

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, April 13, 2005
DC Jewish Community Center**

The April 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 (2B-01), Karyn-Siobhan Robinson, (2B-02), Bob Meehan (2B-03), Darren Bowie (2B-04), Mark Bjorge (SB-05), Mike Silverstein (2B-06), Babak Movahedi (2B-07), Peter Klempay (2B-08) and Ramon Estrada (2B-09). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Robinson provided an update on the 17th Street Streetscape Plan. She also announced a community meeting regarding the Dupont West moratorium for residents of Dupont West on May 23 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Barcelo Hotel on P Street between 21st and 22nd Streets. Speakers will include representatives from Jack Evans office and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets.

Commissioner Estrada announced that the Church of the Rapture at 14th and T Streets will be sold and converted into condominiums. Developers will hold an open house on May 4th from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Commissioner Bowie recognized Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Commissioner Bowie announced that Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets will hold a workshop on homelessness in Dupont Circle on May 21st at St. Margaret's Church (1830 Connecticut Ave.) from 8:30-10:00PM. Constituents can contact Ed Grimm at 441-1474 for more information.

Two constituents announced the founding of the Dupont Circle International Academy charter school. For more information, go to www.dupontcircleacademy.org.

A representative of Café Japone (2032 P St NW) notified the Commission that his establishment will present a formal application for an outside café on 21st and P Streets.

Commissioner Bowie recognized Michelle Molotsky from Councilmember Evans' office.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Halligan announced that the Dupont Circle Public Safety Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the Police station at 1620 V Street NW.

GENERAL AGENDA

Janet Brown, a representative of the Campaign for Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning, made a presentation on a proposal pending before the Zoning Commission to establish mandatory inclusionary zoning. Ms. Brown requested the Commission to support a resolution requesting the Zoning Commission to hold a public hearing and to move expeditiously to adopt this proposal. Commissioner Bowie stated that the Commission would take no action, but would consider the request at the Commission's May meeting. Constituents can contact Ms. Brown at 332-0789.

Michael Tikaloski, co-founder of Smokefree DC, made a presentation on proposed DC Council legislation to make DC bars and restaurants smoke free. He requested the Commission to adopt a resolution stating that ANC 2B supports the idea that all workers in DC deserve a smoke free workplace.

Commissioners and members of the public asked questions and stated their views of this proposal. Commissioner Bowie stated that the Commission will not take any action, but will consider this proposal at the May meeting.

John Thomas of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), made a presentation on the Dupont Circle metro canopies currently under construction. Jane Morrissey of the WMATA noted that escalators break down more often when exposed to weather conditions. Commissioner Bowie noted that the Commission cannot take any action on this matter, and he thanked the representatives for coming.

Commissioner Robinson addressed District Department of Transportation issues in Single-Member District 2B02. She noted the following problems:

1. Commuters illegally use alleys between N and O Streets when 22nd Street is busy during rush hour.
2. Timing of the traffic light at the 2300 block of P Street causes a traffic jam at 22nd Street.
3. Incidents of road rage where Massachusetts Avenue hits the circle at 18th and P Streets

Commissioner Robinson made a motion that the Commission writes a letter requesting DDOT to write a report suggesting possible solutions to these problems. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

REGULATORY AGENDA

Commissioner Bowie recommended the following representatives for the ANC 2B Zoning Committee. The Zoning Committee will examine possible changes to the zoning on 17th Street and elsewhere in Dupont Circle. It will present recommendations to the full ANC 2B Commission. The Commission will consider these proposals, but will not

be bound by the vote of the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Bowie made a motion to appoint the following Zoning Committee members:

Commissioners:

Babak Movahedi as Chair
Mark Bjorge
Rob Halligan
Bob Meehan
Peter Klempay

Residents:

Susan Volman, 1500 block Corcoran Street
Lance Salonia, 1600 block S Street
Joe Moeller, 1520 16th Street, No. 604
Scott Reiter, 1511 16th Street
Curtis Farrar, 1727 S Street

Organizations:

Bill Glew, President of DCCA
Sue Landini, President of DCMAP

Business Representatives:

Ashley Bright, Cobalt
George Mallios, Trio's
John Colameco, Peppers
David Perruzza, JR's
Paul Katinas, Annies

Ex-Officio:

Chris Shaheen, Office of Planning

Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. Commissioner Meehan noted that the five business representatives on the Zoning Committee opposed ANC 2B on the 17th Street Moratorium. Commissioner Meehan made a motion to table Commissioner Bowie's motion only for tonight's meeting, in order to have a clearer process and a more representative committee. Commissioner Halligan seconded the motion. Commissioner Movahedi noted that the five businesses balance the residents and Commissioners who support the Moratorium.

Commissioner Bowie stated that business leaders should be part of the committee. He also noted that the Commission could add more people to the Zoning Committee at a later date. Commissioner Halligan stated that we need diversity in business representation on the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Robinson stated that the Zoning Committee will remain open to new applicants and that all meetings will be open to the public.

The Commission voted on the motion to table the original motion. The motion failed with Commissioner Meehan and Halligan voting for the motion to table. Commissioner Halligan made a friendly amendment to request that he be listed as a representative on the Zoning Committee for Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets. Commissioner Bowie stated that he would like to speak with the President of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets before appointing a representative of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets to the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Bowie took a vote on the original motion to establish the Zoning Committee. The motion carried (7-0-2) with Commissioners Meehan and Halligan abstaining.

William McKeever applied for a special exception to allow a rear addition to an existing single-family row house located at 1723 Riggs Place NW (BZA Application 17319). He is requesting permission to build a deck on the third floor and has withdrawn his request for permission to build an addition on the second floor. Constituents noted their objection to this petition. Commissioner Halligan made a motion to oppose the application to the extent it seeks a special exception for the third floor addition, but to support the application to the extent it seeks a special exception to allow construction of an addition to the first floor and deck. The motion carried (7-0-2) with Commissioners Robinson and Klempay abstaining.

A representative of Capitol One Financial Corporation presented a public space application for the placement of statues at 17th and K Streets NW, 1850 K Street NW, 1350 Connecticut Ave. and Q Street NW. He stated that Capitol One is now only requesting to place three statues in public space in the Dupont Circle neighborhood for a time period of 6-8 weeks. The representative stated that Capitol One proposed placing a total of 15 decorated piggy bank statues in the District with a plaque mentioning Capitol One in public space as part of Capitol One's financial education program aimed at local middle and high schools. Each participating school is able to earn between \$5,000-\$40,000. Each statue is 750 pounds, 45 inches tall, three feet wide, and five feet long. Local artists and students will decorate the statues. Statues will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to each school.

Bill Glew, President of DCCA, stated that not including a Capitol One logo on the statues would be more appropriate, since the statues will stand on public space. Commissioner Movahedi stated that Capitol One should not have its name on anything larger than a small plaque on the statue. The representative noted that there will not be any large corporate logo of any kind. Commissioner Bjorge made a motion to support the proposal as presented. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

HAK, LLC T/A Play (1219 Connecticut Ave., NW) filed a renewed ABC application for a "CN" Nightclub License. Commissioner Bjorge stated that HAK LLC has almost finalized negotiations on a voluntary agreement with the Commission. Commissioner Bowie made a motion to oppose the renewed application on grounds of peace, order and quiet pending the negotiation of a voluntary agreement. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

The Commission took no action on the following ABC License Renewals:

1. License 60694, Bouzid, Inc. T/A Mr. P's, 2147 P Street NW (2B02)
2. License 60540, Wrapworks of Washington, Inc., T/A Wrapworks, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW (2B02)
3. License 60579, Piper Club, LLC, T/A Copperfields, 888 17th Street NW (2B06)

Commissioner Silverstein discussed a resolution regarding DC Council enabling legislation concerning dog-friendly parks. Commissioner Halligan noted that the Commission had approved two resolutions supporting such legislation. Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bjorge stated that he was scheduled to meet with a representative of Olives (1600 K Street NW), but they canceled the meeting due to a fire. He stated that Olives genuinely wants to work with the Commission on landscaping for a sidewalk café.

Commissioner Bowie announced that Commissioner Robinson would be the Commission's Historic Dupont Circle Mainstreets liaison.

Commissioner Bowie moved that ANC 2B send a letter to Councilmember Ambrose requesting the Council to ensure funding for Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Halligan moved that up to \$450 be allocated for the purchase of a scanner. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0). Commissioner Movahedi made a motion to approve expenditures. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Bowie made a motion to approve the January and March 1 Special Meeting minutes. Alfred E. Blicher, Jr. is empowered to make technical changes to the January and March 1 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (9-0).

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the D.C. Jewish Community Center, 16th & Q Streets, N.W.

At 9:55 PM, Commissioner Bowie moved to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. Blicher, Jr.
Executive Director
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission

ADOPTED: May 11, 2005