

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING,  
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 Jewish Community Center**

The July Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Ramon Estrada at 7:00 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Commissioners Curtis Farrar (2B01), William Hewitt (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Ryan Butler (2B04), Mark Bjorge (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07) and Ramon Estrada (2B09). The chair noted the presence of a quorum.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Meehan requested any residents who parked on the south side of the 1700 block of Corcoran Street NW to contact him if Parking Enforcement issued any parking tickets.

Commissioner Carney announced the passing of Margot McGregor on Sunday morning. She worked at Trios Restaurant for 40 years and was involved with the Dupont Circle Gay Pride Parade.

Commissioner Estrada announced that DDOT would rehabilitate U Street NW. DDOT scheduled a public meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the community room of the Reves Center to present design plans.

Commissioner Estrada announced that the Special Election for SMD 2B08 would take place from 7:15 – 9:30 PM. Gottlieb Simon acted as the Election Monitor for the Special Election.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Commission heard a presentation by the Chief of Police regarding moving the Dupont Circle PSA into the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Rob Halligan, Public Safety Liaison, introduced Assistant Chief Newsham, Commander McCoy and Commander Solberg, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The officers presented a proposal to move PSA 306 (Dupont Circle and Kalorama) to PSA 208. They noted that the move of our PSA would be operationally more efficient, because the 3<sup>rd</sup> District receives substantially more service calls than the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. The officers noted that officers in our neighborhood have difficulty transmitting over the airwaves, due to the high number of service calls in the area. Each PSA will continue to have three captains.

Commissioner Silverstein thanked Rob Halligan and MPD's outreach to the ANC. Commissioners inquired whether MPD planned to open a sub-station in Dupont Circle, since the new Police station would be located further away in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District than the current Police Station. Commissioner Estrada noted that many of his constituents have

worked for years to coordinate with the MPD in PSA 306. He expressed concern over the coordination between MPD in PSA 208 and PSA 306 to continue to address constituents' concerns in 2B09.

Concerned constituents can contact [andrew.solebrg@dc.gov](mailto:andrew.solebrg@dc.gov) or [psa306move@dc.gov](mailto:psa306move@dc.gov). More information can be found at [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a.1239,q.563146,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a.1239,q.563146,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|asp)

Residents expressed concern over the move and distance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District MPD station from Dupont Circle.

Ed Grandis, Executive Director of Dupont Circle Merchants and Professional Association (DCMAP) stated that DCMAP supports the current PSA 306 boundaries. He expressed concern over the PSA move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Mr. Grandis read the following DCMAP statement:

*DCMAP would like the following concerns to be addressed, and they are being addressed, but we'd like to be on the record that the entire number of officers' personnel and rank that service PSA 306 does not decrease.*

*That the support staff, vehicles and equipment that service PSA 306 does not decrease.*

*That the response time for service calls to the new PSA 208 is monitored for 18 months, and if there is an increase in crime or increase in response time in the PSA, that the Police Chief will guarantee an opportunity for the public to meet with the Department, and agree to make adjustments to reduce crime and response time.*

*The following we would like to offer as suggestions:*

*We believe that the current GLLU and the Dupont Circle Resource Center areas, or even a portion of the 3D parking area, to be routinely staging areas for the deployment of PSA 208 officers and vehicles after each phone call, so that the public can have confidence that response time to calls from Police service is not impacted by the significant distance from 3320 Idaho Avenue NW to 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW or to Connecticut Avenue or M Streets NW, compared to the current location of 3D and 1623 V Street NW.*

*Finally DCMAP would like to recognize the excellent crime prevention work by Rob Halligan and the Public Safety Committee volunteers. We would hope that this important organization can stay vibrant after a move to 2D, and perhaps 3D would allow them to continue meeting at 3D if that would keep residents involved.*

Commissioner Estrada thanked MPD for attending tonight's meeting and reaching out to the community.

Rob Halligan, President, Dupont Circle Citizens Association, announced that the Dupont Circle Public Safety Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) station at 1620 V Street NW.

## **GENERAL AGENDA**

The Commission did not hear a presentation by the Department of Public Works. The representative did not attend the meeting.

The Commission considered a resolution regarding People's Property Campaign and the stewardship of public property. Commissioner Carney made the following motion:

*WHEREAS public property includes all property in the inventory of the District of Columbia, operated and maintained through tax-payer dollars, such as schools, libraries, parks, government buildings, and all properties under the jurisdiction of any DC government entity, and*

*WHEREAS public property in the District of Columbia exists to serve community needs and uses, and*

*WHEREAS numerous community needs persist to which vacant or under-used public property should be dedicated, and*

*WHEREAS the residents of the District of Columbia entrust the District government with the management and stewardship of public properties, in service of the community, and*

*WHEREAS the District of Columbia government has established a pattern of disposing of public property to private development interests;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC2B calls for the Mayor, City Council and all relevant agencies carry out the following:*

- 1. An Immediate Moratorium on the Disposition of Public Property*
- 2. A Complete Inventory of Public Property (as required by law), made available and accessible to the community*
- 3. Amendment of DC's Public Property Laws to preserve public property for public use, instituting a transparent, community driven input process to identify new public uses for vacant or under-used public property.*
- 4. Maintaining valuable public assets and protecting the long-term needs of DC communities by leasing, not selling public property and retaining the right to reclaim those properties leased to private entities when the need arises.*
- 5. Before any action is taken to change the use of any public property, Advisory*

*Neighborhood Commissions shall be consulted for their “great weight” approval and public hearings must be held to inform and to seek input from residents.*

Commissioner Carney noted that three other ANCs have also passed this resolution.

Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-1) with Commissioner Bjorge voting in opposition.

The Commission discussed National Park Service (NPS) Maintenance Cutbacks with Respect to Dupont Circle Park. Commissioner Carney noted that NPS has claimed there have been no cutbacks in personnel or service. He thanked Hotel Palomar for volunteering to help maintain the park with flowers.

The Commission did not hear a presentation on the Historic Review Process by the Historic Preservation Review Board. No representative was able to attend the meeting. Commissioner Estrada noted that the HPRB representative offered to meet with the Commission at a later date. Commissioner Estrada suggested the Commission designate a Commissioner as an HPRB liaison.

Commissioner Estrada moved ANC 2B’s unqualified support of Michael Beidler to the Fenty Administration as a Board Member of the Historic Preservation Review Board. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

## **REGULATORY AGENDA**

The Commission considered a request for a Stipulated License by David Gregory Restaurant at 2030 M St. NW (2B06). Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the request for an ABC stipulated license. Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered a Public Space Application by James Smith of Jack's Restaurant and Bar for increasing the seating capacity from 28 to 40 persons and enclosing the café by installing a roll-down plastic curtain and new planters at the existing café at 1527 17th Street NW (2B05). Commissioner Estrada made a motion to oppose the application. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The motion failed (3-5) with Commissioners Carney, Estrada, Butler, Farrar and Meehan voting in opposition to the application. Commissioner Meehan moved that ANC 2B oppose the enclosed café request. Commissioner Carney seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered Public Space Application No. 25469 by Quizno's Subs for a sidewalk café at 801 18th Street NW (2B06). Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to take no action. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission Public considered Public Space Application No. 27439 by Heritage Properties International for installing a sign at the premises of 1812 19th Street NW (2B01). Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner

Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered BZA Application No. 17647 by 1899 L Street, LLC for approval of a Floor Area Ratio Variance to allow it to enclose the second floor arcade at 1899 L Street NW for additional office space (2B06). Commissioner Estrada made a motion to support the application. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission heard a presentation by Marrakesh Pasha Lounge for a sidewalk café request at 2147 P Street NW (2B02). Commissioner Estrada noted this application should be considered a substantial change application, and that the applicant should notify the community. Commissioner Hewitt noted that the applicants were cooperating with the Commission on a voluntary agreement. No action on this matter was required tonight.

### **ABC Renewals**

The Commission considered the following ABC license renewal applications:

1801 Corporation C/O Phil Sheridan T/A Rosemary & Thymes Bistro, 1801 18TH STREET NW (2B01)  
Bertucci's Restaurant, Corp. T/A Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria, 1218 - 1220 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)  
California Pizza Kitchen, Inc. T/A California Pizza Kitchen, 1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)  
Kramer Books & Afterwords Inc. T/A Kramerbooks & Afterwords, 1517 CONNECTICUT AVENUENW (2B02)  
Ben Incorporated T/A Odeon Café, 1714 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)  
Style Inc. T/A Sette, 1666 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)  
Thai Chef Inc. T/A Thai Chef, 1712 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)  
MPK, Inc. T/A Floriana, 1602 17TH STREET NW (2B03)  
Steaks Unlimited, Inc. T/A Annie's Paramount Steak House, 1609 17TH STREET NW (2B04)  
Chaos Inc. T/A Club Chaos, 1633 Q STREET NW (2B04)  
Blackie's House of Beef, Inc. T/A 4th Estate Grill, 1101 17TH STREET NW (2B05)  
I Ricchi Inc. T/A I Ricchi, 1220 19TH STREET NW (2B05)  
Bombay Club Inc. T/A The Bombay Club, 815 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B05)  
G & G Investments Inc. T/A Trio Rest & Fox & Hounds Lounge, 1537 17TH STREET NW (2B05)  
Guerra LLC T/A The Meeting Place, 1100 17TH STREET NW (2B05)  
Oval Room LLC T/A The Oval Room, 800 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B05)  
Blt Steak Dc Llc T/A Blt Steak, 2307 18TH STREET NW (2B05)  
Arthur Alan, Inc. T/A Art Gallery, 1712 I STREET NW (2B06)  
Penang DC LLC T/A Penang, 611 H STREET NW (2B06)  
Ascha & Co., Inc. T/A Childe Harold, 1610 20TH STREET NW (2B06)  
Luigi's Restaurant Inc. T/A Luigi's Restaurant, 1132 19TH STREET NW (2B06)  
Nirvana Inc. T/A Nirvana, 1810 K STREET NW (2B06)

Little Man, LLC T/A Restaurant Kolumbia, 1801 K STREET NW (2B06)  
Modica Enterprises LLC T/A Spezie, 1736 L STREET NW (2B06)  
IJK, Inc. T/A Teatro Goldoni, 1909 K STREET NW (2B06)  
Fuddruckers, Inc. T/A Fuddruckers, 1216 18TH STREET NW (2B06)  
Magic Meals Inc. T/A Nooshi, 1120 19TH STREET NW (2B06)  
Half-Baked, Inc. T/A Vidalia, 1990 M STREET NW (2B06)  
CSM Inc. T/A Otello, 1329 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B07)  
Poy Loung Inc. T/A The Regent Thai Cuisine, 1910 18TH STREET NW (2B08)  
Tan, Inc. T/A Straits Of Malaya, 1836 18TH STREET NW (2B08)

Residents expressed concern over Club Chaos and noise violations. The owners of Club Chaos appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Butler stated that he would like to negotiate a solution with the business. He recommended taking no action. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-3-1) with Commissioners Meehan, Carney and Estrada opposing, and Commissioner Farrar abstaining.

Commissioner Estrada announced that William F. Stephens was the winner of the 2B08 special election by a vote of 11-2. Commissioner Estrada made the following motion:

*Resolved, therefore, that ANC 2B requests the Board of Elections and Ethics declare the vacancy filled by William F. Stephens by publication in the District of Columbia Register; and,  
Resolved further, that copies of this resolution also be sent to the Council, the Mayor, and William F. Stephens.*

Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered the submission of a letter to DDOT Director regarding time requirement for on-site construction with regard to sidewalks and curbs (2B05). Commissioner Bjorge made a motion to submit a letter to the Director of DDOT. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered the ABC license renewal application by 1801 Corporation C/O Phil Sheridan T/A Rosemary & Thymes Bistro, 1801 18TH STREET NW (2B01). Commissioner Farrar noted that residents had complained about excessive trash left on the surrounding sidewalk and public space. He noted that the owner agreed to instruct his employees to clean the area. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to resolve this matter by an exchange of letters between the ANC Chair and the manager of the establishment. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered a new addition to the agenda regarding vacant space to be used for new tenants at PNC Bank. Commissioner Hewitt made a motion to write a letter urging PNC Bank to work with the Commission and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets to find locally-owned merchants who aim to contribute to Dupont's diverse retail offering. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

The Commission considered a new item regarding the refreshing of a portion of the mural on the Eastern wall of Stead Park nearest to P Street NW. Commissioner Bjorge made the following motion:

*ANC 2B supports the proposal of Anne Marchand to refresh a portion of the mural on the Eastern wall of Stead Park nearest to P Street, and believes this project to be worthy of funding by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.*

Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Estrada and Executive Director Blicher discussed administrative procedures for applications, deadlines and letters.

Commissioner Silverstein noted that the ANC no longer subscribes to a telephone service. He noted that the refrigerator at the resource center no longer works. He asked for a sum no greater than \$200 to replace the refrigerator. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

Commissioner Estrada made a motion to approve the May and June regular meeting minutes as amended. Alfred E. Blicher, Jr. is empowered to make technical changes to the May and June meeting minutes. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

Commissioner Estrada thanked Gottlieb Simon for presiding over the special election.

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, 7:00 PM at the D.C. Jewish Community Center at 16<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets, NW.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. Blicher, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

ADOPTED: September 11, 2007