



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Call to Order

The January 2018 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Election Chair Stephanie Maltz at 7:01 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Amy Johnson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Nick DelleDonne (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), Nicole McEntee (2B08), and Scott Davies (2B09).

Election of 2018 Commission Officers

Commissioner Johnson moved to elect Commissioner Warwick as the ANC's Chair for 2018. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion. Commissioner DelleDonne moved to elect Commissioner Cunningham as the ANC's Chair for 2018. The motion did not receive a second. The motion to elect Commissioner Warwick was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-1-0).

Commissioner Downs moved to elect Commissioner Johnson as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2018. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Maltz moved to elect Commissioner McEntee as the ANC's Secretary for 2018. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Davies moved to elect Commissioner Maltz as the ANC's Treasurer for 2018. Commissioner McEntee seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Statement Regarding the Censure of Commissioner DelleDonne

Commissioner Davies moved to rescind the ANC's previous censure of Commissioner DelleDonne. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1).

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Silverstein said that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board recently voted to deny a petition to reconsider the board's decision regarding Dacha Beer Garden's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1740 14th Street NW.

Commissioner Silverstein gave an overview of the financial problems that the Current Newspapers is currently experiencing. He encouraged local residents to continue to support the Current Newspapers.

Commissioner Davies presented a plaque that he made with his father that commemorates the service of former ANC Commissioner Michael Feldstein. He said that the plaque will be prominently displayed in the newly-renovated Dupont Circle Resource Center.

Commissioner McEntee encouraged local residents to attend Dupont Festival's annual Groundhog Day event, which will take place on Friday, February 2nd at 8:00 am in Dupont Circle.

Commissioner Downs said the next meeting of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee will take place on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm at the Dupont Circle Resource Center, 9 Dupont Circle NW.

Commissioner Cunningham said that the ANC will be hosting a town hall on homelessness on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm at the Keegan Theater, 1742 Church Street NW. She encouraged local residents to attend the town hall.

Commissioner Cunningham commended DC Public Schools (DCPS) staff for working hard to quickly reopen Ross Elementary School after a recent flooding emergency that the school experienced.

Commissioner Maltz said that the My School DC lottery is currently open for the 2018-2019 school year.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Jerry Chapin, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) holiday tree pick-up process begins on January 13th and runs through February 2nd. He said that violent crime across the city is down 22% from 2016 and that overall crime across the city is down 11% from 2016. He also encouraged local residents to program DC's shelter hotline, which is (202) 399-7093, into their phones and to then call it if residents see anyone outside in the cold.

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the office has received many calls regarding water main breaks across Ward 2. He said the office is happy to help with water main break calls, however he added that local residents can also call DC Water directly at (202) 612-3400 to report the breaks. He also said that the DC Council recently voted

to confirm Jeff Marootian as the permanent director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). He gave an overview of several upcoming DC Council roundtables and hearings.

Susan Volman, a representative for the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), gave an overview of DCCA's upcoming Resolutions Party, which will take place on Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm at Le Mirch Restaurant, 1736 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Patrick Kain, a representative for the effort to form a Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID), said that the BID team is working with the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) to go through the steps that are required in order to start the BID.

Kim Manning, a representative for DDOT, gave an overview of DDOT's upcoming community meeting regarding the extension of the DC Streetcar to Georgetown. She said that the meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in room 108 of the George Washington University's Fonger Hall, 2201 G Street NW.

Commissioner McEntee said that the enrollment deadline for DC Health Link is Wednesday, January 31st.

Report on the ANC's Goals and Objectives for FY 2018

Commissioner Johnson gave an overview of the ANC's goals and objectives, which help guide the commission's work and prioritize issues that come before the commission. She said that the commission has been meeting twice a year to review the goals and objectives and to make updates as needed.

Commissioner Johnson gave an overview of several recent updates that were made to the ANC's objectives based on a recent review of the goals and objectives. She said that the updates include removal of the Dupont Resource Center renovation project based on the project's completion as well as the removal of the publishing of the ANC's annual report.

Commissioner Johnson said that the ANC is planning to make updates to the ANC's Policies and Procedures Manual in the coming months. She said that the commission will also be looking into whether any revisions to the ANC's bylaws are needed. She added that any possible changes to the ANC's Policies and Procedures Manual or the bylaws will be made available for public review prior to finalizing.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

The Darcy Hotel – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license at 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner McEntee seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The Darcy Hotel has applied for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license at 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (ABRA-102437),

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within club central and single-member district 2B05,

WHEREAS, The Darcy Hotel is requesting to increase the total occupancy load of the summer garden from 40 to 140, with seating for 100,

WHEREAS, hours of operation on the premise are Sunday through Saturday, 12:00 am to 12:00 am (24-hour operations),

WHEREAS, hours of operation for the summer garden are Sunday, 10:00 am to 1:00 am; and Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 am,

WHEREAS, hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption on the premise and for the summer garden are Sunday, 10:00 am to 1:00 am; and Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 am,

WHEREAS, hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for sidewalk café 1 are Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm; and Friday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 12:00 am,

WHEREAS, hours of operation for sidewalk café 2 are Sunday through Saturday, 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, and

WHEREAS, hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for sidewalk café 2 are Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests The Darcy Hotel's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, pending the successful negotiation of a settlement agreement between the ANC and the applicant.

Historic Preservation and Zoning Agenda

1530 P Street NW – Application by the Carnegie Institution for Science for a Special Exception from the Penthouse Screening Requirements to Permit Renovations to the Existing Office Building

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner McEntee seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the applicant's building serves as a contributing building to the 16th Street Historic District and the historic rooftop elements are welcomed elements of the building,

WHEREAS, the three inches of concrete that the screen would attach to would not easily support the weight of the screen and the screen would create substantial snow drift issues,

WHEREAS, if built, the enclosure would be seven feet high and visible from the street, and the 16th Street NW view would be interrupted by the new enclosure,

WHEREAS, the building remains more historically compatible if the enclosure is not added than if the enclosure is added, and

WHEREAS, there are no surrounding neighbors that would be affected by noise issues from the mechanical units.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports a special exception for this project.

1315 16th Street NW – Application by the Rouge Hotel for Special Exceptions from the Use Permissions and from the Penthouse Requirements to Construct a New Penthouse Restaurant in an Existing Hotel

Commissioner McEntee moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is an addition to an existing hotel and an addition of a restaurant to the penthouse,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports the applicant's desire to provide sound mitigation with a green and environmentally friendly wall, in addition to the use of modern and attractive building materials, flooring, and steel framing in its design, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that there may be community concerns with the restaurant use, however we anticipate that the concerns will be addressed during the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration application process after the addition is built, and we will work with community members to alleviate concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

1323 21st Street NW – Concept / Three-Story Addition and New Garage with Storage at Rear

Commissioner McEntee moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 30-day delay of the Historic Preservation Review Board's review of the historic preservation application for 1323 21st Street NW so that the neighbors affected have enough time to consider the application and to provide input to the commission.

1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW – Concept / Alter Front Entrance, ADA Access, and Driveway

Commissioner McEntee moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the design incorporates the same steel framing in the existing awning and removes the current circular bollards for more attractive security bollards that blend into the public space and provide additional utility as a public amenity, and
WHEREAS, the project will provide a benefit to Massachusetts Avenue NW by providing an attractive public space amenity, including green space and bike racks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

2031 Q Street NW – Concept / Roof Alteration at Rear

Commissioner McEntee moved to request a 30 day delay of the Historic Preservation Review Board's review of the application. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 30-day delay of the Historic Preservation Review Board's review of the historic preservation application for 2031 Q Street NW so that the property's neighbors can be properly noticed and work with the applicant on resolving any concerns.

1747 T Street NW – Concept / Alter Slope of Roof, Third Story Addition at Rear

Commissioner McEntee moved to request a 30 day delay of the Historic Preservation Review Board's review of the application. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 30 day delay of the Historic Preservation Review Board's review of the historic preservation application for 1747 T Street NW. ANC 2B notes that applicants reached out to the commission to let the commission know that they are revising their plans and are requesting a 30 day delay themselves, therefore ANC 2B understands that this application will not be on the Historic Preservation Review Board's January agenda.

1625 P Street NW – Stead Park Recreation Center Project

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commission of Fine Arts is an independent federal agency charged with giving expert advice to the President, the Congress, and the federal and District of Columbia governments on matters of design and aesthetics, including planning modifications or additions to an existing building on federal or DC government property; establishing a new park or public space or modifying an existing park or public space; installing artwork in an outdoor public space, such as a park, plaza, or Metro station; proposing major new public infrastructure; or modifying the streetscape design of a public street,

WHEREAS, the project intends to visually and functionally enhance the front courtyard and emulate the original open concept front entrance as it was first designed in the 1950s,

WHEREAS, the addition will be built in brick and at a size intended to harmonize with the historic building without detracting from it and will restore the windows,

WHEREAS, the project aims for both LEED Platinum and Net Zero with features such as solar canopies, the Department of Parks and Recreation's first agricultural green roof, and rainwater collection,

WHEREAS, the playground, with limited space, will feature vertical playground elements which can accommodate more children, and

WHEREAS, the site, as well as the building, will be 100% ADA accessible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the massing and the conceptual design in the application as proposed, and encourages modifications to address concerns related to the large open area between the building and the playing field and the programming of the outdoor roof deck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the project team continue to engage and consult with the ANC, park users, and community stakeholders on the continued development of the project until completion.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by the General Services Administration for the Installation of Security Bollards at 717 Madison Place NW and 1520 H Street NW

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the applicant at 717 Madison Place NW and 1520 H Street NW proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of installing security bollards, streetscape work, including updates to curb and gutters, sidewalks, landscaping, and ADA improvements,

WHEREAS, the project goal is to provide vehicle mitigation while enhancing the public space, and

WHEREAS, the project objectives are to:

- Respect the sensitivity of the historic site
- Enhance pedestrian mobility
- Preserve canopy tree character of H Street and Madison Place
- Maintain bike connections along Madison Place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed as a necessary security measure.

Public Space Application by the Downtown BID for the Installation of Bike Racks at Multiple Locations in ANC 2B

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner McEntee seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the applicant, the DowntownDC Business Improvement District, proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of installing bike racks in partnership with the District Department of Transportation at multiple locations around the DowntownDC BID area,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports and encourages residents and visitors to travel by bike or on foot where possible, and

WHEREAS, bicycle parking, among other facilities, is a critical part of creating an attractive bicycle transportation system. The presence or absence of these facilities will often play a substantial role in determining whether bicycling is viewed as a realistic transportation option.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the DowntownDC Business Improvement District's application to install bike racks in the following public locations:

- 11500 – 1599 block of M Street NW
- 1100 – 1199 block of 15th Street NW
- 1000 – 1099 block of 15th Street NW

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that any installed bicycle parking should meet the following standards to ensure usability for all cyclists and to maintain pedestrian sidewalk access:

- Support the bicycle in at least two places to prevent the bike from falling over.
- Allow bicyclists to lock the frame and one wheel with a U-lock.
- Be securely anchored to the ground.
- Resist cutting, rusting, bending, or other deformation.
- Provide enough space between bike positions to realistically accommodate a bicycle locked in every spot.
- Maintain a minimum of 10 feet of sidewalk clearance in the main walkway adjacent to the bicycle parking.
- Avoid constructing bicycle parking in areas of bus boarding and egress.

Public Space Application by Rockrose Development for the Retention of the Existing Curb Cut at 1900 M Street NW

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTED: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the planned construction at 1900 M Street NW moves the valet staging area down to the second level of the garage, more than doubling the number of cars that can await valet service,

WHEREAS, this will limit the back-up onto the sidewalk and into 19th Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the planned construction will also result in the demolition of the current enclosed sidewalk cafe on 19th Street NW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B enthusiastically supports the curb cut request for 1900 M Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Request for Restaurant Nora to Remove Valet Parking Signs at 2132 Florida Avenue NW

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Restaurant Nora at 2132 Florida Avenue NW opened in 1979 and was a long-standing institution in ANC 2B serving the city and wider region,

WHEREAS, prior to closing on June 30, 2017, in order to cover operations through that date, Restaurant Nora applied to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to

renew a permit for a valet parking staging area on Florida Avenue for the hours of 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Mondays through Saturdays (DDOT #10402437).

WHEREAS, according to DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS) and status reports of the Public Space Committee, this application was never fully reviewed nor approved so no active permit exists supporting the parking restrictions, and

WHEREAS, signs regulating street parking during the above hours remain posted on Florida Avenue, thus restricting three spaces.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT remove the relevant signs from Florida Avenue NW at the earliest possible convenience.

General Agenda

Confirmation of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) and Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee Chairs and Members

Chair Warwick moved to re-elect Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Downs as the Co-Chairs of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee for 2018. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Chair Warwick moved to elect Commissioner McEntee as the Chair of the ANC's Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee for 2018. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the members of the TPI Committee. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9 of ANC 2B's Bylaws, the commission may create standing and ad hoc committees, the members of which may include commissioners, residents, and other members,

WHEREAS, in accordance with ANC 2B's Policy and Procedures Manual, the membership of a committee must be ratified by resolution of the commission. Any commissioner may nominate members to a committee, regardless of whether that commissioner is a member of the committee. Committee members may be nominated and/or ratified as a group or individually. All committee members serve at the pleasure of the commission and may be added, removed, or replaced by resolution of the commission at any time, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee was created by the commission through a resolution dated March 12th, 2014.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B confirms the appointment of:

- Matt Johnson – Resident of SMD 2B06
- Lawrence Sprowls – Resident of SMD 2B04
- Matthew Sampson – Resident of SMD 2B01
- David Suls – Representative from the Golden Triangle BID

as members of the Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee, to serve until the end of term January 2019, resignation, or at the pleasure of the commission.

Commissioner McEntee moved to confirm the appointment of Michael Biedler, Constance Lai, and Alan Rueckgauer as members of the ZPD Committee. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2018 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Maltz moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2018 ANC Security Fund and the respective \$25 expenditure to participate. Commissioner Davies seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Addition of New ANC Officers as Signatories for the ANC's Checking Account

Commissioner Maltz moved to add the ANC's new officers as authorized signatories on the bank signature card for the ANC's checking account, and to remove the previous ANC officers for 2017. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's 2018 Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Downs moved to approve the ANC's 2018 meeting calendar. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular August Meeting: Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Regular December 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Davies moved to approve the ANC's regular December 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Silverstein moved to amend the ANC's regular September 2017 meeting minutes to include a note that the ANC's censure of Commissioner DelleDonne during the September meeting was rescinded by a vote of the commission during the ANC's regular January 2018 meeting. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 10:17 pm.