



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017; 7:00 p.m.
Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Call to Order

The October 2017 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Vice Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:01 pm.

Announcement Regarding the Vacancy of Single Member District 2B07

Commissioner Warwick said that Sean Treanor, one of two candidates for the special election for single member district 2B07, recently withdrew his candidacy for the election. He said that the DC Board of Elections thus certified Kari Cunningham, the remaining candidate for the special election, as the new commissioner for 2B07. He added that Ms. Cunningham was sworn-in by Councilmember Jack Evans earlier the same day.

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), and Kari Cunningham (2B07).

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Johnson said that, as a result of the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) current renovation project of their headquarters building at 2000 Florida Avenue NW, project contractors have closed parts of the adjacent sidewalks on Florida Avenue and 20th Street NW. She encouraged local residents to follow the directional signs when walking in the area. She said that the sidewalk closures will last for approximately seven months.

Commissioner Silverstein said that September 16th, 2017 marked Jim McGrath Day in DC. He gave an overview of the hard work that Jim McGrath, the Chairman of the DC Tenants Advocacy Coalition, has performed on behalf of the Dupont Circle community and communities across DC.

Commissioner Downs said that the next meeting of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm at the Dupont Circle Resource Center, 9 Dupont Circle NW. He said that the agenda for the meeting will

include discussion regarding the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) 17th Street NW bike lane proposal and discussion regarding DDOT's Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project.

Commissioner Downs said that the next community meeting regarding the Stead Park Recreation Center project will be on Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th Street NW. He said that a third community meeting will take place in November and that the project team is hoping to break ground on the project in 2018.

Commissioner DelleDonne gave an overview of DC Council Bill B22-0223 – the “Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2017.” He said that DC Council hearings regarding the bill will take place in November and that he would like to prepare testimony for the hearing. He gave an overview of the ANC's previously-adopted resolution regarding the matter.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Samantha Power and Brian Doyle, representatives for the DC Reinvest Coalition, said that the coalition is asking for the DC Council to vote to adopt DC Council Bill PR22-0188 – the “Sense of the Council Urging Reassessment of Relationship with Wells Fargo Resolution of 2017.” They said that the coalition believes that the DC Government's investments with Wells Fargo do not represent DC's values. They gave an overview of recent findings regarding Wells Fargo's illegal business practices and questionable business investments.

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council recently approved emergency legislation that would allow dogs to be present on restaurant sidewalk cafes if the respective restaurants decide to allow them. He also gave an overview of DDOT's dockless bikeshare pilot program. He said that DC's fifth dockless bikeshare company, ofo, launched the previous day. He added that DDOT's program runs until April of 2018 and that the Councilmember's office wants to hear any comments from local residents regarding the program.

Jerry Chapin, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that Mayor Bowser recently launched the Ready DC initiative, which includes the Ready DC website at <http://ready.dc.gov>. He encouraged local residents to use the city's 311 system to report any issues in the neighborhood. He said that local residents can also contact him if there are any issues that are not being addressed. He added that public funding is still available for the Mayor's Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, said that the organization will be holding its annual pet costume contest on Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 pm at the S Street Dog Park.

Florence Harmon, an ANC 2A commissioner, thanked ANC 2B for its support of the proposal to reopen the Stevens Elementary School building in the West End as a campus of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens.

Will Lansing, a representative for Valor Development, said that his team is proposing to redevelop the property at 1337 Connecticut Avenue NW. He said that the project team hopes to start work on the project in early 2018 and that the team will soon be returning to the ANC with updated project plans. He added that the project team will be asking for the ANC's support for a possible tax abatement on the property.

David Rydzeski, a representative for the DC College Savings Plan, gave an overview of the plan. He said that the plan helps DC families save for college and vocational expenses. He said that all growth in a family's account through the plan is tax deferred. He added that local residents can contact him via email at David.Rydzeski@ascensus.com or via phone at (571) 565-5869 with any questions regarding the plan.

Presentation Regarding Proposed Legislation on the Sound Level of Street Buskers

Joe Donovan and David Julyan, representatives for a group of residents and business owners who are requesting that the DC Council introduce legislation to regulate the sound levels of street buskers, were present. Mr. Donovan said that many ANCs are suffering from the high sound levels created by the buskers.

Mr. Julyan said that the DC Government's creation of vibrant, mixed-use communities has given rise to the issues resulting from street busker noise levels. He said that his group is not seeking to disrupt the buskers' ability to play for an audience and to collect donations, but rather the group is trying to control the high levels of sound created by certain buskers that are disrupting nearby residents and businesses.

Mr. Julyan said that his group has collected data on problematic busker hot spots across the city and has also examined how other cities across the nation address the sound level issues. He said that DC currently has an unenforceable statute that would regulate the sound levels of buskers if it was enforceable. He said that the group is in the process of completing their draft legislation and will soon be approaching the DC Council to discuss the proposal. He said that the group is also reaching out to ANCs across the city to discuss the matter. He added that the legislation would regulate the sound levels created by buskers without interfering with the buskers' ability to play and collect donations.

Commissioner Warwick said that the ANC will need further time to consider the matter before voting on it.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Budget

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's proposed FY 2018 budget. Commissioner Maltz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Update Regarding the ANC's Signing of a Settlement Agreement with Safeway at 1701 Corcoran Street NW

Commissioner Johnson gave an overview of the previous timeline for Safeway's license application. She said that the ANC, the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), and two groups of local residents have protested to protest the application. She said that all four groups recently signed a settlement agreement with Safeway regarding the application and submitted the agreement to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board.

Commissioner Johnson said that the ANC Board has reviewed the settlement agreement and has asked for modifications to it. She said that the four groups are currently considering how to respond to the requested modifications, and have requested and been granted a deadline extension by the ABC Board in order to do so.

Heist – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License at 1216 18th Street NW

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Heist has applied for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub license at 1216 18th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Central Business District and Single Member District 2B06,

WHEREAS, Heist is seeking a change of hours as part of the substantial change application,

WHEREAS, the current hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am, and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 pm to 3:00 am,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 pm to 3:00 am, and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 pm to 4:00 am, and

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am, and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 pm to 3:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests Heist's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, until a settlement agreement has been successfully negotiated between the ANC and the applicant.

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Grocery Stores and Markets

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Consideration of a Letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Regarding Future Alcohol Operations at 2147 P Street NW

Commissioner Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner DelleDonne seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has had several recent interactions with the owner, operator, and developer of 2147 P Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is currently a party to the protest of the renewal of the tavern application at the premises,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that there are current renovation/development plans for the premises which have received Historic Preservation Review Board and Board of Zoning Adjustment approvals, though the zoning approval has not yet been formalized,

WHEREAS, operating under the assumption that the renovated building will proceed according to plan, there will be changes to the license and practical impacts to the neighborhood from the operation of a tavern on the premises,

WHEREAS, the changes described to the ANC are as follows:

- the current tavern at the establishment will end operations,
- the tavern license will be transferred to a new entity partially sponsored by the developer and will go into safekeeping during construction,
- when the renovated building is nearing completion, the new entity will request changes to the tavern license which will include:
 - a change in format to what is currently conceived of as a digital arts space,
 - a change in location of the establishment from the entire premises to a newly constructed cellar on the premises, with the remainder of the premises consisting of apartments and a retail space which will likely be a restaurant. The occupancy load of the establishment will likely decrease,
 - a reduction in food service,
 - a change in trade name, though the ownership change will have occurred a year prior,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the changes as described would constitute substantial changes based on guidance in DC Official Code § 25-762, but understands that the ABC Board must review the facts of each particular case in order to determine whether a

substantial change needs to be placarded when the establishment is ready to open after the renovation/development,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the peace, order, and quiet implications of the forthcoming changes in operation of the license and would like to address those concerns in a timely manner, but is hesitant to begin negotiating a revised settlement agreement with the forthcoming establishment because the new establishment will not have a physical space for at least 18 months,

WHEREAS, guidance from Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration staff was not definitive with regards to whether the changes as described would be placarded as substantial changes at the appropriate time, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B would appreciate further clarification on how licensing for multiple establishments at the same address works, as that is likely to occur at the 2147 P Street NW premises.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B seeks a legal opinion from the ABC Board regarding whether the changes at 2147 P Street NW as described in this letter would constitute a placarded substantial change and thus allow for a public review process at the appropriate time.

Discussion Regarding the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's Proposed Rulemaking on Changes to the DC Municipal Regulations

Commissioner Johnson said that the ABC Board is currently considering a proposed rulemaking regarding changes to the DC Municipal Regulations that govern the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). She said that she has reviewed the proposed changes in detail and does not have any issues with them. She said that she is thus recommending that the commission does not take any action regarding the proposed rulemaking. She also encouraged local residents to review the proposed rulemaking and to submit any comments they have to ABRA before the comment deadline of October 13th.

Shop Made in DC – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Shop Made in DC has applied for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District and single member district 2B06,

WHEREAS, Shop Made in DC is a retail shop that will feature products made by local DC artists with a small café,

WHEREAS, the mission of Shop Made in DC is to create a subsidized space for local producers to collaborate and sell their goods in a curated retail setting, to increase visibility to the “Made in DC” retail marketplace and the “Made in DC” program, and to drive economic traffic into neighborhoods as well as grow the local economy,

WHEREAS, Shop Made in DC is proposing an establishment with an inside seating capacity of 110, a total occupancy load of 141, a sidewalk café with 35 seats, and an entertainment endorsement,

WHEREAS, the establishment’s hours of operation for the premises will be Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm,

WHEREAS, the establishment’s hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption will be Sunday from 10:00 am to 10:00pm, Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm,

WHEREAS, the establishment’s hours of operation for the outdoor sidewalk cafe will be Sunday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm,

WHEREAS, the establishment’s hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for the outdoor sidewalk cafe will be Sunday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, and

WHEREAS, the establishment’s hours of live entertainment for the inside of the premises will be Sunday from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monday through Friday from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and Saturday from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Shop Made in DC’s request for a stipulated license at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW with the understanding that the establishment’s use of an outdoor sidewalk cafe is conditioned on receiving the appropriate public space permits.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Shop Made in DC for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 16 Tables and 32 Seats at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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

ANC 2B is excited to support Shop Made in DC's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe.

ANC 2B further recognizes that the applicant is a pop-up shop that only sells items made in the District of Columbia, and, as an ephemeral space, ANC 2B would further support giving the applicant additional flexibility for further activation of the space, including more seating, outdoor heating devices, and covering of the space with tents or other material.

Special Event Permit Application by Shop Made in DC for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 16 Tables and 32 Seats at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, Shop Made in DC has chosen 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW, within ANC 2B, as its pop-up shop home,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is excited to support this local business, which will only sell local items made in DC,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B voted to support the applicant's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe adjacent to its premises during the commission's October 11, 2017 meeting,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the public space review process takes time and that the Public Space Committee would be not be able to issue a public space permit for the use of a sidewalk cafe in time for the shop's upcoming opening day, which will be attended by Mayor Bowser, and

WHEREAS, Shop Made in DC has thus filed a special event permit application in order to allow for the use of a sidewalk cafe at the shop while the Public Space Committee reviews the shop's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe adjacent to its premises.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Shop Made in DC's special event permit application for use of public space with the understanding that the public space plans of the special event permit will be identical to the sidewalk cafe plans included in the applicant's public space application to the Public Space Committee.

Historic Preservation and Zoning Agenda

1610 Riggs Place NW – Application for Variances from the Floor Area Ratio Requirements and the Lot Occupancy Requirements to Construct a Rear, Three-Story Egress Stair in an Existing One-Family Dwelling

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed at 1610 Riggs Place NW is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the project requests a zoning variance from the floor area ratio and lot occupancy requirements within the RA-8 zone in order to construct an exterior stair,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the incomplete plans presented to the ANC for review,

WHEREAS, several neighbors have reached out to the ANC with concerns about the project's impact on the neighborhood as well as their loss of light, air, and privacy,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B notes that the current structure is non-conforming and already significantly exceeds lot occupancy and floor area ratio for the zone, and is the most non-conforming rowhouse on the block,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant's concern for a second means of egress, but notes that it is not required under building codes for a single-family structure,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the project as proposed does not meet the three-part test for a zoning variance, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that if the goal of the project is to provide a second means of egress, the applicant could provide this through utilizing lot occupancy within the existing structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes the requested zoning variance.

1619 Swann Street NW – Concept/Roof Deck, Alter Fenestration of Front Façade of Non-Contributing Building

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed at 1619 Swann Street NW is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Strivers' Section Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project as proposed includes alterations to a non-conforming building within the historic district, and

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B is typically concerned with the changing of windows, brick, and appearance from the street, the building is not from the period of historic contribution and is a non-contributing building.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B has no objection to the project as proposed.

1520-1522 T Street NW – Concept/Alteration, Subdivision; Combine Two Rowhouses into Single Residence, Rooftop Addition

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the U Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project proposes to combine two adjacent rowhouses into one single-family dwelling and to add a fourth story addition to both structures,

WHEREAS, these rowhouses are two of seven rowhouses built at the same time,

WHEREAS, the project will have many benefits, including removing unneeded gas and electric meters,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant's offer at our recent Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee meeting to retain the brick pattern arches on the rear of the structures where possible,

WHEREAS, the project currently proposes to remove one set of entry stairs because, when combined, the home will only need one entrance,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with interrupting the rhythm of the street by having a structure that is perceived from the street as a rowhouse not have front stairs, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages the applicant to retain the historic front doors of both rowhouses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed, provided that a flag test, which successfully determines that the addition will not be visible at eye-level from anywhere along the 1500 block of the T Street NW public space, is conducted, and that the historically-compatible stairs are provided where stairs currently exist at the entrance to both rowhouses.

Public Space Committee Agenda (Continued)

Public Space Application by Ted's Bulletin for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 8 Tables and 22 Seats at 1818 14th Street NW

Commissioner Warwick moved to request a 30-day delay of the consideration of Ted's Bulletin's public space application. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 30-day delay of the consideration of Ted's Bulletin's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1818 14th Street NW in order to allow the Commission to further discuss the project plans with the applicant, including the applicant's new ownership.

Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID for the Installation of a Temporary Sculpture on the Connecticut Avenue Median at 1120 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID has submitted a public space application that proposes to install six temporary sculptures located in the Golden Triangle BID and ANC 2B neighborhood,

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2018, "No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man" will open at the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery. Taking over the entire building, this is the first major exhibition to present the large-scale, participatory work that is the hallmark of Burning Man, the annual gathering in Nevada's Black Rock Desert and one of the most influential events in contemporary art and culture,

WHEREAS, to accommodate more artworks, an outdoor extension of "No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man" is planned. Through a collaboration with the Golden Triangle BID, additional sculptures will be on display along the streets and parks. For the very first time, a Renwick Gallery exhibition will move beyond its walls and into the surrounding neighborhood,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID is working with the artists and will facilitate and manage the outdoor installations. The Renwick Gallery and the Golden Triangle BID also will present related programming in the neighborhood to further highlight the ingenuity and creative spirit of this cultural movement. The outdoor portion of the exhibition will be on view to the public for nine months, through the end of 2018,

WHEREAS, the six proposed sculpture locations in the Golden Triangle BID neighborhood are:

- Corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and I Street NW
- Murrow Park (Pennsylvania Avenue and 19th Street NW)
- 900 Block of 19th Street NW

- Corner of 18th Street and I Street NW
- Connecticut Avenue median at K Street NW
- 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that public art is an important element of the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community and welcomes the collaborative efforts of the Golden Triangle BID and the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery on the “No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man” project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID’s public space application.

Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID for the Installation of a Sculpture Pad on the Connecticut Avenue Median at 1120 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID has submitted a public space application which is proposing to install a sculpture pad on the Connecticut Avenue median at 1120 Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has completed the redevelopment of this portion of the Connecticut Avenue median in 2011 and, in an agreement with the city, the Golden Triangle BID is responsible for the management and maintenance of the features within the median, including the trees, landscaping, irrigation, and lighting,

WHEREAS, the sculpture pad will be installed within the 13’ wide planted area median near the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and K Street, setback 8’ from the front wall and be made of concrete that measures 8’W x 8’L x 12”D,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID intends to start a rotating public art program where they install a new sculpture in the median every 1-2 years. The first sculpture will be installed in March 2018 through a collaboration with the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery as part of the museum’s upcoming exhibit, “No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man”,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that public art is an important element of the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID's public space application.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0508 – the “Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017”

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2B began to work on and address nightlife management when, in April of 2010, the ANC passed the Club Central Resolution to mitigate the effects of the concentration of late-night activity in the area south of Dupont Circle,

WHEREAS, hospitality is the number two industry in the District of Columbia, responsible for nearly 60,000 jobs and \$2.8 billion in revenue,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle area and the central business district are home to more than 100 licensed hotels, restaurants, and nightlife venues that are the drivers of that economic engine,

WHEREAS, the nighttime economy is growing ever larger and more complex, requiring a multi-agency governmental approach to matters including health, waste collection, safety, transportation, law enforcement, and public safety,

WHEREAS, many District agencies are currently set up to manage regulatory issues during the day, and have limited staffing and resources available at night to manage waste collection, parking, occupancy, and other issues,

WHEREAS, last year's change of service hours for Metrorail demonstrated the need for a coordinated response to the resultant transportation problems, including late night traffic gridlock, confusion and pedestrian safety issues involving ridesharing services, and the difficulty for emergency responders and buses trying to navigate the traffic tie-ups,

WHEREAS, other cities in the U.S., Canada, and Europe are seeing similar nightlife issues and some have already established nightlife coordinators or so-called Night Mayors/Managers and multiagency teams of government and industry officials to proactively tackle issues and problems and coordinate agency responses,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) has successfully implemented a pilot program, with positive input from the Metropolitan Police Department, affected District agencies, the Executive Office of the Mayor, the business community, industry advocates, and citizens groups,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID pilot program has already brought about positive change within ANC 2B, improving coordination between multiple government agencies and the private sector, and it has become apparent that creating such a program on a District-wide basis would have benefits for the entire District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Brandon Todd has introduced the Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017, which would establish an office to foster safer and vibrant neighborhood nightlife while also minimizing negative impacts, something ANC 2B and the Golden Triangle BID have been working towards for several years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017 and urges Councilmembers and the Mayor to support this legislation and enact it into law for the good and welfare of our neighborhood and the entire District of Columbia.

Transportation and Public Infrastructure Agenda

Update Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Bike Lane Concept for 17th Street NW

Commissioner Downs said that, in April of 2017, the ANC asked DDOT to examine a proposal to install protected bike lanes on 17th Street NW. He said that DDOT then came to the TPI Committee earlier this month to give a presentation on a proposal to install a two-way, protected bike lane on the west side of 17th Street.

Commissioner Downs said that DDOT is still in the process of further developing the proposal. He said that DDOT is hoping to work with the ANC and nearby residents and businesses regarding the proposal. He added that there will most likely be several months of engagement with stakeholders as the proposal is developed.

Commissioner DelleDonne said that he has spoken with multiple business representatives on 17th Street who are against the proposal. He said that one idea that was proposed to him is to further improve the bike lanes on New Hampshire Avenue instead of making improvements to the 17th Street bike lane. He gave an overview of the problems that the neighborhood experiences with double-parked delivery trucks on 17th Street and how the bike lane proposal could make these problems worse.

Commissioner Silverstein said that he shares the concerns voiced by the business representatives. He said that further study of the bike lane proposal should include study of the concerns raised by the businesses.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Plan to Improve Safety at the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue & R Street NW and the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue & Florida Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) shared a “High Crash Site Review Summary Memo” regarding the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW on September 8, 2017,

WHEREAS, these locations are all (Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW) or largely (Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW) within ANC 2B, a diverse neighborhood of businesses, visitors, residents, and those who transit the area via bus, cars, bicycles, and by foot,

WHEREAS, the memo followed a field review of the intersections in June 2017, convened by DDOT and which included DDOT representatives, organizations engaged in vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, commissioners from ANC 2B, and members of the community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the attention to these locations given the daily volume of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B acknowledges the short- and long-term recommendations in the memo seeking to improve overall safety, including those that call for adjusting signage, improving pavement markings, reviewing timing on pedestrian crossing signals and vehicle clearance intervals, and extending medians,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B notes the concern regarding northbound vehicular traffic from where the tunnel under Dupont Circle re-emerges onto Connecticut Avenue NW and intersects with S Street NW, though has substantial questions about the recommendation to install flexible delineator posts to restrict traffic turning onto 20th Street NW as this will a) cause vehicles emerging from the tunnel whose destination is in the 1700 block of 20th Street to continue north to S Street NW and make four right turns to reach this block and b) lead to, we believe, a greater danger to vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety,

WHEREAS, Metrobus stop #1001535, marked as Connecticut Avenue and 20th Street NW, is serviced solely by the Route 42 bus,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B notes that there are additional opportunities to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the “High Crash Site Review Summary Memo” in principle and requests that DDOT engage in further discussions with ANC 2B, as well as through community outreach, regarding the following:

- the full extent of pavement markings on R Street NW to address the 1900 and 2000 blocks of R Street, including the bicycle lane, as noted in ANC 2B's resolution dated October 4, 2017,
- alternative solutions to addressing concerns about northbound vehicular traffic emerging from the tunnel under Dupont Circle that do not involve installation of delineator posts or barriers,
- potential consolidation of Metrobus stop #1001535 and removal of the bus zone at Connecticut Avenue and 20th Street NW,
- potential installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of Florida Avenue to cross Connecticut Avenue from the existing pedestrian refuge to the southeast corner of the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW,
- potential installation of a traffic camera at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW to assist with enforcement of compliance with traffic signals and speed limits, the latter with particular regard to southbound Connecticut Avenue traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B is fully supportive of the following recommendations included in the memo and requests expedited DDOT review of them:

- an extended median on the north side of Connecticut Avenue at R Street NW that would enhance bicycle safety and provide an ADA-compliant pedestrian refuge,
- a pedestrian crosswalk on Florida Avenue at 21st Street NW that would enhance safety,
- synchronized pedestrian crossings of S Street and Florida Ave NW on the west of Connecticut Avenue NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has released the draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan (TDP) in order to guide the strategic priorities of the DC Circulator system in the coming years and is seeking public comment,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension to U Street NW, as recommended in the 2014 TDP Update, is being recommended again with a slight modification to the eastern terminus,

WHEREAS, during the public survey, approximately 82 percent of respondents ranked high interest for this extension,

WHEREAS, the proposed route extension would extend the already existing Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route by continuing the route from New Hampshire Avenue NW to Dupont Circle and P Street, then continuing north on 18th Street and then east on U Street to Howard University. Furthermore, from Howard University the bus route would return to Dupont Circle via U Street and 18th Street, then continue on to the current line via N Street,

WHEREAS, the impacts of the extension include increased ridership by extending the route to major activity centers, including three universities and the Dupont Circle “Club Central” area, adding a connection to the green and yellow Metrorail lines, and providing transfer to the DC Circulator’s Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route at 14th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the existing Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route operating days and hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 am to 12:00 am; Friday, 6:00 am to 3:00 am; Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:00 am; and Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 am, and

WHEREAS, the existing Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route operating days and hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 am to 12:00 am; Friday, 6:00 am to 3:30am; Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:30am; and Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT’s proposal to extend the DC Circulator’s current Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to Howard University by way of 18th Street and U Street NW, as this proposed route would provide a one-seat ride along a major underserved travel corridor in the District. Such an extension would enhance mobility for residents, workers, and visitors in ANC 2B – particularly those in Dupont Circle that live directly on the existing and proposed route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to maintain the existing operating hours of the DC Circulator’s Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route, and to extend the weekend operating hours by 30 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights in order to accommodate for closing times of the nightclubs in the Dupont Circle area, as well as for the convenience for riders who are transferring to the DC Circulator’s Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT synchronizes the last trips of the DC Circulator’s Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn and Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square routes so that riders are able to transfer to between the last trips on both routes at the intersection of 14th Street and U Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to approve funding that supports upgrades to maintenance capabilities so that the DC Circulator system reaches a state of good operation, and supports bus purchases in order to adequately expand the DC Circulator fleet to permit reliable operation of the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposal for the DC Government to utilize funds obtained through the Volkswagen emissions settlement in order to purchase electric buses to meet all or part of the above-mentioned needs, as supported in the previous ANC 2B resolution that was sent to Interim DDOT Director Jeff Marootian and Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Director Tommy Wells on September 27, 2017.

Administrative Matters (Continued)

Approval of the Regular September 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Update Regarding the Dupont Circle Resource Center Renovations

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve expenditures up to \$1,000 for cost overruns for the Dupont Circle Resource Center renovation project. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Commissioner Warwick adjourned the meeting 9:52 pm.