

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014, Brookings Institute**

**Call to Order/Introduction of Commissioners (7:05pm)**

The January Regular Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:03 pm. The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Leo Dwyer (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), Noah Smith (2B09), Mike Silverstein (2B06) and Kishan Putta (2B04).

**Special Item**

*Election of 2014 Officers*

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B Commissioners elected new officers for the 2014 year. Commissioner Feldstien motioned for Commissioner Stephens for Chair, Commissioner Smith for Vice-Chair, Commissioner Maltz for Treasurer, and Commissioner O'Connor for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed by acclamation.

*ANC Security Fund Participation*

Commissioner Maltz motioned for ANC 2B to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 8-0.

**Minutes/Calendar**

*Circulation of ANC Monthly Work Calendar*

The Chair of the Commission noted to make sure to have items done and turned in by January 25th and to have letters turned by the Friday or Saturday after the meeting.

*Approval of Minutes – November 2013 special meeting & December 2013 regular meeting*

Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the November 2013 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 7-0-1.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the December 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 7-0-1.

**Special Guest**

Washington DC Fire Chief Ellerbe was unable to attend the ANC 2B meeting however on his behalf Captain David Merroin and Captain Larry Jackson spoke on the status and improvement the Washington DC Fire Department has made over the past year. Captain Merrion stated on the medical side the department has replaced its ambulance fleet with better vehicles. Shipping and response times has improved substantially. New paramedics has been hired and DC has created its own paramedic training program to be launched. The department has added a control medication program and has

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updated its technology to be more efficient and faster. Captain Jackson stated on the fire department side that they have hired civilian fleet managers and a new HR manager. More paramedics have been hired as well as more cadets. 30 new ambulances have been bought and 6 more long fire truck pumpers and 3 more ladder trucks have been bought as well.

**Public Announcements**

1. Commissioner Stephens states the staff page has been updated, the quarterly report is up to date, and the approved letters and minutes are also up to date.
2. Commissioner Maltz announced an education event for Ward 2 monthly meeting at Ross from 10-11:30am on January 11th, to learn more about Next Generation Science Standards from the Office of State Superintendent of Education. Ross and the School Without Walls will have their open houses coming up. On February 8th, Abigail Smith will speak to Ward 2 education members.
3. Commissioner Putta announced the Department of Parks and Rec may be opening a toddler care center at 1625 P street near Stead Park. He also announced that because of the DC population boom, DC government is working to keep services efficient especially during rush hour.
4. Commissioner Nichols announced the zoning re-write period has been extended.
5. Commissioner Feldstein announced the Hilton hotel will build a house rental unit onto its building. Also he announced the Groundhog day will be celebrated on Feb. 2 at 7:30 am.
6. Robert Sinners announced that during the holiday season there was an increase in package theft and to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity.
7. From Jack Evans office, Ruth announced the park service is at stage 5 and on Jan. 14th they will have hold a public meeting.

\*Commissioner Silverstein left because of his place on the DC ABC board. (7:54pm)

**Regulatory**

*Alcohol Applications*

*License Renewal Applications*

Renewal Applications for Existing Licenses – Petition due 1/21/14, Roll Call 2/3/14 (10 mins)

1. Teddy (#089980), 1200 19th St NW (CR license) – The Commission took no action
2. Bar Charley (#092461), 1825 18th St NW (CR license) - The Commission took no action

Rehearing: New application for DR (beer and wine only) license for Amsterdam Falafelshop, 1830 14th St NW (ABRA-093449), for “New restaurant serving falafel and related foods, no entertainment, no dancing.” Proposed hours of operation: Sun-Mon 10am-12am; Tues-Wed 10am-2:30am; Thurs 10am-

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3am; Fri-Sat 10am-4am. Proposed hours of alcohol sales: Sun-Mon 10am-12am, Tues-Thurs 10am-1am, Fri-Sat 10am-2am. Petition due 02/03/14; Roll Call Hearing 02/18/14 (2B09) Commissioner Smith moved to support the new application for DR license for Amsterdam Falafelshop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 7-0.

New application for Class B (off-premises) license for Trader Joe's, 1914 14th St NW (ABRA-093455), for "a full-service grocery store with a tasting permit." Proposed hours of operations and sales: Sun-Sat 8am-10pm. Petition due 01/27/14; Roll Call Hearing 02/10/14 (2B09) Commissioner Smith moved to support the new application for Class B license for Trader Joe's. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feldstien. Passed 7-0.

New application for Class C retail restaurant license (occupancy 735) and sidewalk cafe endorsement (seating 44) with maximum hours for Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak and Stone Crab, 740 15th Street NW. petition due 1/27/2014; Roll Call Hearing 2/10/14 (2B05) Commissioner O'Connor moved to support a stipulated license for Joe's Seafood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Passed 7-1. Commissioner Stephens recommended taking no action on the full license application. The Commission took no action.

*Public Space Applications*

Application (Tracking #86613) by Room and Board (1840 14th St NW) for movable display furniture the 1400 block of T Street NW (2B09) Commissioner Smith moved to support the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0.

Application for public space permit by 1785 Massachusetts Avenue (2B07) Commissioner Dwyer moved to support the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 8-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the public space permit request as presented for 1785 Massachusetts Ave NW, whereas the public space permit includes the items of providing an entrance on P St NW that provides an ADA compliant lift and entrance parking zone, additional signage, landscaping, additional hardscaping and bike racks;

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Whereas, ANC 2B supports the installation of a secondary sign at the corner of 18th and P St NW;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the landscaping of the project and commends the applicant for their level of dedication and thoroughness as they show concern for improving and maintaining the integrity of the building; and

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project maintaining the same building curb line along the sidewalk. ANC 2B understands that the current conditions are not conforming to DDOT's standard and is shy by nine inches. Having to change this historical curb line for the building and landscaping would not be a benefit to the project nor the community at this location, with the exception located at the entrance located along P St.. All other properties along P St on the south side of P St follow the same curb line and thus any change to this historic property which is a contributing structure to Washington DC, is a nationally recognized historic landmark and specifically is a prominent and significant contributing structure to DuPont Circle and the DuPont Circle Historic Overlay is not advised nor would it benefit the area.

Therefore be it resolved ANC 2B supports this project.

*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.

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.

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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 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)

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**Committee & Liaison Reports**

*ABRA Policy Committee*

Reports on old business (if any): Club Central, Rooftops  
Other items: Protest in city  
Next Meeting: 1/15/1347pm @ Resource Center (Third Wednesdays)

*Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee*

Reports on old business (if any)  
Other items: No update  
Next Meeting: Chair Leo Dwyer announced that the ZPD Committee would now be meeting on First Wednesdays this year, beginning with February 5, 2014 at 7pm at the Resource Center

*Community Involvement Committee*

Reports on old business (if any): Draft Grants Policy, Resource Center project, Community Needs & Resources Survey  
Other items: Committee chair Commissioner Feldstein suggested serious talks about the goal of the committee and how we can be more useful  
Next Meeting: 1/20/14 7pm @ Resource Center (Third Mondays)

*Public Safety Liaisons*

Reports on old business: Commissioner Putta announced the violence of stabbing and shooting near club central is being investigated to see if there is a connection to the club promoter. Commissioner Smith announced collaboration between DC Fire public safety with DDOT and DC police. Also he announced that things are moving forward with the bike safety act.

*Ward 2 Education Coalition*

Reports on old business: Office of family engagement meeting is coming up, and on March 15th DC school lottery is taking place.

**Commissioner & Staff Reports**

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*Staff Reports*

Deschaine Intern: announced two surveys being passed out to evaluate and improve ANC 2B meetings. Social media update: twitter is growing and Facebook is stalled.

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Executive Director: none

Web/IT Consultant: On Saturday Jan. 25 there will be a training session for Commissioner and staff on wordpress, backpack, etc.

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.)

1. Al Tiramisu: sidewalk cafe (2B02) – NU
2. Hotel Palomar: valet parking (2B02) – P
3. DC2NY: public space renewal (2B02) -A
4. 2112 R St NW: BZA & HPRB approval (incl gallery) (2B02) -A
5. 1617 & 1619 19th St NW: BZA request (2B03) – Denied
6. Embassy of Georgia: zoning variance (2B03) -A
7. 1733 16th St NW: HPRB approval (2B04) -A
8. Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05) -Application reinstated
9. 1200 17th Street NW: pavers & benches (2B05) -P
10. Catch 15: new CT license (2B05) -P
11. Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05) -P
12. BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05) -P
13. Pret A Manger: DDOT sidewalk cafe (2B05) -P
14. Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05) -P
15. BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05) -P
16. Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05) -P
17. Public Bar: revisions to VA/SA (2B06) -P
18. Chi-Cha Lounge: VA/SA amendment (2B08) -P
19. Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein) -P
20. Washington Redskins (Putta) -P

Administrative Matters (9:40pm) (10 mins total)

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1. Commissioner Maltz announced that the ANC2B Financial Report for FY 2014 Q1 is done and there were voided checks. Commissioner Maltz motion to approve ANC2B Financial Report for FY 2014 Q1. Passed 6-0.

2. Other Finance/Treasurer Items: Commissioner Maltz announced the Commission needs to re-affirm both interns (Nicole Baillis & Daniel Warwick) and approve a stipend of \$500 along with re-engagement letter for January-May 2014. Commissioner Stephens moves to re-affirm Nicole. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 6-0. Commissioner Stephens moves to re-affirm Daniel. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 6-0.

3. Other Admin items: The ANC 2B bought a new printer for the Resource Center that cost \$200 plus taxes.

**Adjournment (10:01)**

Motion to adjourn by acclimation.

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