

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 Brookings Institution

The September 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), Will Stephens (2B08), and Ramon Estrada (2B09).

Jack Jacobson (2B04) and Mike Silverstein (2B06) expected for late arrivals.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve the August minutes. Commissioner Feldstein seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Stephens announced ANC 2B website updates: Reminder of the Community Calendar. Also announced a new Flickr account (photos).
2. Commissioner Stephens announce two internship openings: Public Policy & Community Involvement
3. Commissioner Wexler announced the Stead Park public meeting on October 3rd (ANC consideration October 10th) where they will be presenting plans for park renovations. Meeting will be at 7pm at JCC.
4. Commissioner Feldstein announced the follow up meeting on parking on October 2nd.
5. Commissioner O'Connor reminded everyone to use #ANC2B on Twitter.
6. Commissioner Meehan made an announcement regarding the promotion of DC Statehood.
7. Commissioner Estrada announced the opening of a Brazilian nightclub at 14th & U Streets.
8. Rob Halligan announced that the Dupont Main Streets Board are trying to have some building facades redone as well as initiating assessments for local businesses.
9. Baraka Accounting Services announced that DC passed legislation that provides an exemption from sales tax to restaurants for their gas use.
10. DCCA representatives announced the need for volunteers during the Dupont Circle House Tour.
11. MLK Library to be renovated or moved. Meeting on this matter to be held on September 16th.
12. Dennis Houlihan will be having a free book giveaway at Dupont Circle metro.
13. Charlie Ellis was introduced as the new acting Dupont Circle Citizens Association president

General

Discussion of DDOT Public Space improvements by Matthew Marcou DDOT Public Space Chair. Mr. Marcou explained new systems being implemented to manage public space applications and community input.

Candidate Fora: ANC elections & At-Large Council Elections

Commissioner O'Connor will be the point person representing ANC2B on a forum for the At-Large Council seat. The ANC would prefer to co-host with other organizations like DCCA, UNA, and others. Separately, the Community Involvement Committee will host a forum for the ANC 2B commissioner candidates, both contested and uncontested races. Both events to be held sometime in October.

Discussion of status of site alternatives for temporary fire house to replace the current station at 23rd and M Streets (in ANC2A, but station serves ANC2B)

Commissioner Silverstein read the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and passed 8-0.

ANC 2B objects to the possible siting of a temporary fire station on Francis Field because already unacceptable traffic problems at that location will become even worse with ongoing construction projects – including the New Hampshire Avenue streetscape. We urge the District to work with community groups to find a more suitable location that would result in better response times and enhanced public safety.

Regulatory

Public Space Applications

Public Space permit application (Tracking #73827) for use of public space for parking at 1940 New Hampshire Ave NW (2B08)

Commissioner Stephens moved to not object, seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Passed 8-0.

Public Space permit application (Tracking #63892) for unenclosed sidewalk cafe (on T Street NW side w/fencing) in public space at 1904 14th Street, Policy Restaurant and Lounge. [NOTE: The PSC approved a temporary permit for the cafe on T Street with the understanding that the applicant would come back before the PSC for review on compliance and HP review and sign-off of the proposed fencing] (2B09)

Applicant asked that it be relieved of its provisional status. Commissioner Estrada moved not to object under the conditions that the applicant continues to move furniture inside at closing and keep the signage regarding exit and entry up. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 8-0.

Alcohol Applications

Application (ABRA-089900) for Elixer Dupont LLC, 1710 Conn. Ave. NW, for new Class A Liquor Store (beer, wine, liquor). Hours Mon-Sat 9am-10pm. Terry Brennan presenting. (2B02)

Commissioner O'Connor suggested taking no action, and the Commission took no action.

Application (ABRA-090284) for Neighborhood Restaurant Group XIV LLC, aka the Iron Gate, 1734 N Street NW, for Restaurant Class "C" for a "new Restaurant serving Greek and Italian style food." Indoor occupancy 99, seats 50. Summer garden 120 seats. Hours of operation: Sun-Thurs 11:30am to 2am; Fri-Sat 11:30am-3am. Veritas presenting for applicant. (2B05)

Commissioner Wexler moved to support; Seconded by Commissioner Meehan. Passed 8-0.

Application (ABRA-072087) by HAK LLC, aka Midtown, 1219 Conn Ave NW, for substantial change to existing CN (nightclub) license to add summer garden with 30 seats. Hours Sun-Thurs 5pm-2am; Fri-Sat 5pm-3am. Veritas presenting for applicant. (2B05)

Because Commissioner Wexler had only learned of the application a few days before the meeting, in order to preserve the ANC's standing, Commissioner Wexler moved to protest on the basis of peace, order, & quiet subject to successful negotiation of a VA. Seconded by Commissioner Meehan. Passed 8-0.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application HPA #12-502 concept design approval for 1321 21st Street, NW, five-story rear addition to three-story rowhouse. Architect Damian Manning will present. (HPO Contact: Kim Elliott) (2B06)

Commissioner Feldstein moved to postpone for another month, for more information. Seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Passed 8-0.

Committee & Liaison Reports

Public Safety Liaisons

- Next meeting is 7pm September 27th at the Chastleton (16th & R St) on bicycle safety.
- Gave updates on the so-called “Groper” targeting females in the area.

ABRA Policy Committee

- On October 1st the holiday extension hours for establishments will begin. There are 19 official holidays for which hours can be extended.

Community Involvement Committee

- Commissioner Feldstein provided draft of a Grants Policy resolution

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)

- 14th & U St has been divided into two new SMDs. 4 people are running for Commissioner seats.

Short Reports on Old Business

NU=No Update

1. Kyung Rhee: parking lot BZA renewal (2B04) **NU**
2. 1200 17th Street: curb cut retention (2B05) **NU**
3. SLS Carriage House: zoning exception (2B05) **Under negotiation**
4. 1616 Rhode Island: public space (2B05) **NU**
5. Mari Vanna: public space sidewalk cafe (2B05) **Did not show up to hearing**
6. Heritage India: new ABC license (2B06) **Signed VA today**
7. Takeateasy: new ABC license (2B06) **NU**
8. Camelot: valet parking (2B06) **NU**
9. 1820 Jefferson Pl NW: zoning renewal (2B06) **NU**
10. G Street Food: sidewalk cafe (2B06) **NU**
11. Waffle: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) **NU**
12. Breadline: public space sidewalk cafe (2B06) **NU**
13. DGS Deli: public space sidewalk cafe (2B07) **NU**
14. Tacodog: New CR license (2B09) **Drafting VA**
15. Ted’s Bulletin: New CR license (2B09) **Drafting VA**
16. Whitman Walker: public space (2B09) **NU**
17. Resource Center (Stephens/Feldstein) **Alarm system approved & signage will be sketched for National Park Service approval**
18. S/T Street Parks (Silverstein) **Dog Park re-dedicated & DCCA met w/ Horticulturist for plants @ T St Park**
19. ANC 2B agreed to resubmit a letter regarding MLK Library.

Administrative/Financial Matters

Finances/Treasurer Report

Beginning of the month: \$65,086

Allotment: \$5,331

Expenses: \$1888.34

End Balance: \$69,230.48

Adjournment 9:48pm