

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

**Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff**

The January Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:02 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).

**Swearing in of ANC2B Commissioners by Council-member Jack Evans**

Election of 2015 ANC2B Officers

1. Chair
2. Vice-Chair
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

Commissioner Warwick moved to nominate officers as a slate. Commission Smith as Chair, Commissioner Maltz as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Upright as Treasurer, and Commissioner Mann as Secretary. Seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Passed by acclimation.  
Commissioner Silverstein nominated Will Stephens as Chair Emeritus. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 9-0.

**Meeting Minutes & Work Calendar**

Approval of December 2014 Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Nichols moved to approve pending technical corrections, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 9-0.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Announcement

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1. Commissioner Silverstein announced on Feb 2nd. Groundhog day events will start @ 7:30am
2. Commissioner Underhill announced a possible Special ZPD meeting for St. Thomas church project updates.
3. Commissioner Nichols announced a Talking Transition event being hosted.
4. Commissioner Nichols announced regulations posted by ABRA for 30 day comments.
5. Commissioner Upright announced past Commissioner Putta wanted to remind the community to sign up for DC Health Link exchange.
6. Commissioner Feldstein announced the Dupont Festival events coming up for turning on the foundation, women's World Cup and Taste of Dupont.

**Other Public Announcements**

7. Tom Lipinsky from Jack Evans office announced Vouchers for Disney on Ice.
8. Susan Volman, representative of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association announced that a membership meeting will be February 2nd and the Commissioners have been invited to speak.
9. Will Stephens announced the Pedestrian Advisory Council is working with DDOT on public safety, and at least 15 intersection in the city will be changed. The Pedestrian Advisory Council will start a website where people can suggest intersections that should be changed.
10. Commissioner Maltz announced the My School DC lottery is officially open and accepting applications for grades 9-12 on March 2nd.
11. Police Officer Dickerson announced violent crime is down 33% and property crime is down 12%. Auto theft is up 100%.

**General Agenda**

**Discussion of City and PEPCO Response to 01/06/2015 Neighborhood Power Outage**

A group of representatives from Pepco came and spoke to the constituents of ANC 2B. They stated that 3 meters were affected by the snow and employees were dispatched but the weather resulted in a slow response. All the support that was logistically needed took more time than initially thought.

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Request by Fresh Farms Market on Vermont Avenue for Letter of Support  
Commissioner Feldstein moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 8-0.

Update of planned re-purposing of 7 story office building at 1255 22nd Street into approximately 80 apartments. Ronald Walton will present on behalf of Sheehan family. The commission decided to vote next month.

Discussion of 2015 ANC Goals, Priorities and Committees

Discussion on Funding for Garrison School Modernization  
Commissioner Maltz moved to adopt the THEREFORE clause and attach the 2014 resolution, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 8-0. The THEREFORE clause resolution reads as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B recommends that the City Council fully fund Garrison's modernization by allocating sufficient funds in Fiscal Year 2015 to allow for a complete, one-time modernization of both the school building and its grounds, including adequate space for community programming.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Agenda**

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

MS 1901, LLC t/a Melt Shop (#97642) for a stipulated and new Retail DR license at 1901 L Street NW. Fast casual artisan sandwiches, tater tots, soup, milkshakes, etc. Establishment will have 30 seats inside with approximately 10 sidewalk cafe seats. Hours 11 am to 9 pm Sunday through Saturday. (2B06)  
Commissioner Maltz moved to support the stipulated license based on them selling just beer and wine, early closing at 9pm, and full hours of serving food, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 8-0.  
Commission takes no action on the permanent full license.

Consideration of resolution for ABC Board to Address Recent Violence at Heritage India/Zanzibar at 1901 Pennsylvania Ave NW (ABRA-90050) (2B06)  
Commissioner Smith moved to adopt the letter, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 8-0.

Discussion of West Dupont Moratorium Zone and Appointment of Working Group  
Commissioner Warwick moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Commissioner Smith amended to add that Commissioner Warwick is chair. Commissioner Warwick accepted the friendly amendment. Passed 7-0-2. The resolution reads as follows:

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B appoints the following members to the ad-hoc created West Dupont Moratorium Working Group in order to create an impact driven and neighbor focused community engagement process regarding the future of the West Dupont Moratorium Zone.

1. Daniel Warwick (Commissioner, 2B02), Chair
2. Mike Feldstein (Commissioner, 2B01), Vice-Chair
3. Jonathan Padget bold(NOTE: Jonathan has not accepted yet.)bold
4. Patrick Kain
5. Karyn Robinson

Consideration of Resolution on Prioritizing the Reduction of Noise from Liquor-licensed Established – Commissioners Nichols and Warwick.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 8-0-1. Commissioner Silverstein abstains. The resolution reads as follows:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B asks you to take act in early 2015 to address the disturbance to peace order and quiet created by amplified music emanating from on-premises alcoholic beverage retailers.

First, we believe the agencies responsible for enforcing noise laws at liquor-selling establishments should improve their enforcement of existing noise laws. We hope you will be leaders in interagency collaboration among the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Authority (ABRA), the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The 2014 ABRA noise task force is a starting place from which to draw experience to improve the effectiveness of noise enforcement.

Second, as diminishing noise from liquor selling establishments is a crucial quality of life concern for those who live, work, and play in The District, we believe now is also the time to study ways to systemically improve the noise laws and regulations that govern noise related to alcohol establishments.

While Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B contains just 3% of DC residents, we have a disproportionate number of liquor selling establishments in our ANC. We look forward to working with you to establish a framework for noise control in the District.

### **Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications**

1330 Connecticut Ave NW. Historic preservation review for significant alterations to front, rear and side facades and use of public space. (2B07)

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Commissioner Underhill moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas 1330 Connecticut Avenue has come before the ANC 2B Zoning Preservation and Development (ZPD) committee;

Whereas the project presented will be a new design that would require an alteration of the existing terms of the Planned Unit Development;

Whereas the new design presented better activates the pedestrian experience;

Therefore, ANC 2B is willing to support the project contingent upon demonstrating the following conditions:

- (1) ANC 2B is notified of any changes to the Planned Unit Development (“PUD”).
- (2) The project team consults with and reaches consensus with ANC 2B on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding construction.
- (3) ANC 2B is notified of any material changes to the design.

1734 R Street NW. HPA 15-059 (2B03)

Commissioner Maltz moved to approve a one month delay, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicant has not yet adequately notified neighbors of this project, but has expressed interest in working with the neighbors to obtain their input.

Therefore, ANC2B request a one month delay of the hearing of this case so that the input of neighbors can more appropriately be weighed. The delay is supported by the applicant.

1601 18th Street NW. BZA 18903 (2B03)

Commissioner Maltz moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas 1601 18th Street NW is requesting a special exception to bring the existing usage into compliance with the applicable laws;

Whereas the tenants will be continuing to use the space in the same manner as it is currently being utilized;

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Therefore; ANC2B supports the change of use formality.

2138 O Street NW. HPRB application for rear addition. (2B06)

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the project is within the existing character and nature of the block and not setting a new precedent;

Whereas the applicant has letters of support from the neighbors at both 2128 and 2132 O Street NW;

Therefore, ANC 2B is willing to support the project contingent upon demonstrating the following conditions:

(1) Meeting a flag test for the renovation that demonstrates that the addition would not be visible from O St.;

(2) Proof of outreach to the building across the street neighbors; and

Motion to Congratulate John Jedzink on his election as Chair of the DCC

Commissioner Feldstein moved to approve subject to letter being drafted, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Was adopted without opposition.

Appointment of Standing Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee

Commissioner Warwick moved to establish committee & nominate members & to assign the task of repurposing itself to the committee, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B hereby appoints a standing committee to help the full ANC with issues regarding individual zoning and historic preservation applications as well as policy issues regarding development impacting the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

The following members will be appointed to the committee:

Daniel Warwick (Commissioner 2B02), Co-Chair

Mike Feldstein (Commissioner 2B01), Co-Chair

Stephanie Maltz (Commissioner 2B03)

Michael Upright (Commissioner 2B04)

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Noah Smith (Commissioner 2B09, Chair ANC 2B)  
Patrick Smith  
Michael Biedler  
Chris Furlong  
Cathy Brooker

Members of the previous session's committee who have not been reappointed will be invited to the February meeting of the ZPD committee as full members of the committee and may ask to be reappointed for the March ZPD meeting.

**Administrative Matters**

Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report 1 FY15 Started with 77,680.70 ended 79,301.61  
Commissioner Maltz moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 9-0.

Approval of \$25 to participate in the ANC Security Fund  
Commissioner Upright moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as:

Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the attached agreement.

It is understood that: (1) the check for participation in the ANC Security Fund should be made payable to "ANC Security Fund," (2) the ANC is not considered a participant in the Fund until the ANC has received the acceptance section of the agreement which has been signed by the District of Columbia Auditor, and (3) the agreement will not be accepted by the Auditor until all required documents have been received by the Office of the Auditor. The required documents are:

Resolution  
Agreement  
ANC Check  
Statement of Information – Chairperson  
Statement of Information – Treasurer  
Bank Survey  
Copy of Current Bank Signature Card

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Request for reimbursement to Will Stephens for \$52 for ANC charges  
Commissioner Maltz moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 8-0-1.

Request for reimbursement to Mike Silverstein for \$60 for Name Plates  
Commissioner Smith moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 9-0.

Request for pre-approval for Noah Smith to Purchase Business Cards up to \$500  
Commissioner Upright moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 8-0-1.

Old administrative business: By-laws, Policies & Procedures Manual, Annual Report, Resource -2 out of the 3 projects are almost down pending approval from Commissioner Smith

Center Renovation Update – Commissioner Feldstein will provide a more detailed update in the coming weeks/month. However he announced he wanted to look into the about of space that could be used however necessary.

**Commissioner and Staff Reports**

Staff Reports

Executive Director: Send contact to add to mailchimp.

**Adjournment (9:58pm)**

By Acclimation

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