

March 2012 Minutes

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 Brookings Institution

The March 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 (205), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Phil Carney (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09).

Next meeting is April 11th.

Commissioner Feldstein moved to approve the February minutes. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (9-0).

Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Feldstein presented Aaron DeNu with a framed copy of the Groundhog Day proclamation from City Council for his work and efforts for the Groundhog Day Event hosted by Dupont Festival.
2. Announcement of ANC 2B website updates: Commissioner Stephens announced that 4 years of resolution letters have been posted as well as Finance materials from as far back as 2001.
3. Request for help in generating list of organizations serving Dupont Circle: Commissioner Feldstein: announced that he would like to assemble a list of organizations, citizens, and associations that serve Dupont Circle and is seeking help with this project.
4. Introduction of Ruth Davis-Rogers – New Executive Director, Dupont Main Streets: Ruth Davis Rogers introduced herself to the ANC and community, gave her background and history, and stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone.
5. Parking Issues – Announcement of Public Meeting, Damon Harvey, DDOT: There will be a meeting April 3rd at the Dupont Hotel to discuss parking issues in the neighborhood.
6. Pride Parade – June 2012 (Rob Corbett)- 37th Anniversary of the DC Pride Parade to be held Saturday June 9th. Seeking a letter of support from ANC as well as reimbursement for DPW & Police. Commissioner Jacobson moved to support and Commissioner O'Connor seconded. Carried 9-0.
7. Helen Generes announced the Passport DC Event in May. 5th anniversary, May 5th: There will be an "Around the World Embassy Tour" May 3rd-May 7th and would like to use the Resource Center as headquarters for the event. Commissioner Stephens moved to support, Commissioner O'Connor seconded, carried 9-0.
8. Commissioner Carney announced that construction at Ross Elementary construction will begin once school is out for summer. More than likely the playground will be closed for the summer. Most work will be done inside.
9. Commissioner Silverstein announced that silent auctions for Dupont Village raised \$15,000 and that Ross Elementary also raised a good amount as well.
10. Commissioner Jacobson announced that the Candidate Forum held last night; had a great turnout.
11. Commissioner O'Connor promoted Initiative 70 and announced that he is taking signatures for the petition.
12. Commissioner Estrada announced that Rauzia Ally is now officially in office as a member of the HPRB.
13. Policy Restaurant will be hosting a Neighborhood Appreciation evening which will feature an open bar and food sampling on Thursday from 6-8pm.

General Items

Progress Report from the Friends of Stead Park: Robin Diener and Jeff Garigliano (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler introduced Jeff Garigliano who briefly covered the renovations of Stead Park. Now working on the 2nd phase of park renovations which include the field and fences and later down the line the recreation center. Would like to get the parents and the community involved and has put together a list of items they would like to see incorporated in the field (e.g. walkways, community garden, trees, bathrooms, etc.). The list has been given to 2 landscape architects and they're working on plans and rough sketches in which they will present in about a month at a community meeting.

Commissioner Silverstein gave a brief history of the park. The park was a gift to DC by the Stead family in the 1940's. It was the first integrated park in the city.

Regulatory

Multiple or Combination Applications

Applications by Hotel Palomar (2121 P St. NW) (2B02) for:

(1) substantial change to Class C Hotel License (ABRA-071829) for a sidewalk café seating 24 patrons. No change of hours. Petition Date March 26, 2012; Hearing Date April 9, 2012.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support on the grounds that the applicant voluntarily agreed to the public space guideline hours set by ANC (11pm weeknights & 12am weekdays). Commissioner Jacobson seconded. The motion carried 8-0 with Commissioner Silverstein abstaining due to his position on the ABC Board.

(2) Public space permit for unenclosed sidewalk cafe (DDOT Tracking number 68849)

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support the application. Commissioner Carney seconded. Commissioner Meehan suggested a friendly amendment to support the application with the stipulation that the southern edge of the seating would not extend beyond the hotel grates. The friendly amendment was adopted. The motion carried 9-0.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application for Zoning Relief from Huckleberry Cheesecake Child Development Center (1307 19th Street NW) Zoning requirements mandate 2 parking spaces. Application for zoning relief to allow for 0 parking spaces. Approximate hearing date June 2012. (2B02)

No teachers or employees at Huckleberry drive. Commissioner O'Connor moved to support. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Feldstein stepped out.

Landmarking application #12-04 for the Brigadier General George P. Scoven House, 1300 New Hampshire Av, by property owner, National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century.

Commissioner Silverstein moved to support the application. Commissioner Estrada seconded. The motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Feldstein stepped out.

Public Space Applications

New DDOT Bikeshare plan for 1900 block of NH Ave NW (2B09)

Currently there is a 40 ft Bikeshare station at this location that holds 15 bikes. The applicant would like to move the station to the street which would take up 3 parking spaces. This would allow them to expand from 15-23 bikes and would increase the size from 40ft to 60 ft.

This item was tabled to next month's meeting to allow for a more full discussion of the concept and alternatives.

Application by Stub's Kitchen (1401 T St NW) for unenclosed 32-seat sidewalk cafe (DDOT Tracking number 68240) (2B09)

This item was tabled to next month's meeting.

Application by Irish Whiskey for unenclosed sidewalk cafe (1207 19th Street NW) (DDOT tracking number 69796) (2B06)

Commissioner Silverstein moved to support this application. Commissioner O'Connor seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Commissioner Estrada abstaining.

Alcohol Applications

Application by Art Jamz (License No. ABRA-088814) for DX (multi-purpose beer/wine only) license for "multi-purpose facility hosting paintin & artistic session for adults & children with live music, catered hors d'oeuvres & light fare"; Occupancy load 30; Hours Sun 1pm-1am, Mon-Sat 10am-1am; Petition due 3/19/12, Hearing 4/2/12. (2B02)(NOTE: ANC already approved stipulated license in February 2012.)

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support and Commissioner Carney seconded. Motion carried 8-0
Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Application by P Street Gourmet Empanadas, LLC t/a Panas Gourmet Empanadas (2029 P Street NW)(License No.ABRA-088954)for DR license. New liquor license w/ application for entertainment endorsement (acoustic guitar) and summer garden. Hours: Sunday through Thursday 11 am – 12 am Friday and Saturday 11 am – 1 am. Summer Garden: Sunday through Saturday 11 am -12 am; Entertainment: Sunday through Saturday 11 am – 12 am; Petition Date: April 9, 2012; Hearing Date: April 23, 2012 (2B02)

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support pending the change of the summer garden hours to conform to the public space guidelines of the ANC. Seconded by Commissioner Carney. Motion carried 8-0; Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Application by DGS Delicatessen (License No. ABRA-088831), 1317 Conn. Ave. NW, for new CR (Restaurant) license, for "traditional Jewish delicatessen serving house-cured meats, fish, bread, bagels, and bialys" with seating capacity 90; total occupancy 127; hours of interior operation/sales/service Sun-Thu 8am-12am, Fri-Sat 8am-1am; summer garden hours Sun-Thu 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat 8am-12am. Petition due 3/26/12; Hearing 4/9/12 (Stephen O'Brien) (2B07)

Commissioner Carney moved to protest on basis of peace order & quiet pending VA agreement or change of hours. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Motion carried 8-0; Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Request by Virginia Market, 1776 U St NW, for renewal / amendment of exception to singles sales restriction. (2B08)

Commissioner Stephens moved to support continued exception to the singles sales ban with no expiration date and to remove any side agreement that lists certain liquor types. Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Application by Quan LLC (License No. ABRA-088683) for new CR (Restaurant) license "with upscale Southeast Asian cuisine in a contemporary setting" at 1401 S St NW; Seating capacity 185; Occupancy 215; Sidewalk cafe 40 seats; Interior hours Sun-Thurs 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-3am; Sidewalk cafe hours Sun-Th 11am-1am, Fri-Sat 11am-2am; Petition due 3/19/12; Roll-call hearing 4/2/12. (Micheal

Fonseca) (2B09)

Commissioner Estrada moved to protest on basis of peace order & quiet pending VA agreement or change of hours to sidewalk cafe; also include that parking & promotion of transportation alternatives be added. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

- ABC Working Group: Alcohol lobby is pushing to have the ANC represent the community completely without citizen input.
- Voluntary Agreements: would like to include more categories under entertainment endorsements and prohibit certain types of entertainment.
- Issue of promoters has been tabled. Councilmember Graham has decided to write a letter to councilmember Evans asking for clarification of every term in the bill because there are issues about whether every CR that uses a promoter should have a reimbursable detail or should CRs with problems using a promoters have a detail. How are promoters defined, etc.
- The board was given more flexibility and allowed to fine licensees rather than waiting for a hearing on certain matters.
- Thursday the 22nd a meeting will be held to discuss these issues in detail.

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to void the so-called "gentlemen's agreements" between the ANC and liquor stores that list specific liquor types with reference to the singles sales ban. Commissioner Estrada seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

- Commissioner Stephens: Regarding the Resource Center, concepts for renovations and repairs have been uploaded to the National Park Service online system. ANC has a 5 year lease renewal.
- Commissioner Feldstein: There will be a meeting on parking on April 3rd at the Dupont Hotel.
- During the last week March or the first week in April, there will be a meeting on bicycles.
- Next ZPD meeting will be on April 4th Items to discuss will include the Dupont Underground project.

Community Involvement Committee

- Commissioner Feldstein posted changes and recommendation to the Grants Policy Paper on the ANC website.
- Commissioner Feldstein would like to get more members and volunteers on the committee.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Estrada: Logan Circle ANC approved pilot enhanced residential parking

Short Reports on Old Business

1. Third Church: HPRB concept design (2B05): **No Update**
2. Eye Bar: substantial change (2B06): **Mediation was held & ABRA would like the security plan enhanced. Commissioner Jacobson moved to allot \$250 for a review of a security plan. Seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Silverstein stepped out.**
3. Kabab-Ji, Heritage: valet parking (2B07): **No Update**
4. St. Thomas: public space signage (2B07): **Tabled until April**
5. 1841 16th Street: parking (2B09): **Tabled until April**

6. 1438 U Street: parking (2B09): **Tabled until April**
7. Black & Orange: new CR license (near 2B09): **Reached a VA Agreement. Agreed to 11am-12am**
8. Stub's Kitchen: new CR license (2B09): **Role call was held on Monday**
9. S/T Street Parks (Silverstein): **Met with park officials**
10. Resource Ctr cleaning, renovation, leasing (Stephens/Feldstein): **Commissioner Stephens- received a request from Dupont Underground to use the Resource Center as a maildrop; moved to allow, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. Motion carried 9-0. Also ANC doesn't need to go through Park Services to fix the alarm. Commissioner Feldstein recommended posting a calendar to organize and schedule Resource Center usage by various groups.**
11. At-large Council Member Forum (Jacobson): **Event went well, had a great turn out and was able to cover a vast amount of issues in a short time frame.**
12. Prostitution-free Zone Act (O'Connor): **No movement**
13. Rauzia Ally HPRB nomination (Feldstein): **She has been affirmed.**

Administrative/Financial Matters

1. Goals session: Commissioner Stephens would like better communication
2. FY 2011 Annual Report: The annual report was presented to the commissioners.
3. Finances/Treasurer Report:
 - Beginning of the month the checking account balance was \$69,278
 - Expenses for the month totaled \$1,532
 - As of 3/1/12 the checking account balance was \$67,745.99

Adjournment 9:57pm