

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
Wednesday, June 13, 2007 Jewish Community Center**

The June Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Vice Chair Curtis Farrar at 7:00 pm in the absence of the Chair. 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), and Phil Carney (2B07). Ramon Estrada (2B09) was unable to attend. The chair noted the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Farrar introduced the newly elected Commissioner for 2B02 – William E.M. Hewitt.

Commissioner Meehan requested dog owners to double-bag their dog refuse to reduce smell.

Morgan Zehner, Executive Director, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, announced a graffiti cleanup day on June 16th at 9:00 AM.

Christopher Ziemann, Transportation Management Specialist, Ward 2, District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced a public meeting regarding the neighborhood's vision for the 14th Street Corridor on June 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Source Theater (1835 14th Street NW).

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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. He announced that the June 19th meeting would take place at the Foundry Methodist Church (16th and Q Streets NW).

GENERAL AGENDA

Commissioner Farrar announced that two candidates had qualified to run for SMD 2B08. He announced the election would take place at the July 11th meeting. Commissioner Farrar distributed special election procedures to the Commission. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the special election procedures. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0). The two candidates are Wayne P. Goudreault and William F. Stephens. By flip of a coin, Commissioner Farrar determined that Mr. Goudreault would appear first on the ballot.

The Commission heard a presentation by Dave Mallof regarding People's Property Campaign and Bill of Rights. A representative of Empower DC spoke before the Commission. She explained Empower DC's mission to enhance and improve the self-advocacy of low income and working people in the District of Columbia in order to bring about sustained self-improvement in their quality of life. Empower DC requested a resolution for the stewardship of public property. Commissioner Carney stated the Commission would take up the resolution at the July meeting, due to time constraints tonight. Residents could find more information at www.empowerdc.org.

The Commission heard a presentation by Courtney Schwalen, Ward 2 Field Coordinator of Pre-K for All DC. Pre-K for All DC is building a grass roots level movement to ensure that every three- and four-year-old in the District of Columbia has equal access to quality pre-kindergarten education. Ms. Schwalen appeared before the Commission to garner the support of families, members of the community, educators, and leaders in the civic and business arenas. Residents may contact Ms. Schwalen at courtney@schwalen.com.

The Commission heard a presentation by Mr. Crews of the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) on the zoning process. He summarized the roles of different organizations related to zoning.

At the request of Commissioner Meehan, Mr. Crews used the permit for 1736 Corcoran Street, which appeared on the ANC's regulatory agenda, as an example of a specific zoning problem with a complex technical issue where it was possible to convert a basement (which does not count) by altering the distance from the ceiling to the ground level. The ANC decided to take no action regarding these permits.

Commissioner Meehan made a motion requesting the ANC to allow him to serve as the ANC representative at the DCRA roundtable discussion on zoning and the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

The Commission considered support for a bond proposal for the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation. Commissioner Bjorge made a motion to support the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation's bond proposal request. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

The Commission had scheduled a presentation by the Department of Public Works regarding parking enforcement. No representative appeared. Commissioner Carney noted that DPW illegally ticketed many cars in the area. He was concerned that DPW's failure to appear before the Commission may suggest an adversarial position towards ANC 2B.

The Commission heard a presentation regarding proposed mental health services by the Women's Collective. Patricia Nalls, Founder/Executive Director, spoke before the Commission. She stated that the Women's Collective is a DC based HIV/AIDS service organization created by and for women living with HIV/AIDS. She stated the Women's

Collective is required to become certified by Medicaid. The Women's Collective requested a letter of support from the Commission. Commissioner Farrar requested the Women's Collective to send any supporting materials to Commissioner Estrada, so that the Commission can draft a letter of support. Ms. Nalls stated the deadline for receipt of the ANC's letter is June 20th.

The Commission heard a presentation by Howard University about a proposed Walk-a-Thon on U Street in September (2B09). Barbara Harrison, a representative of Howard University appeared before the Commission. She explained that the Walk-a-thon would benefit Sickle Cell Anemia patients. It is scheduled to take place on September 22nd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and will start on U Street NW and end at the Hilton Hotel. Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the Howard University Walk-a-thon. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

The Commission had scheduled a presentation by Marrakesh Pasha Lounge for a sidewalk café request at 2147 P Street NW (2B02). Since the agenda was published, however, at a hearing on the Marrakesh Pasha Lounge, the Chairman of the ABC Board had requested by June 20 the opinion of ANC 2B, as a VIP lounge constituted a violation of the West Dupont Circle Moratorium. At the request of Michael Fonseca, attorney, who appeared for his client, the sidewalk café request was postponed for a future meeting of the ANC, in order to consider the ABC request. Mr. Fonseca distributed a number of documents covering the ABC Board's decision related to Mr. P's, the predecessor licensee, and the Marrakesh Pasha Lounge. He explained how his clients' application was subject to a wide range of interpretations.

After a detailed discussion, Commissioner Farrar made the following motion:

The ANC has considered this complex issue and finds that the facts are open to a number of interpretations. ANC 2B does not see a conflict, in this case, between the proposed configuration of Marrakesh Pasha Lounge and the Moratorium.

Commissioner Silverstein offered a friendly amendment to create a broad ranging voluntary agreement addressing outstanding issues and concerns. Commissioner Farrar accepted the friendly amendment. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

REGULATORY AGENDA

The Commission considered BZA Application No. 17630 by Gerald Boss for variances for a garage and deck addition to an existing single-family row dwelling at 1831 19th Street NW (2B08). Commissioner Farrar made a motion to support the application. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-1) with Commissioner Meehan voting in opposition.

The Commission considered BZA Application No. 17674 by Fund for American Studies to convert its building at 1621 New Hampshire Avenue NW from a school back to an

office under SP1 Zoning (2B03). Commissioner Meehan made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

The Commission reviewed permits for 1736 Corcoran Street, NW for a three-story addition and penthouse structure on roof (2B03) in the course of the earlier presentation on zoning by the DCRA representative.

The Commission did not consider BZA Application No. 17621 by 1925 K Associates LLC for a new construction request at 1999 K Street, NW (2B06). The applicant withdrew the request.

The Commission considered Public Space Application No. 26848 for a sidewalk cafe at 1120 19th Street NW (2B09). Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support the application. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

The Commission took no action on the following ABC Retailer Class “CR” Renewals:

Rcsh Operations, LLC, T/A Ruth's Chris Steak House, 2017 S STREET NW (2B01)
R Street Restaurant Inc., T/A La Tomate, 1703 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B01)
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., T/A Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., 1629 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

Yami, LLC, T/A Bistro Du Coin, 1738 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

Alero, Inc., T/A Alero Restaurant-1, 1724 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

Cosi, Inc., T/A Cosi Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert & Catering, 1647 20TH STREET NW (2B02) (License #25864)

Cosi, Inc., T/A Cosi Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert & Catering, 1647 20TH STREET NW (2B02) (License #25015 – Voluntary Agreement)

La Sostanza, Inc., T/A Etrusco, 1606 20TH STREET NW (2B02)

Levante Corporation, T/A Levante's, 1320 19TH STREET NW (2B02)

888 Incorporated, T/A The Front Page Restaurant & Grille, 1333 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NW (2B02)

Marine, Inc., T/A Montsouris Restaurant, 2002 P STREET NW (2B02)

D G Holdings Inc., T/A Raku An Asian Diner, 1900 Q STREET NW (2B02)

Thyme Inc., T/A Restaurant Nora, 2130 FLORIDA AVENUE NW (2B02)

Quattro, Inc., T/A Trattu Restaurant, 1823 JEFFERSON PLACE NW (2B02)

Mourayo, LLC, T/A Mourayo, 1732 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

Obelisk, Inc., T/A Obelisk, 2029 P STREET NW (2B02)

Maharjan and Lama Inc., T/A Polo India Club, 1736 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

The Phillips Collection, T/A The Phillips Collection, 1600 21ST STREET NW (2B02)

T Corporation, T/A Timberlakes, 1726 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B02)

DC Grill, Inc., T/A DC Café, 2035 P STREET NW (2B02)

Fantazia Corporation, T/A Legends Restaurant & Carry Out, 2157 P STREET NW (2B02)

D-P Inc., T/A Pesce, 2016 P STREET NW (2B02)
Paradise, Inc., T/A Pizzeria Paradiso, 2029 P STREET NW (2B02)
The Washington Palm Inc., T/A The Washington Palm, 1225 19TH STREET NW
(2B02)
Skenco Inc., T/A Zorba Café, 1612 20TH STREET NW (2B02)
Aha, Corp., T/A Java House, 1645 Q STREET NW (2B04)
H L S, Inc., T/A Dupont Italian Kitchen, 1637 17TH STREET NW (2B04)
V A Assoc. I Limited Partnership, T/A Café Soleil, 839 17TH STREET NW (2B05)
Kusam International, Inc., T/A "I" The Indian Experience, 1050 17TH STREET NW
(2B05)
District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, Inc., T/A DCJCC, 1529 16TH STREET
NW (2B05)
McCormick & Schmick Restaurant Corp, T/A McCormick & Schmick Seafood
Restaurant, 1652 K STREET NW
(2B05)
Olives D.C., LLC, T/A Olives, 1600 16TH STREET NW (2B05)
Pasha International Inc., T/A Pasha Bistro, 1523 17TH STREET NW (2B05)
Rosewood Regency Co., Inc., T/A Bua Restaurant & Bar, 1635 P STREET NW (2B05)
Harvest Moon, Inc., T/A Equinox, 818 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B05)
Leeds The Way, LLC, T/A Hank's Oyster Bar, 1624 Q STREET NW (2B05)
Mirror, Mirror Inc., T/A Iron Gate Inn Restaurant, 1734 N STREET NW (2B05)
Aya Development Corporation, T/A Skewers/Café Luna, 1633 P STREET NW (2B05)
Kissako, LLC, T/A Teatism, 800 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW (2B05)
Café Europa, T/A Panache, 1725 DESALES STREET NW (2B05)
C T Chiang of Washington, Inc., T/A Charlie Chiang's Restaurant & Lounge, 1912 I
STREET NW (2B06)
Kaz, LLC, T/A Kaz Sushi, 1915 I STREET NW (2B06)
United Asia Inc., T/A Singapore Bistro, 1134 19TH STREET NW (2B06)
Kawasaki M and M Corporation, T/A Sushi Kappo Kawasaki, 1140 19TH STREET NW
(2B06)
Wasabi, Co, T/A Wasabi, 0 17TH STREET NW (2B06)
1720 Eye Street DC Hospitality, LLC, T/A Café Asia, 1720 I STREET NW (2B06)
Grill Concepts-DC, Inc., T/A Daily Grill, 1200 18TH STREET NW (2B06)
McCormick & Schmick Rest. Corp, T/A Jimmy's On K Street, 1700 K STREET NW
(2B06)
Morton's of Chicago/Washington Square, Inc., T/A Morton's of Chicago, 1050
CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW
(2B06)
S & W D.C. LLC, T/A Smith & Wollensky, 1112 19TH STREET NW (2B06)
Berk of Washington Inc., T/A The Melting Pot, 1220 19TH STREET NW (2B06)
Mai Thai LLC, T/A Mai Thai, 1200 19TH STREET NW (2B06)
Mezza Luna Inc., T/A Mezza Luna, 1140 19TH STREET NW (2B06)
La Taberna Del Alabardero Incorporated, T/A Taberna Del Alabardero, 1776 I STREET
NW (2B06)
S & H Restaurant Company, T/A Sam And Harry's, 1200 19TH STREET NW (2B07)
Lauriol Plaza Inc., T/A Lauriol Plaza Restaurant, 1835 18TH STREET NW (2B08)

1600 U, Inc., T/A Local 16, 1600 U STREET NW (2B08)
Capitol City Brewing Co., LLC, T/A Capitol City Health Bar, 1612 U STREET NW
(2B08)
1624 U Street, Inc., T/A Chi-Cha Lounge, 1624 U STREET NW (2B08)
Berckelab Woldeyohannes, T/A Keren Restaurant, 1780 FLORIDA AVENUE NW
(2B08)
Cade Vez, LLC, T/A Cada Vez, 1438 U STREET NW (2B09)

Commissioner Meehan made a motion to oppose the application by Cade Vez, LLC, T/A Cada Vez, 1438 U STREET NW (2B09) based on concerns about adverse effects on peace, order, and quiet, pending the successful renegotiation of the voluntary agreement. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Farrar tabled approval of May meeting minutes until the July meeting.

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to reimburse Freddie Blicher, Executive Director for various supplies not to exceed \$100. Commissioner Bjorge seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

At 9:30 PM, Commissioner Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclamation.

The next regular meeting of ANC 2B will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, 7:00 PM at the D.C. Jewish Community Center at 16th and Q Streets, NW.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

ADOPTED: July 11, 2007