

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B
DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff

The December Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:03 pm.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Mike Silverstein (2B04), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), and Noah Smith (2B09). Commissioners Leo Dwyer, Kishan Putta, and Will Stephens were not able to attend.

The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director) arrived at 7:30pm, and Patrick Kain (2B06 Liquor Liason).

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes (October 2014 and November 2014)

Announcements

- 1) Commissioner Nichols announces that ABRA will soon publish draft regulations, which will be available for comment.
- 2) Commissioner Nichols announces that Mr. Lew Feldstein will present at the Sumner School tomorrow night entitled "
- 3) Commissioner Feldstein announced that DDOT is choosing consultants on a feasibility study for the crown park above the
- 4) Commissioner Feldstein notes that the Brookings Institution expects us
- 5) Commissioner Silverstein announces that there was a bad car crash in the neighborhood before Thanksgiving and there were several pedestrian fatalities in the city lately. Please be careful, especially when it gets dark so early in the evening.
- 6) Ross Elementary and School Without Walls at Francis Stevens are both selling Christmas trees.

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General

Construction at the Washington Hilton site, Mark Rivers, Lowe Enterprises
2127 N Street NW HPRB Application – Mark Rivers provides an update on construction at the Washington Hilton just north of Dupont Circle.

Resolution to Support Delinking Soccer Stadium from Reeves Center (ANC1B) – Commissioner Maltz moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 5-1-0. The resolution reads as:

WHEREAS, the Reeves Center includes the Post Office for residents and businesses in 2B08 and 2B09; and

WHEREAS, the Reeves Center is home to the DC Center for the LGBT community, and the Office of Latino Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Reeves Center is home to ABRA (Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration), and is within minutes of a large percentage of the city’s licensed establishments, and

WHEREAS, the Reeves Center provides hundreds of much-needed parking spaces for those visiting the ABRA’s nightlife venues, and the loss of these would negatively impact our neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 2B supports Mayor-Elect Bowser’s plan to amend the Stadium Act to delink the Reeves Center from the stadium deal and to engage the community in discussions regarding the future of the Reeves Center and a new municipal office building in Ward 8.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

HPRB Application for 2127 N Street NW
Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 5-0.

Rehearing of Historic Preservation Review for St. Thomas Church Development, 1772 Church St NW (2B07)

Commissioner Putta arrived at (8:07) pm.

1. Presentation of new designs by CAS Reigler and St. Thomas Church
2. Questions and comments from Commissioners
3. Questions and comments from the public (1-2 minute limit per person)

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Resolution on ANC2B Support for Market Price Purchase of St. Thomas Land to Preserve Parkland (Commissioner Nichols) – Commissioner Nichols moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 1-5-0.

Rehearing for HPRB Application for 1617 Riggs Place, NW (HPA-14-723) (2B04) – Commissioner Putta moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 4-1-1.

1826 15th St NW – historic preservation review for rear garage and third floor (non-visible) construction (2B09) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0. The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports the project as presented, only if a flag test confirms that the addition is not visible from anywhere along the 1800 block of 15th Street. The ANC supports the garage portion of the project as presented.

1432 Swann St NW – historic review for third floor addition (non-visible)(2B09) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the owners of 1432 Swann Street NW propose to add a third story to their home, which would not be visible from the street.

Be it resolved ANC 2B supports the project as presented.

1504 Swann St NW – historic and zoning variance review for rear second story addition (visible from Swann St) and roof deck (non-visible) (2B09) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant proposes a second story addition to the rear of their home; and

Whereas the addition will be entirely visible from there street; and

Whereas the applicant is requesting the addition due to the loss of light and air on their roof deck based on their neighbor’s previously approved project.

Therefore be it resolved ANC 2B supports the project based on the unique circumstance of the impact of their neighbor’s addition on light, air, and quality of life; and

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Be it further resolved ANC 2B believes this addition will enhance the historic Swann Street facade by filling in a currently vacant air space.

1541 T St NW – historic review for roof deck (2B09) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant at 1541 T Street NW proposes to build a rear deck and a roof deck; and

Whereas the roof deck will not be visible from the street and is consistent with a previously supported roof deck on the same block;

Whereas the applicant has two letters of support from neighbors.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

Public Space Use & Related Applications

Public space application for a curb cut for a new mixed use block-long structure at 1900 N Street. Curb cut is for the new building, and will be in the same approximate place as the existing curb cut for the existing structure. JBG is the developer, and will introduce the project to the ANC at this presentation. (2B06) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 5-0-1. The resolution reads as follows:

ABRA application, sidewalk cafe for Bistro Bistro, 1727 Connecticut Ave., 8 seats. (2B01) – Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 5-0. ANC protest application based peace order and quiet and public safety.

Public space application for 2112 R St NW for a Sculpture. (2B02) Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0.

Adjournment (10:01pm)
By Acclimation

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