

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 Brookings Institution**

The December 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), Victor Wexler (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07), Phil Carney (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09). Commissioner Jack Jacobson (2B04) expected for a late arrival.

Commissioner Estrada made a motion to approve the November minutes. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0).

**Announcements**

Commissioner Stephens announced ANC 2B website updates. All historical newsletters have been posted as well as financial information such as quarterly reports and audits.

Commissioner Stephens announced there will be a Roundtable on Community Gardens & Urban Agriculture on 12/15/11 from 1pm-5pm at the Wilson Building. There will also be a meeting on post office closures.

Announcement by Keegan Theater re: 2011/2012 Program (Virginia Riehl): Commissioner Feldstein introduced Virginia Riehl who provided information about the Keegan Theater which has a full season of productions and were featured on the Dupont Circle House tour. They are currently showing the "Irish Carol" which received good reviews by The Washington Post. Riehl also gave a brief rundown of the upcoming shows on the schedule. The Keegan Theater is the only American Theater company to tour Ireland. They also provide discount tickets to residents of Dupont Village.

Robin Deaner is seeking endorsement and support from ANC 2B for the idea of having debates regarding DC issues. Commissioner O'Connor reminded everyone to use #ANC2B on twitter. He introduced Michael Clemons from Art Jamz who gave information on his business. Art Jamz is an art group that will be working on Class D License to serve wine and beer only for events. The website is Artjamzdc.com.

Commissioner Estrada announced the Utopia project construction at 14<sup>th</sup> and U Streets.

Commissioner Jacobson announced the Ross Elementary Tree Sales & that this was the last weekend that there will be a drop off box for gifts and toiletries for the homeless.

Commissioner Stephens introduced Miss Echols who read a resolution asking ANC 2B to retract/reverse the "no objection" to the 1800 16<sup>th</sup> St parking. The Commission committed to hearing the item at the January 2012 agenda.

Lilly Mendleson with the Latin American Youth Center (Substance Abuse Prevention) solicited any help for interested people.

Carter Farrington with The Dupont Circle Business Incubator gave information about his company's upcoming events.

**General Items**

**Presentation by WMATA re: Dupont South Metro exit escalator repairs (Art Lawson)**

Presentation by Art Lawson (Government relations officer), Kenny Spain (Project Manager), & Anne Chisholm (Government Relations Officer)- Proposal for the replacement of 3 escalators at Dupont South Entrance/Exit.

- South Entrance will be closed February 2012. The North Entrance will remain open.
- Expected length of work is 8.5 months
- Planning to have additional onsite staffing resources to expedite work & in case of unexpected problems and emergencies.

- Assured the ANC that they are working to provide as much information and to communicate throughout the construction
- Projected cost is \$12million dollars funded by Capital Improvement program (Federal Government)
- Commissioner Silverstein is concerned about businesses that will be impacted by the constructed. Lawson assured that they have been and will continue to work with the businesses near the entrance where construction will take place (i.e. Panara Bread)

## **Regulatory**

### ***HPRB & Zoning Applications***

**Consideration of concept design proposed addition to Argentine OAS Mission building at 1816 Corcoran St NW (2B03)** Commissioner Meehan announced that this application has been withdrawn.

### **2017 N Street – 4th Floor Addition in the rear of the building – HPRB approval being requested.**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to support general concept and read the following resolution  
ANC 2B offers general support for the design concept, but shares the concerns of Dupont Circle Conservancy with the fact that part of the proposed addition could be seen from 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

We urge the HPRB to give this project the utmost care because the 2000 block of N Street is pristine and an historic treasure. We also urge them to give attention to issues of light and air for neighboring buildings and to work with the applicant to alleviate the concerns of neighbors and the community.

Seconded by Commissioner Carney with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Feldstein. Carried 9-0

### ***Public Space Applications***

**Application by Breadline, 1751 Penn. Ave. NW, for expansion of public space sidewalk cafe from 16 to 40 seats; hours M-F 7am-7pm, Sat-Sun closed (2B06)**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to not object which was seconded by Commissioner Meehan.  
Motion carried 9-0.

**Application by Corner Bakery, 1828 L St NW, for sidewalk cafe (2B06)**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to not object. Commissioner Feldstein seconded. Motion carried 8-0.  
Commissioner Estrada stepped out.

**Application by Potbelly Sandwich Shop, 900 19th St NW, for sidewalk cafe (2B06)**

Commissioner Silverstein made a motion to not object. Commissioner Feldstein seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1.  
Commissioner Estrada abstained.

### ***Special Guest: Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans***

Council Member Evans gave updates regarding the city's finances which remain strong; will have sizeable surplus, and development is strong and is continuing.

He also gave his thoughts on the incident that occurred at Heritage Restaurant. Believes that more action should be taken on restaurants that have club promoters come in and have parties at these venues. The city should have and promote a prominent night life, but in accordance with zoning and safety laws and regulations. Took questions from the community which, all surrounded this topic.

### ***Alcohol Applications***

**New (revised) application by El Tamarindo, 1785 Florida Ave NW, for new sidewalk cafe with 14 seats with hours of sales/service/operation 11am-12am daily (1C07, across street from 2B08)**

Application has been revised and the hearing has been rescheduled.

In order to be consistent with the October resolution, Commissioner Stephens made a motion to object to the DDOT Public Space application to the extent that the proposed hours exceed 11pm Sunday through Thursday and 12am on Friday and Saturday nights. Commissioner Estrada seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this vote because of his position on the ABC Board.

**Request for 2 items for One West Dupont Circle, 2012 P St NW: (1) Proposal to amend VA hours to reflect new legislation allowing liquor stores to stay open until 12am, and (2) Application for exception to single-sales restrictions. (2B02)**

Commissioner O'Connor motioned to support One West Dupont Circle's request to stay open until 12:00 a.m. and to also support the application for exception to single-sales restrictions

Commissioner Estrada seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this vote because of his position on the ABC Board.

**Request by Barmy Wine & Liquors, 1912 L Street NW, for exception to singles sales restriction. (2B06)**

Commissioner O'Connor motioned to support Barmy Wine & Liquors' application for exception to single-sales restrictions and to support the request for hours of operation until the new statutory limit for liquor retail (12:00 a.m.).

Commissioner Estrada seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this vote because of his position on the ABC Board.

**Discussion of response to Heritage India incident (2B07)**

Commissioner Carney gave a brief synopsis of incident which ended in injuries and death at the Heritage India restaurant. The restaurant was closed for a short amount of time but will operate only as a restaurant and nothing more. Discussion included comments from Commissioners and the community. The common issue that arose surrounded the topic of club promoters and restaurants becoming club-like venues after a certain hour.

Commissioner Jacobson brought up the issue of restaurants such Heritage coming up for renewal and the ANC not taking proper action based on previous track records including incidents and complaints. He stated that Commissioners should be more proactive and not just reactive.

It was proposed that a separate meeting be held to fully discuss this subject matter in more detail. (i.e. ABRA Policy Committee meeting)

**Committee Reports**

***ABRA Policy Committee***

Commissioners Estrada and O'Connor have working with getting the VA online with Freddie

***Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee***

Commissioner Feldstein is attempting to work with DDOT regarding parking. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1/3/11 (First Tuesday) 7pm at the Resource Center.

***Community Involvement Committee***

Commissioner Feldstein is waiting for more feedback on the Grants Policy Paper.

***Dupont West Moratorium Ad Hoc Cmte***

No new liquor licenses per Commissioner O'Connor.

**Commissioner Reports**

*Short Reports on Old Business*

1. Bistro Bistro: valet parking (2B01) **No Update**
2. Board Room: new CT license (2B01) **No Update**
3. 2018 Hillyer Place NW: zoning relief for porch (2B02) **n/a**
4. G-Star Raw security gate (2B02) **Got approval for gate installation, but work has been delayed due to construction issues**
5. Sette Osteria: sidewalk cafe redesign (2B02) **No Update**
6. Whyland Condo: temporary parking space (2B03) **No Update**
7. Congo Embassy (2B04) **DCCA held protest, letter issued by state dept to remove pavement and replant vegetation.**
8. First Baptist Church: Zoning relief (2B05) **No final decision yet**
9. Komi: VA amendment (2B05) **Signed and submitted**

10. Third Church: HPRB (2B05) **Deferred until February**
11. Boqueria: New CR license (2B06) **No Update**
12. IMF: BZA Application (hearing 12/13) (2B06) **No Update**
13. Guitar Bar: new license (2B06) **Still in discussion with the attorneys**
14. Ohfish: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) **No Update**
15. Upper Crust Pizzeria: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) **No Update**
16. Kabab-Ji, Heritage: valet parking (2B07) **No Update**
17. 1841 16th St: parking space (2B09) **January agenda**
18. Friends of S/T Street Parks & DCCA partnership (Stephens) **No Update**
19. Precinct 141 voting location (Stephens/Estrada) **No Update**
20. ANC 2B Redistricting (Stephens) Bill will be reviewed Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, w/ regard to ANC 2B proposal had technical changes
21. Resource Ctr cleaning, renovation, leasing (Stephens/Feldstein) follow up meeting with park service, they've given ANC 2B a login to do an environmental assessment. Cleaning is \$159/month with taxes. Will motion pay no more than \$160/month, Mike F 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 9-0

### **Administrative/Financial Matters**

#### Finances/Treasurer Report Checking

Current checking account balance is \$71,695.03. The only checks have been for salaries, pay checks, and copying. Need to put together a budget for the upcoming year.

Draft 2011 Annual Report: Commissioner Stephens would like to vote on this by February.

Consideration of an amendment to the Policies and Procedures manual entitled "Ethics and Accountability":

Commissioner Jacobson would like to table this until the next meeting. He would like to edit based on feedback from Gottlieb.

### **Adjournment**