

May 2012 Minutes

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 Brookings Institution

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The May 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), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09). Mike Silverstein (2B06) expected for a late arrival. Phil Carney (2B07) was absent.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the April regular and special meeting minutes. Commissioner Estrada seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Public Announcements

- 1.) Commissioner Stephens made announcements about website updates. Information for the new public safety liaisons and an "Office" page giving information about the resource center have been added to the site. A Google calendar for the booking of the Resource Center for meetings has been included as well. The Voluntary Agreements page is still being worked on.
- 2.) Commissioner Stephens also announced that Jazz in the Circle will take place at 2pm Sunday, June 3rd.
- 3.) Commissioner Stephens announced that this Saturday at 11am Councilman Barry will have a meeting on removing the ban on ANCs litigating in court. In addition, DDOT is in charge of hosting residential block parties.
- 4.) Announcement of new DCCA board: The new president is Doug Rogers. DCCA is also celebrating its 90th birthday.
- 5.) Mike Lipin announced that Dance in the Circle has a new date which is Sunday, May 13th Email: danceinthecircle@hotmail.com
- 6.) Commissioner Estrada announced that The Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance will be meeting May 17th at 7pm, 12th & U with a reception afterwards.
- 7.) Commissioner Feldstein announced that the fountain was cleaned this past weekend.
- 8.) Commissioner Jacobson commented on President Obama's endorsement of same sex marriage.
- 9.) Commissioner Jacobson also announced that on April 28th the Urban Neighborhood Alliance and Ross Elementary had a rummage sale and an electronics recycling event.
- 10.) Commissioner O'Connor reminded everyone to use #ANC2B on twitter.
- 11.) Commissioner Jacobson announced that the 17th Street festival may need a letter of support. The event's representative, Steven Rutgers, announced that the event will take place on September 22nd. The festival hours have been extended; the new hours are from 12pm-6pm. Roads will be closed from 10am-8pm. They are Expecting 10,000 attendees. Commissioner Jacobson moved to support and was seconded Commissioner Meehan. Passed 8-0.
- 12.) The owner of Boqueria Restaurant announced its opening. The restaurant is located at 1837 M St, NW and seats up to 100 guests and has a bar.
- 13.) Mary Lord with the DC board of education announced that they just administered a new test in DC. The Board has been reviewing graduation requirements, debating to require community service and reinstate senior project/thesis May 16th.

14.) Andrew Huff with Jack Evans office talked about The Voluntary Agreement 3 Strikes Act of 2012 which would allow ABRA to enforce more penalties to establishments after a number of violations.

General Items

Consideration of a Proposal of Support for Capital Pride to hold a picnic and a movie night from 6 to 10:30 pm on June 2, 2012 at Stead Park (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler read the following resolution.

Whereas, Capital Pride plans to hold a picnic and a movie night in Stead Field on June 2, 2012 from 6pm until 10:30pm, and

Whereas, such activities represent an appropriate use of Stead Park,

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B supports a permit for Capital Pride for a picnic and a movie on June 2, 2012 from 6pm until 10:30 pm.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Resolution passed 8-0.

Commissioner Silverstein would like to authorize \$200 for convertible for the ANC for Pride Parade. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Motion carried 8-0. Commissioner Feldstein noted that he has also obtained a second convertible for free.

Regulatory

Public Space Applications

Request by Dirty Martini, 1223 Conn Ave NW, for sidewalk cafe "enclosure" (awning)

Commissioner Wexler moved to support. Seconded by Commissioner Meehan. Motion passed 8-0.

Request by Urbana, 2121 P Street NW, for valet parking permit (2B02)

The applicant will be utilizing the existing taxi-cab staging area in front of the hotel for valet parking staging, which does not impede traffic or existing parking because this area is cut into the sidewalk. They have made arrangements to park customer cars in a garage. They will be offering valet 5:30pm-close. Commissioner O'Connor moved to support under those conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Motion passed 8-0.

Request by 1200 17th Street Investors to retain existing curb cut of 1700 block of M St. N.W. during demolition of existing office building at 1200 17th St. N.W. DDOT Application Tracking Number 70638 (2B05)

Commissioner Meehan pointed out that in a prior request for zoning relief, the ANC supported the relief on condition that the corner park area be preserved. Commissioner Wexler moved to support the retention of the existing curb cut during demolition, on the condition that the developers abide by the prior understanding with the ANC that the park area at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 17th Street be preserved in any development of the property. Motion passed 8-0.

Alcohol Applications

ABC License Renewal Applications (Class A Retail):

1. Rosebud Liquor, 1711 17th St. NW (2B04)

2. Imperial Liquors 1050 17th St NW (2B05)

The Commission took no action on these renewal requests.

Request by Phase 1 of Dupont, 1415 22nd St NW, for change of hours (2B02)

The applicant is applying for a stipulated license. Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. Motion passed 7-0 with Commissioner Silverstein not participating due to his position on the ABC Board.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application by DC Preservation League for historic landmarking of 1518 K Street NW (Peyser Building) (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler noted that the applicants' representatives had agreed to come to the ANC meeting, but were unable to attend. Commissioner Wexler moved to table this item until the applicant can send a representative to discuss this matter. Seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Motion passed 8-0.

Levantes Restaurant: awning for sidewalk café.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to support the project as presented, provided that the view of the historic buildings be maintained. Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. 7-0-1 (Commissioner Estrada abstaining).

Other Regulatory Applications

Application by Herbal Alternatives, 1147 20th St NW, for medicinal marijuana dispensary. Comments due 5/25/12 to Department of Health (2B06)

The applicant has been provisionally approved by Department of Health on April 11th. The proposed location is not within close proximity to substance abuse treatment centers, day care centers, or halfway houses. Commissioner Silverstein moved to support the application based on the 3 regulatory factors. Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Motion passed 7-0-1 (Commissioner Meehan abstaining).

Committee & Liaison Reports

Public Safety Liaisons

Public Safety Liasons, Kishan Putta and Noah Smith presented on the following topics:

1. Proposed steps and solutions for engaging the Dupont Circle Community & responding to public safety concerns
 - Making improvements to the Public Safety page on www.dupontcircleanc.net
 - Meeting with representatives from other ANCs to learn tactics used to engage with their communities & with MPD on public safety issues
 - Monitoring community/MPD listservs & blogs for public safety concerns
 - MPD engagement
 - Planning & hosting a community meeting
2. Proposed agenda for a community meeting
 - Meeting purpose: for community members to communicate concerns about neighborhood safety issues to the ANC, community leaders, & government officials
 - Agenda items to include: Crime, Infrastructure & Roadway Safety, Safety issues facing parents of young children, & any other concerns or ideas.

ABRA Policy Committee

- Commissioner Estrada briefly covered the last ABRA hearing with regards to the various testimonies.
- ABRA considering implementing a requirement for citizens associations to be audience to all applicants before making a determination.
- Commissioner Estrada also announced that Councilmember Graham will be issuing a separate bill on surrounding the matter of promoters.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

Commissioner Feldstein would like new committee members.

Community Involvement Committee

Commissioner Feldstein would still like more feedback on the Grants Policy Paper

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)

Logan Circle: Garrison Elementary is working on a plan to renovate their grounds; Ongoing for the next several years.

Short Reports on Old Business

1. Hotel Palomar: DDOT & ABRA sidewalk cafe (2B02) **Approved**
2. Huckleberry Cheesecake: zoning relief (2B02) **Waiting for zoning**
3. Panas: New CR license (2B02) **Now serving**
4. Levante's: substantial change (2B02) **In negotiations with VA**
5. Third Church: HPRB concept design (2B05) **On agenda for this month's HBRB**
6. Bombay Cafe: public space cafe (2B05) **Approved**
7. Fuel Pizza: public space cafe (2B05) **Approved**
8. 1100 16th St NW: HPRB concept design (2B05) **No update**
9. Scriven House: landmarking (2B06) **No update**
10. Mansion on O Street: VA change (2B06) **No update**
11. DeLuca Studio: BZA special exception (2B06) **No update**
12. BonMi: public space cafe (2B06) **No update**
13. Cafe Grande: public space cafe (2B06) **No update**
14. Paul Bakery: public space cafe (2B06) **No update**
15. Kabab-Ji, Heritage: valet parking (2B07) **No update**
16. St. Thomas: public space signage (2B07) **No update**
17. Cafe Citron: substantial change (2B07) **No update**
18. Keegan Theatre: HPRB concept design (2B07) **Rejected**
19. DDOT CaBi station (2B09 / 2B08) **Moved to T St btw 17th & NH**
20. 1841 16th Street: parking (2B09) **Asked by DDOT to re-apply**
21. Stub's Kitchen: new CR license (2B09) **Negotiated VA**
22. Quan: new CR license (2B09) **Negotiated VA**
23. Stub's Kitchen: public space cafe (2B09) **No update**
24. DC Center (Jacobson) **No update**
25. S/T Street Parks (Silverstein) **Had clean-up this past weekend**
26. Stead Park (Wexler) **Meeting w/Friends of Stead on May 15th at 3pm at JCC.**

Administrative/Financial Matters

Finances/Treasurer Report

Commissioner Silverstein reported that at the beginning of the month the checking account balance was \$66,421.

Allotment was \$5,331, Expenses- 1,092, Balance at the end of the month was \$70,661.

New Draft Policy & Procedures Manual

Commissioner Stephens: There will be at least 2 new vacancies for new commissioners. Would like to get help putting together a new draft policy & procedures manual.

Other Admin items (if any)

- Resource Center- EU Embassies open house would like to use the bathrooms for their staff this Saturday. No objections.
- Commissioner Feldstein moved to recommend purchasing 10-15 chairs for the Resource Center at a cost not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. 7-0-1 (Commissioner Jacobson abstaining).
- A commitment was received from DCCA and Farmers Market to pay 20% of alarm system fee.

Commissioner Stephens moved to provide as much as 60% for installation & monthly fee. Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. 7-0-1(Commissioner Jacobson abstaining)

Adjournment (9:55pm)