

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, January 12, 2005  
DC Jewish Community Center**

The January 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 Bowie introduced two new commissioners: Babak Movahedi (2B07) and Peter Klempay (2B08).

Commissioner Silverstein announced that a tentative agreement had been made between the ANC and Club Five. Club Five, along with other neighboring businesses, will purchase a trash compactor to alleviate trash and rat concerns.

Jim Nayers announced the Dupont Historic Main Streets Celebration taking place on February 10, 2005.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Halligan noted 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.

Commissioner Halligan asked MPD officers to elaborate on the arrests at New Hampshire Ave. and Q Street and New Hampshire Ave. and 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The officers did not have any information.

Lt. Christian (PSA 306, 3<sup>rd</sup> District) noted that overall crime has decreased in the area, but that high profile crimes continue to occur. He noted that a man was assaulted by a homeless man at 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW. The police will hand out a description of the suspect. Street robberies remain a problem for people walking alone.

Commissioner Meehan noted that he had distributed police placards regarding the recent rapes in the area, but that the placards need a better format so residents will notice them. Sgt. Larry stated that the police have not arrested any suspects in these rapes.

Commissioner Halligan announced that the three criminals responsible for multiple robberies of houses in the area would be sentenced on Friday.

The Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit of the DC Police is requesting the donation of a paper shredder and front door security camera. Contact Brett Parsons at 727-5427.

Commissioner Meehan noted that the ANC intervened in the proposed placement of an electric meter at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and P Street. The developer did not ask Pepco where they could install the electric meter. The ANC will attempt to let developers know that electric meters can be installed in other locations as opposed to the front of buildings.

## **GENERAL AGENDA**

Commissioner Meehan presented the fourth quarter report for 2004. The ANC spent \$12,700 from its budget of \$19,000. The final balance carried over was \$33,108. He noted that ANC 2B has attempted to meet with the District Auditor to protect the \$12,000 deduction recommended by the September 2002 audit and to explain why more funds were deducted than called for by the audit. He noted that the total actual amount deducted is \$20,000. He stated that letters sent to the Mayor and Auditor were not successful in solving this matter. The provisional budget for 2005 is \$21,000. The current balance is \$31,125.

Commissioner Meehan made a motion to approve the First Quarterly 2005 report. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Halligan made a motion to nominate the following offices of ANC 2B Commissioner Bowie as the Chair, Commissioner Estrada as Vice Chair, Commissioner Klempay as Secretary, and Commissioner Movahedi as Treasurer. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Bowie announced the ANC liaisons on different substantive matters.

Public Safety Liaison-Commissioner Halligan  
District-wide ANC Assembly Liaison-Commissioner Robinson  
ABC Moratoria Liaisons-Commissioners Movahedi and Robinson  
Transportation and Parking issues Liaison-Commissioner Meehan  
Historic Preservation Liaison-Commissioner Silverstein  
Public Space Liaison-Commissioner Bjorge  
Comprehensive Plan Liaison-Commissioner Meehan  
Emergency Preparedness Liaison-Commissioner Klempay

Rick Ribeck, Deputy Administrator for the Department of Transportation, presented a plan on 25 Designated On-Street Parking Spaces for Car Sharing Vehicles. He stated that car sharing decreases congestion. A published rule-comment period on this proposal expires on January 31, 2005. There are 25 proposed spaces, 11 of which are in Dupont Circle. DDOT would not charge for public parking spaces.

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the DDOT proposal, but requested that any spaces so designated be taken from spaces designated as no parking and that DDOT come back before the ANC before specific parking spaces are designated. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. Commissioner Meehan made a friendly amendment to the motion, which failed. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

A Ross Elementary School representative provided an update on the status of the Ross Elementary School playground. ANC 2B originally supported the expansion into public space with certain conditions. The representative noted that the school is attempting to comply with the conditions set by ANC 2B. She also noted that the playground is not completed. The total estimate of the cost of the playground is \$145,000, after installing complete fencing around the back of the school.

Commissioner Meehan asked what was the status of the efforts to revise the trash dumpster management system as requested by the ANC to reduce the rat problem in the alley. Jennifer Battle, the DCPS project manager for the playground, showed a plan of the project with the revised trash management system as part of a Phase III, subject to the availability of funds. Constituents can donate money to help fund this project at [www.rosselementary.org](http://www.rosselementary.org).

Commissioner Meehan updated the Commission on the S and T Street Parks. The original proposals did not reflect the objectives of residents for S St. park specifically because the Department and contractors insisted on looking at Stead, S and T Street parks as a package to maximize dog space at S St. park. S Street Park will be designated as a multiuse park for dogs and people. T Street Park will be devoted to green space.

Commissioner Meehan moved that the ANC adopt the objectives of both Circle Dogs and Friends of S and T Street parks as a way to focus the negotiation of the DPR Working Group for the S Street park. Commissioner Bowie moved to table consideration of the S Street park issue until the ANC has a motion in writing for the public to fully consider. Commissioner Estrada moved that the matter be tabled until the March ANC meeting. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

## **REGULATORY AGENDA**

Steve Callcott and Kim Williams of the District Historic Preservation Office made a presentation on the proposal to expand the Dupont Circle Historic District boundaries. The purpose of the proposal is to include buildings previously excluded, in order to preserve historic properties for the public good.

Steve Callcott noted that the District's Historic Preservation Review Board will have a meeting on February 24, 2005 at 10:00 at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Judiciary Square) to consider this proposal. Constituents may contact him at [steve.callcott@dc.gov](mailto:steve.callcott@dc.gov).

The ANC will vote on this proposal at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to allow Forrester Construction to temporarily use the public space in front of 2000 N Street for dumpsters and deliveries in connection with the renovation of the former Embassy Square Hotel. Commissioner Klempay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to protest an amended request by Café Toka for a substantial change in license on grounds of peace, order and quiet. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Bjorge recommended that the Commission take no position on the public space application by Civil Construction LLC for an additional trailer for Thomas Circle renovation.

Commissioner Robinson recommended that the Commission take no position regarding the renewal of the The Sushi Place's ABC license.

### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bjorge made a motion to send a letter to the Public Space Committee opposing the public space application of Olives for a sidewalk café. Commissioner Halligan seconded the motion. Commissioner Movahedi abstained. The motion passed (8-0).

Commissioner Bjorge made a motion to send DCRA a letter encouraging them to issue an opinion, with respect to Chef's Express. Commissioner Klempay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Bowie made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing ANC 2B's participation in the ANC Security Fund, as well as payment of the \$25 fee required by law. Commissioner Movahedi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Bowie made a motion to write a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting public trash cans on 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Commissioner Bowie accepted a friendly amendment by Commissioner Meehan that public trash cans be placed at the northeast corner of New Hampshire Avenue and R Street, and at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Corcoran Streets, and a friendly amendment from Commissioner Bjorge that public trash cans on the sidewalk on the East Side of the 1500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> St. be moved to their correct location, up against the curb. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the D.C. Jewish Community Center, 16th & Q Streets, N.W.

At 11:00 PM, Commissioner Bowie moved to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ADOPTED: February 9, 2005