

June 2012 Minutes

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 Brookings Institution

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The June 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), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07), and Will Stephens (2B08). Victor Wexler (2B05) and Ramon Estrada (2B09) expected for a late arrival due to an important ABRA hearing.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the May meeting minutes subject to technical changes. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Stephens: A neighborhood public events calendar is now on the ANC website to post events & meetings.
2. Commissioner Jacobson: Hank's Oyster Bar was shut down before the Pride Parade. Also the State of Ward 2 School Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at 6pm.
3. Commissioner Silverstein: HPRB voted 5-2 to oppose the development of 3rd Church of Scientist.
4. Commissioner Carney: Ross Elementary will be undergoing a one million dollar renovation this summer. He also thanked the volunteers & fellow commissioners helping at the park.
5. Commissioner O'Connor: Reminded everyone to use #ANC2B on Twitter.
6. Commissioner Silverstein: Thanked Commissioner Carney & Steve for the work done at the garden by the circle.
7. Public Safety ANC 2B Listening Session: Thursday June 20th, 6:30pm at the Jewish Community Center.
8. A representative from 3rd Church of Christ thanked ANC 2B for their support.
9. Teds Restaurant at 14th & Swan will be submitting a liquor license application soon.
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10. Commissioner Estrada: U Streetscape is starting this week.

General Items

Public Space Applications

Application for valet parking staging zone for Camelot Show Bar, 1823 M Street NW. Mr Beshir. (2B06)

Commissioner Silverstein moved to not object. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein Passed 9-0.

Application for valet parking at BarCode, 17th & L Streets NW. (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler moved to not object. Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed 9-0.

Application by Policy, 1904 14th Street NW, for renewal of T Street sidewalk cafe and addition of ornamental fence (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada moved to extend the permit to September 30th upon which time the ANC will vote on

permit for a permanent basis; Also moved to support the ornamental fence. Seconded by Commissioner Meehan. Passed 9-0.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application by DC Preservation League for historic landmarking of 1518 K Street NW (Peyser Building) (2B05) [Note: This item was tabled at the May ANC meeting because the applicant could not attend.]

Commissioner Stephens moved to object on the basis of inadequate communication with the owner and because the structure does not meet the criteria or rise to the level of a landmark. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. Passed 9-0.

Request for zoning special exception (BZA application number 108401) by SLS Carriage House Enterprise LLC for 1749-1751 St. Matthews Court NW (Square 159, Lots 46 & 47) for conversion of existing buildings to office use. (2B05)

The applicant is combining 2 structures to make 1 building. There will be no expansion of the footprint and no extensions. There will be 4 parking spaces. The applicant also has letters of support from neighbors. The application is a Special Exception b/c the structure and exterior of the building is not being altered and is cohesive with the other structures in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Wexler moved to support the special exception application. Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed 9-0.

Request by 1820-1822 Jefferson Place NW for extension of BZA Order No. 18064 (Square 139, Lot 75) (2B06) [Note: The ANC unanimously supported the original application in May 2010]

The applicant's representative described that the applicant was unable to make use of the original BZA order because of personal and family circumstances, and asked for an extension as part of plans to sell the property. Commissioner Silverstein moved to support the extension for 2 yrs. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-3-1.

Alcohol Applications

Request ABRA-87629 by Phase I of Dupont, 1415 22nd St NW, for extension of hours. Opening Tues-Friday at 5pm instead of 9pm; Open Monday 5pm-2am; Open Sunday 12pm-2am instead of 5pm-11pm (2B02)

Commissioner O'Connor recommended taking no action. The Commission took no action.

Request ABRA-089394 by Triangle Group, 1730 M Street NW, Suite 100, for new Class "CN" (nightclub) license for "nightclub, lounge offering live entertainment & occasional catering services for corporate, charity, & private events – no nude performances." Hours of operation Sun-Th 8am-3:30am, Fri-Sat 8am-4:30am; Hours of sales/service Sun-Th 8am-2am, Fri-Sat 8am-3am; Hours of sidewalk cafe & summer garden Sun-Th 8am-2am; Fri-Sat 8am-3am; Petition due 6/18/12; Hearing 7/2/12. Michael Fonseca presenting. (2B05)

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support. Seconded by Mike Feldstein. Passed 7-0.

Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Request ABRA-089558 by Tacodog, LLC, t/a Taqueria Nacional, 1407 T Street NW, for new Class "C" Restaurant with seating capacity of 50 patrons with total load of 90. Recorded background music. No nude performances. Sidewalk cafe with 20 seats. Hours of sales/service Sun-Thurs 8 am to 12 am and Fri and Sat 8 am to 1 am. Hours for Sidewalk cafe Sun-Thurs 8 a.m. to 11 pm and Fri and Sat 8 am to 12 am.

(2B09)

Commissioner Estrada moved to protest on the basis of peace order & quiet subject to negotiation of VA. Seconded by Commissioner Meehan. Passed 8-0.
Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Committee & Liaison Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

- October 1st: Expanded hours on alcohol sales on certain holidays begins. If you are a licensee, you must apply an intent to stay open until 4am 30 days prior. Applicants must also submit a security plan and file it with ABRA.
- The next legislative session on July 3rd will be going over the recommendations made by the ABC Working Group (of which Commissioner Estrada was a member) to be possibly put into the new bill.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

Commissioner Feldstein would like new committee members.

Community Involvement Committee

Commissioner Feldstein introduced Jackson Carnes, who will be volunteering with the committee to study the social welfare needs and resources in Dupont Circle.

Commissioner Reports

1. Third Church: HPRB concept design (2B05)

Commissioner Silverstein would like to send HPRB a letter asking why ANC2B's decision was not given great weight & why they didn't include the height of the Adam's House which is well over the height of Third Church. There was no objection to writing such a letter.

2. Cafe Citron: substantial change (2B07)

The establishment has hired security expert for training, and developed a new security plan. There have been no incidents since. Commissioner Carney moved to withdraw the protest based on these good faith efforts made. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 7-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Administrative/Financial Matters

Finances/Treasurer Report

Balance at the beginning of the month: \$70, 761
Incorrect allotment amount deposited: \$469.02
Monthly Expenditures: \$2574
Ending balance: \$68, 558

Adjournment (9:58pm)