

July 2012 Minutes

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 Brookings Institution

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

Commissioner Estrada moved to approve the July meeting minutes subject to technical changes. Commissioner Wexler seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Stephens announced that the new community calendar is on the website and Freddie is working on making Committee pages more active. Also, Freddie is setting up a YouTube channel for the ANC.
2. Commissioner Estrada announced that the Post Office is open at the Reeves Center.
3. Commissioner Carney reported that someone is trimming sidewalk trees and doesn't have the authorization to do so.
4. Commissioner Stephens announced that this Sunday is the 15th Anniversary of FreshFarm Market in Dupont Circle.
5. Commissioner Feldstein announced that the old "Secret" Safeway grocery store space at Florida & 20th will open with a new, independent grocery shop will be opening in about 6 months.
6. Commissioner Stephens announced that DDOT is planning to add another bike lane on N St. NW within 2B06
7. Jack Jacobson's campaign manager announced his candidacy for Ward 2 School Board member.
8. Andrew Huff from Councilmember Evans Office announced the proposal of a bill that will expand public libraries hours and another bill that will require Pepco to install underground power lines.

General Items

Discussion with WMATA officials on Dupont South Metro Progress :

WMATA officials gave updates on Dupont Circle Metro project. The project is still on track for a mid-October completion date. One new escalator has been installed. Everything is on schedule to bring in large components by mid-August. Because of this, night street closures on 19th Street will be diminished/decreased. WMATA sees no significant problems in the way to cause any delays. WMATA noted that the Metro Police pod was stationed at Dupont North because of the foot-traffic expected with only one exit.

Regulatory

Public Space Applications

Public Space Application for a sidewalk cafe for G Street Food, 1120 19th Street NW. 20 seats. David Choi. (2B06)

Commissioner Silverstein moved to support so as long as it doesn't extend beyond the neighboring sidewalk café of the Greek Deli. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. Passed 8-0.

Public Space Application for a sidewalk café for the Bier Baron (1523 22nd Street NW) (2B02)

Commissioner O'Connor requested that this item be taken off the agenda, and the ANC tabled it until August.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application #18386 (BZA) of Kyung Rhee on behalf of Sylvia Kotz Realty Revocable Trust, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception renewal to permit a surface parking lot under section 213, in the DC/R-5-B District at premises 1629 Corcoran Street, N.W. (Square 179, Lot 71). Hearing Date: September 11, 2012 (2B04)

Commissioner Carney moved to support. Seconded by Mike Feldstein. 8-0

Application # 18384 (BZA) by Epiphania LLC for a special exception to permit a massage establishment under section 731, in the DC/C-2-B District at 2028 P Street NW, Hearing date July 24 (2B02)

This matter has already come before the ANC and a motion to support was passed. Letter is being re-sent to ensure BZA receives it.

Alcohol Applications

Application by Sala Thai, 1817 M St NW (License 089604). Occupancy: 10. Sunday: 12pm-10pm, Mon-Thurs. 11am-10pm, Friday 11am-3am, Saturday 12pm-3am; Petition date July 23, Hearing date August 6. (2B06)

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support DR license for hours of interior space. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board. It was noted that the ABRA application did not include any outdoor space at this point.

Application to ABRA for sidewalk cafe endorsement for Fuel Pizza, 1606 K Street NW (2B05) Note: ANC already supported DDOT Public Space application for this sidewalk cafe in April 2012.

Commissioner Wexler moved to support. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. 8-0 Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Application #089763 by Merlots Art, LLC, at 1512 U Street for DX (multi-purpose) license. Art instruction with wine to be served to guests. No capacity provided. Alcohol serving hours are Sun: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Mon-Thurs: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fri and Sat: 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada recommended taking no action. The Commission took no action.

Ted's Bulletin ABRA application #089801 by Ted's Bulletin 14th St, LLC, at 1818 14th Street NW for CR license. Upscale 1930's Art Deco Diner offering comfort food and breakfast all hours of operation. Occupancy load is 191. Alcohol serving hours are Sun thru Sat 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Fri and Sat 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada moved to protest on the basis of peace, order, quiet and parking, subject to negotiation of VA. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. 8-0 Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board. Commissioner Estrada recommended using the same form of VA that other neighboring establishments on 14th Street have agreed to.

Committee & Liaison Reports

Public Safety Liaisons

- “Safer Dupont” meeting:

The meeting had good turnout. Bike safety was a major part of the discussion. The Public Safety Liaisons will be working with DDOT regarding street signage & pedestrian signaling. Also the Police Department and Attorney’s office would like to allow ANC to be able to provide community impact statement pertaining to cases that effect the community.

- The Commission suggested the Public Safety Liaisons plan a public forum on bicycling in September.

ABRA Policy Committee

- Commissioner Estrada moved the following resolution regarding the Omnibus ABRA bill:

Whereas, The Dupont Circle neighborhood has the largest amount of ABC licenses in the city; and

Whereas, the Dupont Circle ANC was represented on the ABRA Task Force in its many meetings to discuss revisions to the ABRA regulations; and

Whereas, the Dupont Circle ANC ABRA Policy Committee has met to review the proposed Alcohol Omnibus legislation,

Be it therefore resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC supports the legislation with some exceptions. The Dupont Circle ANC does not support the 400 foot requirement for protestants, but rather recommends 600 feet as a more appropriate measurement for protestants because it is already in the regulations for defining moratoriums and affected ANCs, and

Be it further resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC recommends that citizen groups and associations be allowed the opportunity to send representatives to the ANC meeting when an applicant/licensee makes a presentation to the community, and that this attendance satisfies the requirement in the legislation that citizen groups offer applicants/licenses an opportunity to address their voting body,

Be it further resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC objects to the language that dismisses protestant groups when an ANC successfully negotiates a voluntary agreement, because this language is ambiguous.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B applauds Council Member Graham for holding an extensive and inclusive process that produced a reasonable compromise.

Commissioner O’Connor seconded the motion. The Commissioners discussed the motion for approximately 30 minutes. Commissioner Jacobson made a friendly amendment, which is incorporated in the above.

Commissioner Silverstein made a friendly amendment, which is incorporated in the above. The motion passed 9-0.

- Appointment of SMD 2B06 Liaison for ABRA issues: Commissioner O’Connor moved to appoint Stephanie Maltz. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Jacobson: Garrison Elementary has received a million dollars for grounds renovations. There has also been a problem with prostitution near the school.
- Logan Circle (PSA 307) is interested in having a public safety meeting or joining with our meetings.

Short Reports on Old Business

1. Huckleberry Cheesecake: zoning relief (2B02) **Passed**
2. Panas: New CR license (2B02) **Passed**
3. Levante’s: substantial change & awning (2B02) **Held up**
4. Urbana: valet parking (2B02) **Rejected, were using public parking spaces as staging**
5. Phase I: New hours (2B02) **No update**
6. 1200 17th Street: curb cut retention (2B05) **On July’s DDOT Public Space Agenda**

7. Third Church: HPRB concept design (2B05) **On hold**
8. 1100 16th St NW: HPRB concept design (2B05) **No update**
9. Dirty Martini: sidewalk awning (2B05) **Approved**
10. Triangle Group: New CN license (2B05) **No update**
11. SLS Carriage House: zoning exception (2B05) **No update**
12. BarCode: valet parking (2B05) **No update**
13. 1518 K St NW: landmarking (2B05) **No update, may be landmarked over ANC's objections**
14. Herbal Alternatives: med. marijuana disp. (2B06) **Moving forward**
15. Scriven House: landmarking (2B06) **Waiting on final decision**
16. Mansion on O Street: VA change (2B06) **Waiting on final decision**
17. DeLuca Studio: BZA special exception (2B06) **ANC sending another letter**
18. Camelot: valet parking (2B06) **No update**
19. 1820 Jefferson Pl NW: zoning renewal (2B06) **No update**
20. Kabab-Ji, Heritage: valet parking (2B07) **No approval**
21. St. Thomas: public space signage (2B07) **Approved**
22. Keegan Theatre: HPRB concept design (2B07) **Went back to DCC & HPRB**
23. 1841 16th Street: parking (2B09) **DDOT request re-application**
24. Tacodog: New CR license (2B09) **Hearing next Monday**
25. DC Center (Jacobson) **Did not receive the space in the Reeves Center**
26. Resource Ctr cleaning, renovation, leasing (Stephens/Feldstein) **No update**
27. S/T Street Parks (Silverstein) **Restoration has begun at the park, will take 3-4 weeks**
28. Stead Park (Wexler) **Friends of Stead park have hired architects & have submitted drawings. Public meeting sometime soon**

Administrative/Financial Matters

Finances/Treasurer Report

Balance at the beginning of the month: \$66,421.96

Allotment amount deposited: \$5531.86

Monthly Expenditures: \$5,003.00

Ending balance: \$66,750.70

Adjournment (10:00pm)