

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 10, 2011 Brookings Institution**

The August Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:00 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Bob Meehan (2B03), Jack Jacobson (2B04), Victor Wexler (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09).

Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners

Minutes/Calendar

Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2011 Special Meeting
Special Meeting minutes approved 7-0, subject to technical corrections
Approval of Minutes – July 2011 Regular Meeting (postponed)

Public Announcements

Public Safety Meeting (Next Tuesday) – Rob Halligan reported that the public safety meetings will happen every other month, starting in September, and there is no August public safety meeting.

ANC 2B Re-districting: initial proposal available for comment online starting 8/10/11 & community forum 8/31/11 7:30pm (Washington Hilton)

Reminder: 2 ANC intern positions open for applications

Presentation of plaque by Ross School PTA – Lee Granados presented a plaque of appreciation to Commissioner Bob Meehan for his work supporting Ross School

Announcement of 2nd Annual 17th St Festival (Urban Neighborhood Alliance)

Announcement of Walk for the Homeless and other events to benefit Charlie's Place, a homeless outreach program based at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (Tom Goss) – Mr. Goss announced the Dance-a-thon 9/25/11 and the Walk-a-Dog-a-thon (10/1/11) and requested a letter of support for these events. Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support; Commissioner O'Connor seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

General Items

Request of up to \$2000 for 2011 17th Street Festival (UNA)

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to support funding for the 17th Street Festival up to \$2000. Commissioner Meehan seconded. Commissioner Silverstein offered a friendly amendment for the ANC to spend up to \$2000 for allowable ANC cost items. The amendment was accepted by Commissioners Stephens and Meehan. The resolution passed 7-0-1, with Commissioner Jacobson abstaining as a board member of UNA.

Follow-up: Discussion of draft proposals for reducing noise and traffic and attracting retailer and service providers to moratorium zones

Commissioner Jacobson made the following motion:

Whereas parked idling and/or moving tour buses and other buses contribute to noise pollution on 17th Street;

And whereas routing tour buses to 16th Street, a designated snow route and thoroughfare, would decrease noise pollution on 17th Street.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 2B requests that DDOT designate 17th Street, NW, between S Street and Massachusetts Ave., NW, as a "No Buses" route as soon as practicable.

Commissioner O'Connor seconded. Commissioner Meehan offered an amendment to request 17th Street be designated a "no thru buses route" and that the ANC urges stricter enforcement against vehicle idling. Commissioner Stephens seconded the amendment. The amendment failed to pass by 4-4 vote, with Commissioners Meehan, Stephens, Silverstein,

and Feldstein in favor, and Commissioners Jacobson, Estrada, O'Connor, and Carney against. The original motion failed to pass by 4-4 vote, with Commissioners Jacobson, Estrada, O'Connor, and Carney in favor, and Commissioners Meehan, Stephens, Silverstein, and Feldstein against.

Discussion of resolution regarding DPW recycling/trash enforcement

Commissioner Stephens made the following motion:

Resolved that ANC 2B strongly supports recycling efforts and appropriate enforcement of recycling and trash separation;

Further resolved that ANC 2B encourages and urges all residents, businesses, and landlords in the Dupont Circle neighborhood to provide for necessary separation of trash and recyclables;

Further resolved that ANC 2B finds it inappropriate and a serious invasion of personal privacy for Department of Public Works (DPW) investigators to tear open trash bags as part of investigation and enforcement of trash and recycling separation;

Further resolved that ANC 2B urges DPW to better train investigators to respect personal privacy and not issue citations illegally for de minimus violations.

Commissioner Estrada seconded. Based on comments by Commissioners, Commissioner Stephens eliminated the 3rd and 6th clauses. The amended resolution passed 8-0.

Regulatory

HPRB & Zoning Applications

Request support for concept design before HPRB (application HPA#11-397) of Eric Colbert, Project Architect, for construction of rental apartment building to be constructed at the South East Corner of 17th and O Streets N.W. on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church (1328 16th St, N.W.). Dupont Conservancy provided unanimous approval at July 12, 2011 meeting. Consideration of HPRB application only; zoning issues to be considered later. (2B05)

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to consider the HPRB application issues together with the zoning issues at the upcoming Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee, and then at the September public meeting of the ANC. Commissioner Estrada seconded. The resolution passed 8-0.

Application by 2018 Hillyer Place NW for zoning relief for exterior porch. Plan exceeds 60% allowance by 7%. (2B02)

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to support the zoning relief requested. Commissioner Carney seconded. The resolution passed 8-0.

ABC Applications

Application for transfer of license from safe-keeping (original location 2115 M St NW) by The Wine Specialist, 1133 20th St NW, for Class "A" liquor license (beer, wine, spirits) with Tasting Endorsement. Package food, chips, nuts, and cigarettes also to be sold. Petition due 8/29/11, Roll-call Hearing 9/12/11. (2B06)

The Commission took no action on this item.

Application by Mari Vanna Restaurant, 1141 Conn Ave NW, for new CR (Restaurant) license for fine dining restaurant serving traditional Russian cuisine; inside seating capacity 215, sidewalk cafe seating 25, summer garden, total occupancy 250, background music, no entertainment, no dancing, no nude performance. Hours of interior, summer garden, sidewalk cafe: Sun-Thurs 10am-2am; Mon-Fri 10am-3am. Petition due 9/12; Roll-call Hearing 9/26. (2B05)

Based on the promise by the applicant to amend the application to close the sidewalk cafe by 2:30am on Friday and Saturday nights, the Commission took no action.

Public Space Applications

Application by 1776 Mass Ave NW. for new building signage in public space (2B05)

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to not object to the application. Commissioner O'Connor seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

Joint application by Kabab-Ji, Heritage India, Cafe Citron, Otello, and Fiesta for public space valet parking staging at 1337 Conn Ave NW, with cars parked at private garage. (2B07)

Commissioner Carney made a motion to approve. Commissioner Estrada seconded. The resolution passed 8-0.

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Commissioner Estrada: 1. Updates have been made with the online Voluntary Agreement Toolkit.

Commissioner Stephens: 2. Club Central public safety concerns. Applications will be looked at more closely; revisiting language of resolution concerning applicants. Schedule a public forum to discuss further.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee – No Updates

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 9/6/11 at 7pm at Resource Center. Will try to secure a larger meeting space if needed.

Community Involvement Committee

1. Reports on old business: Community "Grants" Policy- No Updates

Dupont West Moratorium Ad Hoc Committee

1. Follow-up from moratorium renewal – No Updates

Commissioner Reports

Neighboring Jurisdiction Reports (if any): West End/Foggy Bottom (2B06), Adams Morgan (2B01, 2B08), Kalorama (2B01, 2B02), Logan Circle (2B04, 2B05, 2B09), Georgetown (2B06), Columbia Heights/Shaw (2B09)

There were no reports.

Short Reports on Old

1. Marrakesh: CT tavern renewal (2B02) – Commissioner O'Connor reported that the protest was still pending before the ABC Board.

The Commission did not hear reports on the remaining "old business" items below:

1. MPD police boundary realignment (Stephens)
2. Black Fox Lounge: VA amendment (2B01)
3. 1506 19th St NW: alteration of facade & green space (2B02)
4. Whyland Condo: temporary parking space (2B03)
5. Unused post box removal (2B04)
6. Pinkberry: public space sidewalk cafe (2B05)
7. Guitar Bar: new license (2B06)
8. 1729 H St NW Zoning Relief (2B06)
9. Penthouse Bar: new ABC license (2B08)
10. Policy: 14th St & T St sidewalk cafes (2B09)
11. Whitman Walker project car-sharing space (2B09)
12. Precinct 141 polling place (2B08/2B09)

Administrative/Financial Matters

1. Finances/Treasurer Report
Savings: \$34,799.96
Checking: \$33,388.33
Total: \$68,188.29
2. Update: Resource Center renovation & leasing – set up lunch meeting with the new National Parks person. Have received two bids for cleaning.
3. Hiring of new Executive Director & approval of Web/IT consultant (Note: These items to be discussed in executive session)

The Commission voted 8-0 to hire Tony Lowry as the new Executive Director.

Adjournment (9:50pm)