

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B
FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff

The February Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:04 pm.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Michael Upright (2B04), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Justine Underhill (2B07) Nicole Mann (2B08), and Noah Smith (2B09).

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

Meeting Minutes

Approval of January 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Upright moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 9-0.

Announcements

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Silverstein announced that HSEMA is here signing people up for DC Alert. Also a DC Alert test will happen sometime in the near future.

Commissioner Nichols announced Presidential Cooperative Association is happy ABRA enforced noise policy.

Commissioner Underhill announced new plans on the ANC website from HPRB.

Commissioner Warwick announced Arts Coalition for the Dupont Underground is having a fundraiser on February 26th.

Commissioner Maltz announced Ross Elementary will be having a open house.

Commissioner Feldstein announced Dupont Festival will be distributing roses on Valentine's Day in the circle starting around 3pm.

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Update on Carlyle Suites Projects 1731 New Hampshire Ave NW Sunday Feb 22.

Commissioner Smith announced 4 days left to sign up for DC Health Link.

Other public announcements:

Mary Lord announced that tomorrow School With Out Walls will hold a public meeting on an opportunity to shape the new waiver for No Child Left Behind.

General Agenda

Presentation from the DC Office of the People's Counsel.

Open meetings around the DC budget will be coming up. The budget will have a deficit, the Mayor is asking each agency head to see how a 5%, 6%, 8% budget cut would do. In March the mayor will put forth her budget, then in April it will be sent to DC Council, and eventually will be sent to US House and Senate. Also the Mayor will be moving Garrison money into the FY16 budget. However, this process has been stalled by possible renovations or rebuilding.

Discussion and Adoption of 2015 ANC2B Goals

Commissioner Smith moved to approve, with an amendment to remove the word "chronic" in "chronic homelessness," seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 9-0. The goals are as stated below:

Overarching Goals

(Values of the ANC when addressing each of the policy and issue goals below)

- Address major policy issues proactively and streamline approaches to representing the neighborhood in regulatory applications.
- Enhance engagement, support and coordination of residents, neighboring ANCs, neighborhood organizations, businesses and not-for-profit groups that serve the community.

Specific Policy-related Goals

- Bring together advocates, not-for-profit groups, city agencies, and neighboring ANCs to determine the most impactful role for ANC 2B in addressing homelessness in the Dupont Circle community. (Workgroup on Homelessness in Dupont)

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- Collect formal and informal feedback from the residential and business communities and recommend changes to neighborhood transit and parking policies based on issues identified in 2014. (TPI)
- Better understand the role of the community and ANC in development, including historic preservation and zoning in the neighborhood and use that knowledge to better influence deliberations and decisions around development. (ZPD)
- In order to address growing concerns about public safety, noise and trash, bring together neighbors, business owners, the Golden Triangle BID and other stakeholders to review, update and expand the ANC's south of the circle guidelines on late-night establishments. (South of the Circle Late-night Workgroup)
- Focus city resources on rat infested areas and implement a broad education campaign on reducing the number of rats in the neighborhood. (TPI)
- Engage residents, businesses and DDOT to identify neighborhood-wide pedestrian safety issues and take action to address them. (TPI)
- Engage with and support schools located within ANC 2B as well as those that serve as part of the neighborhood feeder pattern. (Continue work of Ward 2 Education Coalition)
- Inventory ANC2B parks and explore opportunities to increase the number and utilization of public parks in the neighborhood. (Consider a liaison from TPI to DCCA to lead this)
- Work with area organizations to promote independent and diverse retail businesses that serve and enhance our neighborhood. (Consider a liaison to HDMS to lead this)
- Assist the City in improving communications with residents and businesses during natural and man-made emergencies. (Continue work with HSEMA and PEPCO)

Significant Specific Issue Goals

(Specific applications or issues that may intersect with policy issues above)

- Continue to represent the best interests of the neighborhood regarding development of land at St. Thomas Church.

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- Provide recommendations to the ABC Board on the West Dupont Liquor License Moratorium prior to its expiration. (West Dupont Moratorium Workgroup)

Determination of 2015 Committees and Working Groups

Commissioner Nicole Mann to Chair Transportation & Public Infrastructure Committee. Motion by Commissioner Smith to support, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 9-0.

Commissioner Michael Upright to Chair Workgroup on Chronic Homelessness in Dupont. Motion by Commissioner Smith to support, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed 9-0.

Commissioner Silverstein to Co-Chair South of the Circle Late-night Workgroup with Commissioner Smith. Motion by Commissioner Smith to support, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 8-0-1.

Commissioner Maltz to be Liaison to Ward 2 Education Coalition. Motion by Commissioner Smith to support, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 9-0.

Request for letter of support for use of Stead Park by Stonewall Kickball. Motion by Commissioner Nichols to support, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the DC Department of Parks and Recreation has requested a review of a request by Stonewall Kickball to increase its Sunday permitting hours from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning with its spring season in March 2015,

Whereas, there is not expected to be any negative effect on the peace of surrounding neighbors in their homes because

a) The change is a change in structure and not in the actual use of the park by Stonewall Kickball; Stonewall Kickball in the past and as planned under this permit schedules its regular season games to end by 6 p.m. and then occasionally uses additional time to complete a game when, for some reason – rain delay, etc., a game can not be played or completed as scheduled. This change “pre-permits” for occasional use that is now governed by a more complicated permitting process that results in the same park use. Most Sundays the park will be available for general use after 6:30 p.m.

b) Any noise during games will be reduced because Stonewall Kickball will be playing only one game at a time this season and home plate has been moved to a location in the northwest corner of the park where residents are less likely to be bothered by any noise.

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c) Stonewall Kickball will inform the community of the days and times of its regular and rescheduled games.

d) Stonewall Kickball will continue to work with the community on any issues that may arise.

Whereas, besides the recreational benefits to its participants, Stonewall Kickball has a long standing relationship with Stead Park and the Dupont Circle Community that improves the neighborhood through park maintenance, bringing revenue to local businesses, and donations to a variety of DC charities.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports this permitting request by Stonewall Kickball.

WHEREAS, Stonewall Kickball has provided a healthy, wholesome recreational outlet for participants for the past nine years, and

WHEREAS, Stonewall Kickball has been a good neighbor, raising funds for worthwhile charitable causes, and is an important social outlet for the LGBT community and its allies, and
WHEREAS, Stonewall Kickball is a non-profit organization that pays more than 15-thousand dollars in fees for use of the field at Stead Park, and

WHEREAS, Stonewall Kickball members spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each season in the 17th Street business district alone, and

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle ANC 2B supported the recent renovation of Stead Park with the stipulation that it would allow enough space for two simultaneous games, but the new layout does not allow for two games to be played safely at the same time,

THEREFORE, ANC 2B strongly supports Stonewall Kickball's application for the use of Stead Park, including allowing them to play on Sunday evenings until 8pm.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Agenda

*Note: Commissioner Silverstein chooses to recuse himself from ABRA related matters because he sits on the city ABC board.

Application of DeSales Restaurant Group, LLC t/a Parlay at 1827 M St NW. Substantial change of CR (restaurant) license for hours of operation, alcohol sales and live entertainment. ABRA-097074

Motion by Commissioner Smith to support, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 8-0. The resolution reads as follows:

APPROVED HOURS OF OPERATION AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION: Sunday: 12am–10pm, Monday through Thursday: 11am – 10pm, Friday &

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Saturday: 11am – 11 pm. APPROVED HOURS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Sunday through Thursday: 6pm-10pm, Friday & Saturday: 6pm-11pm.

PROPOSED HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION: Sunday through Thursday: 11:30am-2am, Friday and Saturday: 11:30am-2:45am PROPOSED HOURS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Sunday through Thursday: 8pm-2am, Friday & Saturday: 8pm-2:30am

Discussion of the West Dupont Liquor License Moratorium Zone and Deliberation of a Motion to Delay the Expiration of the Moratorium by 120 Days
Motion by Commissioner Warwick to support, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 8-0.
The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 120 day extension of the West Dupont Liquor License Moratorium Zone. ANC 2B requests this extension to analyze the impact of a potential request for renewal on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking, over-concentration, and property values in the locality. ANC 2B further requests the additional time due to a newly inaugurated commission which precluded beginning the community engagement process before January 2015 and a desire to fully understand neighbors' thoughts on the moratorium through public meetings, online comments, and a report drafted by a working group. While the extension is for 120 days, ANC 2B will submit a recommendation to the ABC Board during or before May 2015.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

2201 P St NW (BZA # 18926) (2D) (10 mins)

(Special Exceptions) Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception from the child development center requirements under § 205, to operate a child development center of 74 students aged 12 months to six years including 18 staff, in the R-3 District at premises 2201 P Street, N.W. (Square 2510, Lot 827).

Motion by Commissioner Warwick to support, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 8-0.
The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas 2201 P St NW, the School for Friends at Church of the Pilgrims, is requesting a special exception pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception from the child development center requirements under § 205, to operate a child development center of 74 students aged 12 months to six years including 18 staff, in the R-3 District at premises 2201 P Street, N.W. (Square 2510, Lot 827).

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Whereas the site has been operated as a child development center since the mid-1960's and provides a public good of preschool for neighborhood children.

Whereas expanding the number of allowed students will allow more neighborhood children access to the facility.

Whereas the project is adjacent and abutting ANC 2B located in 2D and ANC 2D has already given a letter of support to the project.

Therefore; ANC2B joins ANC 2D in support of the special exception to expand the child development center.

1745 N St NW (BZA #18946) (2B05) (10 mins)

(Special Exceptions) Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception from the historic resource parking requirements under § 2120.6, to provide 13 parking spaces rather than the 15 parking spaces required for an addition to historic structures in the DC/SP-1 District at premises 1745 N Street, N.W. (Square 158, Lot 84).

Motion by Commissioner Warwick to support, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant, BZA #18946 seeks a special exception pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception from the historic resource parking requirements under § 2120.6, to provide 13 parking spaces rather than the 15 parking spaces required for an addition to historic structures in the DC/SP-1 District at premises 1745 N Street, N.W. (Square 158, Lot 84).

Whereas previous iterations of the project included 26 parking spaces, requiring an underground parking structure with exorbitant costs and potential impacts to the structural integrity of historic buildings on and near the project.

Whereas the entrance to the alley providing access to parking is narrow and more parking may have adverse impacts on neighbors.

Therefore ANC 2B supports the special exception as presented.

1734 R St NW (HPA 15-059) (2B03)

Historic Preservation review of a proposed conversion of row house to a four unit building.

Motion by Commissioner Maltz to support, seconded by Commissioner Upright, with a friendly

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amendment by Commissioner Smith to remove the line "stakeholders...impacts on the school" and replace the language with "neighbors and Ross School to reduce construction impacts on the school and neighborhood." Passed 8-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant proposes conversion of a row house to a four unit building.

Whereas the property is located adjacent to the Ross School.

Whereas the ANC is concerned about construction impacts on neighbors and the Ross School, but is encouraged by discussions between the architect and PTA and neighbors.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports the project as proposed but urges further collaboration among neighbors and Ross Elementary in order to reduce construction impacts on all neighbors.

DDOT Public Space Committee Applications

Patterson Mansion public space application – 15 Dupont Circle NW (2B07) (10 mins)
Motion by Commissioner Underhill to support, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein, with amendments from Commissioners Smith and Silverstein to add additional bike racks and encourage DDOT to take another look at curb cut. Passed 7-1-1. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant redeveloping the Patterson Mansion requests moving sidewalk grates, moving the bus stop, adding a bike stand, adding special paving, and changing the flower box on public space;

Whereas ANC 2B supports the moving of the bus stop to a location better serving WMATA buses; and

Whereas the applicant has agreed to add additional bike racks on the west side (Dupont Circle side) of the public space.

Whereas ANC 2B requests DDOT take a second look at the possibility of maintaining curb cuts at the entrance to the Patterson Mansion to consider the issues regarding traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports the public space application as proposed.

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1255 22nd St NW (2B06)

Conversion of empty office building to residential.

Motion by Commissioner Warwick to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant at 1255 22nd St NW is requesting an alley vacation to build a continuous residential building on two lots.

Whereas the alley vacation will include a permanent easement for vehicles to serve adjacent buildings.

Whereas the conversion of abandoned office space to residential is a positive result of the project.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports the alley vacation as proposed.

Bistro Bistro 1727 Connecticut Ave application for outside seating (2B01)

The Commission took no action because there was no application in front of them.

Administrative Matters

1. Treasurer's Report

Started January \$79,301.61 and ended January \$78,969.98

2. IT Web Design

After a review by the Commissioners, the website will go live with gradual adjustments.

Commissioner, Committee and Staff Reports

Staff Reports

1. Executive Director – Send new contacts to update email list.

2. Web/IT Consultant – None

3. Coudriet Fellow (vacant) – None

4. Deschaine Fellow (vacant) – None

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

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NU = no update

A = approved

- 1.1711 S Street NW: HPRB (2B01)-p
- 2.Al Tiramisu: Valet staging (2B02)-p
- 3.2123 Twining Court: BZA (2B02)-p
- 4.CVS: Certificate of Need (2B02)-a
- 5.2028 Hillyer: rear deck (2B02)-a
- 6.Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05)-a
- 7.Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05)
- 8.BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05)
- 9.Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
- 10.Dirty Martini: valet staging (2B05)
- 11.BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05)-p
- 12.BarCode: valet parking (2B05)-a
- 13.Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
- 14.Georgia Brown's: valet parking (2B05)
- 15.1528 Church St NW: HPRB (2B05)
- 16.1620 Q St NW: HRPB approval (2B05)-p
- 17.1815 Riggs Pl NW: BZA (2B01)-a
- 18.1528 Church St NW: BZA (2B05)
- 19.1512 P St NW: BZA (2B05)
- 20.Metropolitan Club: valet parking (2B06)-a
- 21.18th Street Lounge: liquor renewal (2B06)-a
- 22.1145 19th St NW: sidewalk cafe (2B06)-a
- 23.1819 Club: ABRA renewal (2B06)-a
- 24.Native Foods: sidewalk cafe (2B06)-a
- 25.1337 21st St NW: HPRB approval (2B06)-a
- 26.Kellari: valet staging (2B06)-a
- 27.Hampton Inn: singles sales (2B06)-a
- 28.1728 P St: HPRB approval (2B07)-a
- 29.Keegan Theatre: BZA use change (2B07)-a
- 30.Patterson Mansion: BZA approval (2B07)-p
- 31.Kabin Group: valet parking (2B07)
- 32.1727 Mass Ave: zoning request (2B07)-p
- 33.Local 16: VA/SA amendment (2B08)-p
- 34.Saloon45: new CT license (2B08)-a

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- 35.Penthouse Pool: substantial change (2B08)-p
- 36.1459 S Street NW: HPRB (2B09)-a
- 37.1508 Caroline St NW: HPRB (2B09)-p
- 38.Selam Restaurant Change from CR to CR Protest(2B09)-a
- 39.Medicinal Marijuana dispensary (2B01/2B05)-p
- 40.Precinct Boundaries Plan (Silverstein)-
- 41.Publisher Box Regulations (Stephens)
- 42.Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein)

Adjournment (9:57 pm)

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