 2. that because the buildings are historic that they be immediately stabilized, restored and

rehabilitated, and 3. that the Mayor give great weight to this resolution of the ANC. The motion was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion being duly made by Commissioner Halligan and seconded by Commissioner Bjorge, the Commissioners unanimously requested that DOH look into the pollution caused by dust and asbestos at these buildings.

ABC Application of Asian Bistro—not present.

ABC Status: Club U—2000 14th Street NW. After discussing the impact that this licensee has had upon the neighborhood and its use of police resources for traffic and crime and how that affects all of ANC 2B, Commissioner Estrada proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein, to protest this license renewal on the basis of peace, order, quiet and public safety. The motion was passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the following ABC renewals:

RCSH Operations, LLC T/A Ruth's Chris Steak House, 2017 S St., NW CR 03

MPK Inc., T/A Floriana Mercury Grill, on 17th St., NW CR 01

Old World Gourmet Inc. T/A Bacchus Restaurant, 1827 Jefferson St. NW CR 01

Magic People Inc., T/A Bistrot du Coin, 1738 Conn. Ave., NW CR 01

T Corporation T/A Timberlakes, 1726 Conn. Ave. NW CR 01

Amicable, Inc. T/A Amicable, Inc./Be Du Ci, 2100 P Street NW CR 02

Cosmos Club T/A Cosmos Club, 2121 Mass. Ave., NW CX 01

Western Hosts Inc. T/A The Westin Fairfax Washington DC, 2100 Mass. Ave., NW CH 02

2014 P St. Inc T/A Al Tiramisu, 2014 P St., NW CR 01

Quattro, Inc. T/A Trattu Restaurant, 1823 Jefferson Place, NW CR 01

Thyme, Inc. T/A Restaurant Nora, 2130 Florida Ave., NW CR 01

Kramer Books & Afterwords Inc. T/A Kramer Books & Afterwords, 1517 Conn. Ave., NW CR 02

Cinnabar Venture Developments Ltd. T/A Sala Thai Restaurant, 2016 P St. NW CR 01

Bertucci's Restaurant Corp. T/A Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria, 1218-1220 Conn. Ave., CR 02

D C Grill, Inc. T/A D C Café, 2035 P St., NW DR 01

Trentuno Limited Partnership T/A The Carlyle Suites Hotel, 1731 New Hampshire Ave., NW CR 02

H L S Inc. T/A Dupont Italian Kitchen, 1637 17th St., NW CR 02

El Tropical Inc. T/A La Frontera Cantina, 1633 17th St., NW CR 01

Steaks Unlimited Inc. T/A Annie's Paramount Steak House, 1609 17th St., NW CR 02

Hilton Hotels Corp. T/A Capitol Hilton, 1001 16th St., NW CH 02
Tabard Corporation T/A Hotel Tabard Inn, 1739 N Street, NW CH 01
Bombay Club Inc. T/A The Bombay Club, 815 Conn. Ave., NW CR 02
The Army & Navy Club T/A The Army & Navy Club, 901 17th St., NW CX 01
Oval Room LLC T/A The Oval Room, 800 Conn. Ave., NW CR02
G & G Investments Inc. T/A Trio Rest. & Fox & Hounds Lounge, 1537 17th St., NW CR
02
G & G Investments Inc. T/A Trio Pizza, 1624 Q St., NW DR 01
1615 Rh. Isl. Ave. Ltd. PTN T/A The Governor's House Hotel, 1615 R.I. Ave., NW CH
02
Rosewood Regency Co. Inc., T/A Bua Restaurant & Bar, 1635 P St., NW CR 01
Washington Sheraton Corp. T/A Sheraton Carlton Hotel, 923 16th St., NW CH 02
New Japan Inc. T/A Sushi Taro, 1503 17th St., NW CR 01
1527 Restaurant Corporation T/A Peppers, 1527 17th St., NW CR 01
Aya Deveopment Corp. T/A Skewers/Café Luna, 1633 P St., NW CR 01
Hay-Adams Hotel, Ltd. Partnership T/A Hay Adams Hotel, 800 16th St., CH 02

Kozy Korner Inc. T/A Kozy Korner Restaurant, 1253 20th Street, NW CR 01
Berk of Washington, Inc. T/A The Melting Pot, 1220 19th St., NW CR 03
Sichuan Pavilion of DC Inc. T/A Sichuan Pavilion DC CR 02
C T Chiang of Washington Inc. T/A Charlie Chiang's Restaurant & Lounge, 1912 I St.,
NW CR 01
Café Japone Ltd. Partnership T/A Café Japone, 2032 P St., NW CR 01
The Metropolitan Club of DC T/A The Metropolitan Club, 1700 H Street, NW CX 01
I Ricchi Inc., T/A I Ricchi, 1220 19th Street, NW CR 02
LaTaberna Del Alabardero Inc. T/A Taberna Del Aalabardero, 1776 I St., NW CR 02
JHA Corporation T/A Recessions II, 1823 L St., NW CR 01
Trc Inc. T/A Sakana Japanese Restaurant, 2026 P St., NW CR 01
Half-Baked, Inc. T/A Vidalia's, 1990 M St., NW CR 02
Luigis Restaurant Inc. T/A Luigi's Restaurant, 1132 19th St., NW CR 02

CSM, Inc. T/A Otello, 1329 Conn. Ave., NW CR 02
Jury's Washington LLC T/A Jury Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW
CH 02
The Washington Club T/A The Washington Club, 15 Dupont Circle NW CX 01
Taj Mahal Enterprises Ltd. T/A Taj Mahal Restaurant, 1327 Conn. Ave., NW CR 01
Women's Natl. Democratic Club T/A Women's Natl. Democratic Club CX 01

1624 U Street NW T/A Chi-Cha Lounge, CR 01

NEW BUSINESS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL MATTERS

Commissioner Silverstein read a resolution regarding a baseball stadium in the District of Columbia, resolving that the Dupont Circle ANC urge the Mayor and City Council to

“continue efforts to secure a Major League Baseball franchise for the District, and welcome a franchise to the District, as they would any business, small or large” and further resolving that the Commission oppose “the imposition of any new taxes or other public financing for the construction of a new baseball stadium, other than a long-term lease of public land, including any assumption of debt by District taxpayers to guarantee payment of cost overruns for construction of a new stadium.” Following commentary from the audience, Commissioner Silverstein proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the resolution be passed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bowie provided a short history on the topic of zoning enforcement for Chef’s Express. Commissioner Bjorge provided an updated status of the case which included a July 7 hearing initiated by DCRA and the 2B; the case has moved to the Bureau of Adjudication and awaits a decision. Commissioner Bjorge opined the challenge of gaining access to basic information of the case. Commissioner Bowie proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bjorge, to send a letter to DCRA setting forth Commissioner Bjorge’s experience in attempting to obtain information on this matter and that 2B requests this area not require us to invoke the Freedom of Information Act for matters in our jurisdiction (with a copy to be sent to the City Council). The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bowie proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to send a letter to the District Department of Health, requesting it not require us to invoke the Freedom of Information Act for matters in our jurisdiction. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioners Bjorge and Bowie provided a short history and status update on an application by Alex and Amanda Marshall. Commissioner Bowie said the BZA ruled against the applicants. Commissioner Bjorge said the BZA voted to deny the Marshall’s application on the basis of loss of privacy and light and air issues. ANC2B was given the opportunity to opine on any compromises but none were presented to it. The Marshalls may revisit the matter.

Commissioner Bjorge provided a status update on the Starbucks coffeeshop at 1600 K Street. He received a letter from the Public Space management suggesting that Starbucks plan a café on K Street; it tabled the idea of a 16th Street café until the ANC approves such an idea. He said Starbucks did not get back to him by the time of the meeting, so there is no action for the ANC to take at this time.

Commissioner Bowie said this should be worked out in September because Public Space is continuing to work on this, and the ANC should work with the Committee to develop guidelines regarding the use of public space. Commissioners Bjorge and Meehan said they were willing to work on such guidelines.

A discussion was held regarding the process of the District of Columbia executing a lease for Stead Park. Commissioner Bowie proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner

Estrada, that ANC 2B be on record requesting the Mayor and Department of Public Works avoid executing any lease on the space until the ANC has an opportunity to state its position on the proposal and pertaining lease. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Halligan proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Estrada, that the Commission endorse an effort underway to build a coalition of local constituents to work with the National Hospitality Institute and that 14th and U Main Street Funds be used to support that effort, and that the chair be permitted to send letters stating such as he deems appropriate. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0 (Commissioner Schwinn voted no).

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the D.C. Jewish Community Center, 16th & Q Streets, NW.

Commissioner Estrada proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to adjourn at 10:05 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ADOPTED: September 8, 2004.