

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
MAKE-UP MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 17, 2014, Dupont Circle Hotel**

Call to Order/Introduction of Commissioners (6:06)pm

The February Make-Up Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 6:06 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Leo Dwyer (2B07), and Will Stephens (2B08). As noted below, Noah Smith (2B09) arrived after the meeting started. The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director), Daniel Warwick (Jeff Coudriet Public Policy Intern), Fiona Clem (Web/IT consultant). Absent was Nicole Baillis (Desi Deschaine Community Involvement Intern) due to a work conflict.

Minutes/Calendar

Circulation of ANC Monthly Work Calendar

The Chair of the Commission noted to make sure to have March agenda items submitted by February 28th and to have any additional letter language turned by the Friday or Saturday after the meeting.

Approval of Minutes –January 2014 Regular meeting

Commissioner Mike Feldstein moved to approve the January 2014 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 7-0.

Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Stephens announced that meeting surveys are being circulated for attendees and applicants.
2. Commissioner Stephens announced that ANC 2B website updates have been made, including all January letters posted.
3. Commissioner Stephens announced 2 upcoming mayoral candidate fora in the neighborhood: First on 2/20/14 at 6:30pm at the Women's National Democratic Club on NH Ave NW, then another (co-sponsored by ANC 2B) next Tuesday (2/25/14) at 8pm at the "Heart House" on 24th and N, across from Francis-Stephens School
4. Commissioner Stephens announced that he received a reminder email from Rock n Roll Marathon that the event will take place on 3/15/14, with some street closures.
5. Commissioner Maltz announced Ward 2 Education Network meeting will be March 15, at 10am, location: TBD. Topic will be school boundaries and feeder patterns.
6. Commissioner Mike Silverstein announced there will be an open meeting next Thursday in the Chastleton Ballroom at 7pm on the acts of violence over the past several months and threats to public safety.

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7. Commissioner Dwyer announced he will be holding a resident forum on Wednesday about St. Thomas church for residents, developers, Historic Preservation Office representatives, and church member will be in attendance. It will be at 7pm at the Resource Center.
8. Commissioner O'Connor announced to use #ANC2B.
9. Commissioner Nichols announced that the MLK Library architect will be picked and a series of presentation will be made.
10. Commissioner Stephens announced on behalf of Commissioner Putta that parents interested in the Stead Park toddler program should come to Stead Park on Tuesday at 5pm to discuss with city officials the status of the program. The program has still not been confirmed.
11. The new Embassy Row Hotel Manager introduced himself, noted that the hotel is under new management, and expressed the hope that they might be able to work closely with all those in the neighborhood.

*Commissioner Smith arrived at 6:23.

Regulatory

Alcohol Applications

License Renewal Applications

Group 1. Petition Date: 3/3/14; Hearing Date: 3/17/14

1. Phase 1 of Dupont (1415 22nd St NW) CT License #087629 (2B02) – Commissioner O'Connor recommended that the Commission take no action on the matter. He spoke with Allen Carol, and Phase 1 has been out of operation and will be running again in March. The Commission took no action.
2. Rosebar (1215 Conn Ave NW) CT License #077883 (2B05) (reinstatement of renewal application) – Commissioner Nichols announced the project has been going well. She explained that ABRA provided guidance that since the ANC submitted a protest for the original renewal application, the protest can be “grandfathered” in.
3. Stetson's (1610 U St NW) CT License #060455 (2B08)- Commissioner Stephens recommended taking no action. No action was taken.

Group 2. Petition Date: 3/17/14; Hearing Date: 3/31/14

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Malaysia Kopitam (1827 M St NW) CT License #060144 (2B06) – Commissioner Maltz spoke to the owners and is awaiting the ABRA history. She recommended taking no action, and that if anything arose of concern, the petition date is after the ANC's March meeting, so further action could be taken at that time. The Commission took no action on the application.

Commissioner Dwyer Stepped out at (6:44pm)

New Application (#93610) for CR license for Tico (1926 14th St NW) restaurant serving Mexican food. No endorsements. Occupancy 250, seating 150. Hours of operation: Sunday through Thursday: 7am-2am, Friday and Saturday: 7am-3am. Hours of alcohol sales and consumption: Sunday through Thursday: 8am-2am, Friday and Saturday: 8am-3am. Petition Date 2/24/14; Hearing 3/10/14 (2B09) Commissioner Smith moved to support the new license application, subject to the understanding that the applicant will amend its application to have weekday hours end at midnight and weekend hours end at 2am. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0.

Commissioner Silverstein returned after the alcoholic beverage items were concluded.

Commissioner Dwyer returned at (6:52pm)

Transportation Items

Proposed resolution on "Circulator" Bus recommendations. Commissioner Patrick Kennedy from ANC 2A explained the proposed Circulator route from the Mall to U Street, passing through Foggy Bottom and Dupont Circle. Commissioner Silverstein made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas, the National Park Service has announced a pilot program to allow Circulator Buses to transport tourists and others around the Mall and to the National Monuments, with the pilot program to be subsidized in part by revenues from parking meters along the Mall, and

Whereas, the National Park Service has said it would welcome further additions to this program, should it be successful, to tie the Mall with intermodal transit options and other popular destinations in the District, and

Whereas, the western end of the Mall – with the Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial – is a "must see" tourist destination and yet is very poorly served by transit, therefore

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Be it resolved that ANC 2B supports exploring the idea of creating an Circulator route from the Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial to connect to all four Metro lines, connecting with Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle, U Street, and ending at the Afro-American Civil War Memorial.

This line would begin at the Lincoln Memorial, go north on 23rd Street to connect with the Blue and Orange lines and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood at the Foggy Bottom Metro Stop. It would then proceed up New Hampshire Avenue to connect with the Red line and the Dupont Circle neighborhood at Dupont Circle. It would then continue up New Hampshire to 18th Street, and go north on 18th to U Street, where it would head east to connect with the Green and Yellow lines and the African-American Civil War Memorial.

This Circulator route – nicknamed A to B for “Abe’s to Ben’s” – would connect several vibrant, transit-dependent neighborhoods, helping residents get to work, to school, or to shop, while bringing tourists into our neighborhoods to patronize our restaurants and shops, and would provide those tourists with direct connections to five different subway lines.

This new service would benefit residents and tourists alike, while providing benefits for local businesses and additional tax revenues for the District.

Be it further resolved that Dupont Circle ANC 2B expresses its willingness to work cooperatively with other ANC’s, other organizations, government agencies, and individuals to further develop this idea and make it a reality.

Resolution on improvements to 16th Street bus corridor. Commissioner Stephens made the below motion on behalf of Commissioner Putta, who was absent. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) has received many comments from residents expressing concerns about the 16th Street NW bus lines (S1, S2, S4, S9), which have the most riders of any route in the District and region at more than 21,000 weekday riders;

WHEREAS the number of weekday bus riders has increased by 25% over five years and today buses carry more than half of all travelers in the corridor during rush hour.

WHEREAS most resident comments express concern about overcrowding and delayed commutes during peak periods;

WHEREAS WMATA and D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a comprehensive evaluation of improvements summarized in the Metrobus 16th Street NW Line Study published in 2009;

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WHEREAS WMATA has implemented some of the study's recommendations, most notably the S9 limited-stop service in 2010, a short-turn peak-hour service after ANC 2B's urging in 2013, and moving toward hiring more street-level supervisors after more recent urging by individual ANC 2B commissioners.

WHEREAS DDOT followed up the 2009 report by conducting a 16th Street NW Safety and Mobility study completed in April 2013, which identified the best way to meet mobility and community needs as – peak-hour peak-direction transit lanes from Arkansas Avenue NW to H Street NW – and also recommended pedestrian safety improvements at several intersections;

WHEREAS the DDOT 2013 report estimated that implementing peak-hour dedicated bus lanes on 16th Street with current bus supplies would shorten transit riders' commute times by 30 percent and also increase allow buses to carry 10 percent more people (because they can be refilled quicker).

WHEREAS More study needs to be done by Ddot including public outreach, and further analysis of the implementation and operation of the recommended peak-hour transit lane option;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission recommends the expedition of necessary studies and implementation of the outstanding recommendations in 2009 Metrobus 16th Street NW Safety & Mobility report to improve mobility, safety and transit service for 16th NW, and meet the growing demand for travel in the corridor. Specifically, the Commission recommends that DDOT and WMATA:

- 1) Expedite necessary studies, impact analyses, and modeling to assess and potentially implement the peak-period transit lanes
- 2) In the near-term, allocate new buses and higher capacity buses to the short-turn route during peak hour to reduce severe overcrowding;
- 3) Continue to hire, train, and deploy additional supervisors to improve performance;
- 4) Implement signal prioritization and recommended traffic operations improvements such as queue jumps.
- 5) Implement recommended pedestrian safety improvements, in consultation with the District's Pedestrian Advisory Council.

Public Space Applications

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Fresh Farm Markets request for letter of support for the “White House” Farmers Market on Vermont Ave NW (Reg Godin) (2B05) Mr. Godin explained that this year the market was requesting additional time. Commissioner Nichols moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor. Passed (8-0).

Application (Tracking #10125949) for valet staging area for Al Tiramisu (2014 P St NW) (2B02) Commissioner O’Connor explained that this was an existing operation with no changes proposed. Commissioner O’Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0).

Application #10128907 for valet staging area for Joe’s Seafood, Prime Steak and Stone Crab, 740 15th Street NW (2B05). Commissioner Nichols moved to “not object,” seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0).

Application #10126077 for 2 parking spaces for use for valet staging area (6:30pm to 12:00am Thu) Barcode, 1101 17th Street NW (2B05). Commissioner Nichols moved the below resolution, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Stephens offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted and reflected in the below text. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas, new infrastructure, namely the L Street bike lane, was installed after the current valet parking permit was issued, creating a new obstruction through no fault of the applicant;

Whereas, the current application from BarCode does not accurately reflect the parking situation, i.e., there is no acknowledgement of the new turning lane at the curb and the adjacent bike lane.

Whereas, the establishment’s existing valet parking arrangements do not reflect the new bike lane, i.e., cars block the turning lane and/or the traffic lane south of the bike lane.

Whereas, there are dangers from pedestrians crossing the bike lane that must be addressed.

Therefore ANC 2B objects to the granting of additional valet parking hours at the existing location and recommends that DDOT require an updated application and review of staging permit to ensure that Barcode’s valet parking does not interfere with traffic flow and does not endanger pedestrians and bicycles in the parking lane.

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Be it further resolved that ANC 2B would provide favorable consideration to staging on 17th Street or the south side of L Street if appropriate arrangements can be made.

Application #10124629 for 2 parking spaces to use for valet staging area (5:30 p.m. to midnight Mon-Sat; 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sun) for Georgia Brown's, 950 15th St., NW (2B05) Commissioner Nichols made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas this is actually a renewal of an expired longstanding permit,

Whereas, traffic is sufficiently light that ANC 2B does not have concerns about blocking the rush hour driving lane between 5:30pm and 6:30pm;

Whereas evidence from DDOT indicates that there have not been problems caused by pedestrians crossing the bike lane from cars in the valet staging area;

Therefore ANC 2B supports the application as proposed.

Application #10126072 for 2 parking places for use for valet staging area (6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mon-Fri) for Metropolitan Club of the City of Washington, 1700 H. Street NW (2B06) Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

Application for valet staging area for PJ Clarke's, 1600 K Street NW. Commissioner Nichols motioned to provide "no objection" to the application, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

*Commissioner Feldstein left at (8:10pm) due to sickness

The Commission took a 10-minute recess and reconvened.

HPRB & Zoning Applications

Application to HPRB for 1728 P St NW (2B07) The ANC 2B Commission asks for a HPRB for a delay as enumerated to substantial changes that the Commissioner needs more time to review. Commissioner Dwyer moved to support the request to delay to February, based on substantial changes that were shared only the week of the ANC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 8-0.

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Application to HPRB for 1528 Church Street NW (2B05) Commissioner Nichols moved to support the application as presented in the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, ANC2B supports the project as presented for 1528 Church St NW that includes a third story addition and a rear two-story carriage house, referred to as plan A – carriage house. The ANC 2B also supports the other option designed referred to as plan B – three story rear addition. ANC 2B prefers plan A – carriage house design as it maintains green space in the rear, improves upon a residence that will maintain as a single family home. Plan A – carriage house design also provides an outdoor space that is safe for children to play, as the rear of this home is along a high-traffic alley.

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as presented with the preference towards plan A – carriage house as the carriage house would visually improve the conditions of the alley. The carriage house also would permit a ground level entry to the house making it easier for the applicant's family, including elderly parents and any future children as the front entrance would be difficult for elderly and young children with the number of stairs and Plan B – three story addition would subsequently have the same number of stairs and would not permit a ground level entry.

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as the project as proposed will preserve the historical façade and any additions will not be visible from the street. Whereas the project as proposed with a third story rooftop setback addition will be consistent with the existing structure and is compatible with the neighboring buildings.

Whereas, ANC 2B supports both plans as presented and is aware that the abutting property to the east which is currently a vacant parking lot and currently makes the property visible from multiple locations in public view, but the abutting property is currently for sale and is subject to development which would make this property no longer visible from secondary view points.

Whereas, ANC 2B supports plan A – carriage house design as a carriage house previously existed on the site based on the historical plat maps. The carriage house would employ the same brick materials as the existing house and would be compatible with the character of the historic house and other carriage homes in the immediate neighborhood.

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented projects and acknowledges the applicants commitment to improving the neighborhood and their outreach to work with the owners of the parking lots abutting their property to work with rat abatement, improving lighting, whereas the security lighting in place is

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not sufficient nor functioning. Whereas the applicants will work on their tree box as well as others on their street to foster and sustain new trees.

Therefore be it resolved recommends support of this project.

Application to HPRB (#13-625) for addition to 1618 Q Street NW (2B05) Commissioner Dwyer moved to support a request to delay to February. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 7-1.

*Commissioner Feldstein left the meeting due to sickness. (9:35pm)

Education Items

Support of Stead Park Toddler Care Program. Commissioner Stephens made the below motion on behalf of Commissioner Putta, who was absent. Seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 7-0. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas ANC 2B recognizes that parents of toddlers in our community struggle to find available and affordable toddler care and education programs near our neighborhood;

Whereas providing affordable toddler options plays an important role in helping to keep families of toddlers in our community;

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) runs a successful system of toddler programs called the Cooperative Play (CO-OP) program – for children over 18 months of age – and has expressed interest in starting a new program at Stead Park's recreation center this September;

Whereas over 75 families have submitted their strong interest in enrolling their toddlers at a potential CO-OP program in Stead Park, even though the program will likely only fit about a dozen children;

Be it resolved that ANC 2B recommends DPR start a CO-OP program at Stead Park to benefit our community's families, and make any necessary improvements to the recreation center to make it more toddler-friendly and to accommodate such a program.

Proposed resolution on supporting full modernization of Garrison School. Commissioner Matlz made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 7-0. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

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WHEREAS, Garrison Elementary school serves residents of ANC 2B, and DCPS designates a number of families in ANC2B to Garrison as their school of right;

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle Community along with the Logan Circle Community are working together to make our neighborhoods a place where families want to stay and raise their children, and having a system of high quality, matter-of-right DCPS community schools for all Dupont residents is essential to that goal;

WHEREAS, over the past three years, parents at Garrison have re-established a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), developed strong partnerships with local community organizations, reached out to prospective parents, and worked directly with DCPS to improve the school;

WHEREAS, the PTA and community have greatly improved maintenance services at the school and groups through constant vigilance, volunteer efforts, and consistent advocacy;

WHEREAS, professional pro bono services and non-DCPS funds have been secured to defray the costs of modernization, and the PTA and community stand ready to further assist;

WHEREAS, DCPS anticipates the neighborhoods served by Garrison will see an increase of 125 elementary students by 2015 and retaining these current and anticipated families is essential to our community;

WHEREAS, the population in the neighborhoods surrounding Garrison (Shaw, Logan Circle, 14th Corridor, U St. corridor) is expected to be one of the densest in the District, recreational areas are scarce, and Garrison with its 3.5 acres of grounds could be greatly alleviate field scarcity and quality of life;

WHEREAS, Garrison has not undergone a single renovation since opening in 1964, and is in desperate need of capital investment, as recognized in the 2010 Master Facilities Plan and the engineering report on which the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan is based, including:

“Many interior spaces are in need of renovations”;

“Ceiling finishes are in poor condition, Asbestos tile is present throughout and needs to be removed”;

“Public address and fire alarm systems are antiquated and require replacement”;

[Plumbing] fixtures are outdated and should be replaced;

“Wooden exterior doors need to be replaced and all exterior windows have deteriorated and need to be replaced”;

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ADA compliance is “unsatisfactory” and the building “needs numerous upgrades in order to accomplish [compliance]”;

WHEREAS, Garrison has an educational facilities effectiveness (EFEI) score of 36 percent according to the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan—one of the lowest in the District;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan defines the Shaw/Logan Circle neighborhood as one of the “areas of greatest need” for strategic capital investment;

WHEREAS, Garrison is one of the only public schools (DCPS or charter) in the Shaw/Logan Circle neighborhood that has not been partially or fully modernized;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan first short term recommendation is to “target capital resources for areas of greatest facility condition and quality need with large school aged populations, but low enrollment”;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan first long term recommendation is to “reassess the phased modernization approach” and “fully modernize certain facilities in clusters of greatest need”;

WHEREAS, a phased modernization at Garrison would mean having to choose between an ADA compliant school and classrooms in which children can effectively learn, between a field without sinkholes and a non bunker-like school entrance, between windows that open and asbestos removal;

WHEREAS, the FY2014 Capital Improvement Plan, despite advancing Garrison’s Phase 1 to FY2014, still sees the completion of Garrison’s modernization in 2022—9 years away; and

WHEREAS; capital investment in Garrison has been too often postponed and is long overdue in order to meet population growth in the area and to ensure the diversity, vitality and coherence of the community.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B recommends that the City Council fully fund Garrison’s modernization by allocating \$12 million in Fiscal Year 2015 to allow for a complete, one-time modernization of both the school building and its grounds.

BZA, HPRB, and Public Space

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Application to HPRB for construction (Tracking # 14-187) at 15 Dupont Circle (Patterson Mansion). Commissioner Dwyer made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 7-0. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as presented for 15 Dupont Circle that includes the restoration of the historic residence, 15 Dupont Circle, a structure that is a significant and contributing structure to the historic overlay for Dupont Circle and to Washington, DC;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the demolition of a noncontributing two-story annex to the rear and supports the proposed design to build an eight-story structure with one below grade level, one grade level and six additional floors to the east of the mansion;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the P street facade designed for the addition, whereas this eight-story addition is respective to the abutting properties proportions, and steps back at the eight floor;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports this project as the design of the addition is offset an appropriate and significant distance from the historic mansion, permitting the addition will not detract or impose upon the mansion itself. That the proposed eight-story design will have a minimal connection to the home, and is designed with respect to the rhythms and similar proportions to the mansion, and the proposed project reads both as a subservient structure to the mansion while being designed to its own accord;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the design and use of materials for the addition and welcomes the project as an appropriate addition to this historic mansion, and to Dupont Circle;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented project and acknowledges the applicants' commitment to working with the residents;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented project and acknowledges the applicants' commitment to the exterior restoration of the mansion, and by maintaining and preserving the interior public rooms of the mansion for common space, specifically on the proposed first floor (second floor) where the original dining room, living room and grand ball room are located; and

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as presented and appreciates the incorporation of green space being added to the project in the form of green roofs, and outdoor space provided.

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Application to BZA (Tracking #18-722) for Keegan Theatre, 1742 Church St NW. Commissioner Dwyer noted that this is an application to approve the space as use for a theatre (a non-conforming use). Commissioner Dwyer moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 7-0.

Application to HPRB (Tracking # 14-039) for construction at 1728 P St. Commissioner Dwyer explained that the Zoning Preservation & Development Committee recommended simple support of the application. Commissioner Dwyer moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 7-0.

Application to HPRB (Tracking # 14-129) for construction at 1528 Church St. Commissioner Dwyer made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 7-0. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas, ANC2B supports the project as presented for 1528 Church St NW that includes a three story addition and a rear attached two-story carriage-house-like structure;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project, as the project as proposed will preserve the historical façade and any additions will not be visible from the street. Whereas the project as proposed with a three-story addition and a rear attached two-story carriage-house-like addition will be consistent with the existing structure and is compatible with the neighboring buildings;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the plans as presented and is aware that the abutting property to the east, which is currently a vacant parking lot and currently makes the property visible from multiple locations in public view, but the abutting property is currently for sale and is subject to development which would make this property no longer visible from secondary viewpoints;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the design that include the demolition of a previous addition to the home that is not part of the original home as seen from the historic plat and will be replaced with a three-story addition and a rear two-story carriage house like addition;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the three-story addition and a rear attached two-story carriage house like structure since the addition to the home is in accordance with the Secretary of Interiors guidelines and standards for additions to historic preservation. Whereas, this addition is being developed as a rear attachment and does not degrade the historic nature of the original home. Whereas, the addition will employ the same brick materials as the existing house and would be compatible with the character of the historic house and other carriage homes in the immediate neighborhood; and

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Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented project and acknowledges the applicants' commitment to improving the neighborhood and their outreach to work with the owners of the parking lots abutting their property to work with rat abatement, and improving lighting, whereas the security lighting in place is not sufficient nor functioning. Whereas the applicants will work on their tree box as well as others on their street to foster and sustain new trees.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC2B recommends support of this project.

Application to BZA (Tracking #18725) for construction of a rear deck at 1536 T St. Commissioner Smith made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Commissioner Silverstein offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted and reflected in the below text. Passed 4-2-1 (with Commissioners Silverstein and Nichols dissenting, and Commissioner Maltz abstaining). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to build a deck on the second level in the rear of their property; and

WHEREAS the lot is currently beyond 60% lot occupancy, and the application is to increase the lot occupancy even further, however the use of space will not change and the structure will remain a single family residence; and

WHEREAS the lot is unique for a number of reasons, including the alley to the east, the small size of the lot, and an existing three-foot easement in the rear of the property that guarantees access to several neighbors to the west; and

WHEREAS a second story deck is proposed to provide rear access to the home from the kitchen, which is on the second floor of this single-family home; and

WHEREAS the plans show uninterrupted access for neighbors to their rear yards as required by law; and

WHEREAS there are concerns from immediate neighbors that the proposed deck will negatively impact light and air quality and privacy, however the applicant has committed to using materials and design methods that minimize those concerns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports this project as presented at the ANC meeting. Support from ANC2B is contingent on plans and a project that protects and demarcates the easement in

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the rear of the property and includes assurances that a vehicle or other object parked in or placed on the property cannot impede the easement.

Other Regulatory Items

GW Emergency Medical Response Group Request for Letter of Support for a Certificate of Need Application to Continue Ambulances Services on and around the GW Campus. Commissioner Smith noted that this request was now moot. The Commission took no action.

General Items

Report on survey of by-laws and proposed changes to ANC 2B by-laws. The Commission's Public Policy Intern Daniel Warwick provided a report on his survey of other ANC and model by-laws. No action was taken.

Re-draft of ANC 2B Policies & Procedures Manual. Commissioners O'Connor and Stephens noted that a revised draft has been circulated, and that Commissioners should review it and make edits or comments. No action was taken.

Committee & Liaison Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

1. Nomination of resident Patrick Kain as 2B06 liquor liaison. Commissioner O'Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 7-0.

2. Approval of Committee members for 2014. Commissioner O'Connor moved the below resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 7-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Policies and Procedures Manual of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC2B) call for the creation of an Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Policy Committee; and

Whereas, ANC2B charges the ABRA Policy Committee with informing the Commission and the public about ABRA-related issues in general; and

Whereas, the ABRA Policy Committee further aides in making the work of the Commission with regards to ABRA-related issues more transparent; and

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Whereas, ANC2B is required to ratify the membership of each Standing Committee;

Be it resolved that, ANC2B makes the following appointments to the ABRA Policy Committee:

Commissioner Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Chair
Commissioner Noah Smith (2B09);
Commissioner Stephanie Maltz (2B03);
Commissioner Abigail Nichols (2B05);
Ruth Horn, Dupont Circle Citizens Association (2B01);
Patrick Kain (2B06);
Ramon Estrada (2B09);
Joanne Liu (2B02);
Elizabeth Lindsay (2B01);
Commissioner Will Stephens (2B08), ex officio

3. Next Meeting: 2/19/14 7pm @ Resource Center (Third Wednesdays)

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

1. Approval of Committee members for 2014. Commissioner Dwyer made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 7-0. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas the Policies and Procedures Manual of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC2B) call for the creation of an Zoning, Preservation and Development Committee (ZPD); and

Whereas, ANC2B charges the ZPD Committee with reviewing and informing the Commission and the public about ZPD-related issues in general; and

Whereas, the ZPD Committee further aides in making the work of the Commission with regards to ZPD-related issues more transparent; and

Whereas, ANC2B is required to ratify the membership of each Standing Committee;

Be it resolved that, ANC2B makes the following appointments to the ZPD Committee:

Commissioner Leo Dwyer, Chair
Jessica Morse, resident
Stephan Rodiger, resident

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Chris Furlong, resident
Patrick Smith, architect
Commissioner Will Stephens, ex officio

2. Next Meeting: 3/5/14 @ Resource Center (First Wednesdays)

Community Involvement Committee

1. Proposal to dissolve Community Involvement Committee. Commissioner Stephens moved to dissolve the Committee and appoint Commissioner Feldstein as Community Involvement Liaison, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed 7-0.

Public Safety Liaisons

1. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 27th, as described during public announcements. Location: Chastleton Ballroom.

Ward 2 Education Coalition

1. Commissioner Maltz announced that Ross School will be having a fundraising auction, as will School Without Walls Francis-Stephens. More details will be provided at the coalition meeting.

Commissioner & Staff Reports

Staff Reports

1. Coudriet Intern – Daniel reported progress on the ongoing neighborhood parking survey.
2. Deschaine Intern – No report.
3. Executive Director – James reported on his effort to compare pricing and service with Comcast instead of Verizon at the Resource Center. He recommended continuing to use Verizon, as Comcast was non-responsive after several attempts to set up an in-person walk-through of the Resource Center.
4. Web/IT Consultant – Commissioner Stephens announced on behalf of Fiona that the problems related to logging into the website to make changes have been resolved. New security was added by Wordpress, requiring an additional password for Commissioners and staff. Fiona recommends updating the theme and will report on that at the March ANC meeting.

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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) – No reports.

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

(Note: For the below reports on old business, “A” means the application was approved, “P” means the matter is still pending, and “NU” means no update.)

Al Tiramisu: sidewalk cafe (2B02) – P
Hotel Palomar: valet parking (2B02) – P
Embassy of Georgia: zoning variance (2B03) – A
Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05) – P
1200 17th Street NW: pavers & benches (2B05) – P
Catch 15: new CT license (2B05)- P
Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P
BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05)- P
Pret A Manger: DDOT sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P
Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
Joe’s Seafood: new ABRA license (2B05)- P
1528 Church Street NW: HPRB approval (2B05)- P
1618 Q Street NW: HPRB approval (2B05)- P
Public Bar: revisions to VA/SA (2B06)- P
1785 Mass Ave: public space plan (2B07) – A
Chi-Cha Lounge: VA/SA amendment (2B08)- P

Amsterdam Falafelshop: New ABRA license (2B09)- P
Trader Joe’s: New ABRA license (2B09)- P
Room & Board: public space display (2B09)- P
Precinct Boundaries Plan (Silverstein)- P
Publisher Box Regulations (Stephens)- P
Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein) – A
Washington Redskins (Putta)- P
Bar Charley – P

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Administrative Matters – None

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:35pm

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