

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B
JUNE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff

The June 2015 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: Michael Upright (2B04), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Mike Silverstein (2B06) (Arrived @ 7:30), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Feldstein (2B06) (Not Present), Justine Underhill (2B07) (Arrived @ 7:13), Nicole Mann (2B08), and Noah Smith (2B09).

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

Announcements (7:05pm) (10 mins)

General Commissioner announcements

1. Commissioner Feldstien announced Womens' World Cup with Dupont Festival at 5pm on friday and on Saturday a movie showing of A League Of Their Own.
2. Commissioner Nichols announced a new sidewalk cafe on K street, Joe's Stonefish Grill.
3. Commissioner Mann announced free CPR classes through June, July, August. Sign up at serve.dc.gov.
4. Commissioner Underhill announced another St. Thomas HPRB meeting in June. Details to come.
5. Commissioner Warwick announced that ABRA scheduled a hearing for the West Dupont Moratorium at the Reeves Center.
6. Commissioner Silverstein announced Deacon Macovit will be ride in the Pride Parade.

Other public announcements

Recognition of DC Fire and EMS Department on Response to June 3rd House Fire on Riggs Place (7:15pm) (5 mins)

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1. Tom Lipinsky with Councilmember Jack Evans' Office announced that the Council passed the Budget Autonomy Act. Next week will be the final vote on the Budget Support Act.
2. Eva Lewis with the Executive Office of the Mayor announced that the Mayor will be marching in the Pride Parade.
3. FreshFarm Markets announced they are distributed DC Plus checks.
4. Golden Triangle announced Pilates in the Park on Tuesday all the way until September. Also the Social Network will be playing on Friday.
5. Best Kids announced they are looking for mentors for their programs.

Resolution on DC Fire and Emergency Services Response on June 3, 2015.
Commissioner Upright moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 9-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services rapidly responded to a conflagration engulfing the home at 1600 Riggs Place, NW Washington, DC on June 3 at approximately 2:30AM.

Whereas the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services valiant efforts to contain the blaze at 1600 Riggs Place, NW prevented the spread of the fire to other homes on the block.

Whereas injuries were sustained by several firefighters during their brave efforts to extinguish the blaze at 1600 Riggs Place, NW.

Therefore ANC 2B commends and salutes the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services for their actions taken on June 3rd, 2015.

Approval of May 2015 Meeting Minutes (7:20pm) (5 mins)
Commissioner Mann moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 9-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Agenda (7:25pm) (30 mins total)

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

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Application for Stipulated CR (Restaurant) License for Olivia's Diner at 1120 19th St NW (2B06)

Commissioner Smith moved to support the stipulated CR, seconded by Commissioner Warwick. Passed 7-0.

Application for a Summer Garden Endorsement by the Gryphon at 1337 Connecticut Ave NW (2B07)

Commissioner Underhill moved to support a Summer Garden Endorsement for a stipulated license, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 8-0.

Application for a Stipulated License for the Gryphon at 1337 Connecticut Ave NW (2B07)

Commissioner Underhill moved to support a Summer Garden Endorsement for a stipulated license, seconded by Commissioner Upright. Passed 8-0.

Application for a new DX License (Beer and Wine Only) for the Keegan Theatre at 1742 Church St NW (2B07)

Commissioner Underhill moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Keegan Theatre is an established, active theatre company in the Dupont Circle neighborhood located on the residential Church Street between 17th and 18th streets; and

Whereas the Keegan Theatre organizes events, including plays and concerts, that improve the neighborhood's cultural amenities; and

Whereas the Keegan Theatre is a small non-profit theater which competes with other theaters which offer beer and wine; and

Whereas the Keegan Theatre desires to offer beer and wine amenities as part of the overall theater experience for its patrons; and

Whereas while ANC 2B would ordinarily not support a liquor license in the middle of a residential street, the Keegan Theatre's application for a multipurpose license with limited hours which coincide with their current performance hours, is a unique circumstance; and

Whereas ANC 2B has received many letters from neighbors in support of the Keegan Theatre.

Therefore be it RESOLVED ANC 2B supports the application for a DX license.

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General Agenda Items (7:55pm) (35 mins total)

Application for Street Closures for the Nation's Triathlon (9/13/2015)

Commissioner Smith moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0-1.

Resolution in Support of Masonic Temple Event (2B04)

Commissioner Upright moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 8-0-1.

Resolution in Support of a Connecticut Ave Streetscape (North of the Circle) (2B01)

Commissioner Feldstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 8-0-1.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas Connecticut Avenue, from K Street in the south to T Street in the north is far and away one of the major commercial thoroughfares in the District of Columbia.

Whereas Connecticut Avenue from K Street to just south of Dupont Circle has greatly benefitted from a major streetscape project – a project that cost well in excess of \$20 million.

Whereas the on-going Connecticut Ave streetscape project includes:

- v sidewalk reconstruction,
- v utility and storm drain construction
- v roadway resurfacing
- v traffic signal and streetlight installation
- v landscaping

Whereas for Connecticut Ave. from the northern of Dupont Circle to T Street, not a dime has been spent nor been allocated to upgrade, repair and modernize the sidewalks, the utility and storm drains, the roadway, traffic signals, streetlights and landscape. The roadway, sidewalks, streetlights and landscape are descripted and serve to depress the whole area.

Therefore the Dupont Circle ANC and the Adams Morgan ANC request Mayor and Council Persons from Ward I and Ward II instruct the Department of Transportation (DDOT) to undertake a detailed streetscape plan for Connecticut Ave. from T Street to the southern edge of Dupont Circle. This plan should include, but not limited to, views and input from community representatives and recognized experts as well as a detailed budget.

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Discussion of Dupont ANC Grants Program (Feldstein)

Commissioner Feldstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Passed 8-0-1.

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications (8:30pm) (30 mins total)

Phillips Collection zoning variance to for special exception from the roof structures requirement to facilitate construction of enclosure for replacement heating and cooling system on roof of existing building. (#19043) (BZA) (2B02)

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

Whereas the Phillips Collection is located at 1600 21st Street NW within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B; and

Whereas the Phillips Collection requests a zoning special exception from the roof structures requirement to facilitate construction of enclosure for replacement heating and cooling system on roof of existing building; and

Whereas the special exception will allow the Phillips Collection to ensure its collection will be fully protected from weather elements; and

Whereas the Phillips Collection Neighbors Liaison Committee, formed by ANC 2B and neighbors in 2001 in response to a liquor license application and renovations, "find the proposed Phillips roof project to be in harmony with The Agreement and a considerable improvement in the look of the building."

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

BZA Appeals Application # 19027 for Carlyle Suites 1731 New Hampshire Ave NW (2B03)

Commissioner Warwick moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 6-3. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas there is an appeal to the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding a decision by the Zoning Administrator, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, to issue Building Permit No. B1504436, to renovate a hotel in the DC/R-5-D District at premises 1731 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. (Square 154, Lot 829); and

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Whereas the hotel, the Caryle Suites, is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC 2B) at 1731 New Hampshire Avenue NW; and

Whereas the project was discussed at the June 3rd meeting of the Zoning Preservation and Development committee at ANC 2B and the June 10th meeting of the full ANC; and

Whereas ANC 2B is not a judicial or quasi-judicial body of government and, while engaging both sides in public dialogue, makes no attempt to determine fact or litigate the appeal.

Therefore Be it Resolved ANC 2B requests the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant this appeal special consideration.

Zoning Variance Application for 1337 Connecticut Ave NW (#18906) (BZA)
Commissioner Warwick moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 7-0-1.
The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas 1337 Connecticut Ave NW is within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B; and

Whereas the applicant requires special exceptions for a variance from the parking requirements, and a special exception from the roof structure setback requirements to allow construction of a hotel addition to an existing office building in the DC/SP-1 and C-3-C Districts; and

Whereas the hotel's proximity to Metro and target clientele make it unlikely hotel guests will arrive by self-driven car and require parking; and

Whereas the current proposal includes a primary entrance and loading and unloading using an existing no-parking zone on Connecticut Avenue rather than previously proposed on 18th Street; and

Whereas the roof structure setback exception is to conform with feedback from the Historic Preservation Review Board; and

Whereas the applicant also requires a special exception moving the boundary of the SP-1 zone due to the lot being split between SP-1 fronting 18th Street and C-3-C fronting Connecticut Avenue; and

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Whereas the applicant has met with the nearest residential neighbors at the Palladium.

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

DDOT Public Space Committee Applications (9:00pm) (30 mins total)

Public Space Permit application #10185617 for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed at 1501 K STREET NW. Claudia's Steakhouse. 11am to 11pm all days. (2B05)

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

Whereas ANC2B had no objection to a new application for an alcohol license with sidewalk café for Claudia's Steakhouse, 1501 K Street NW (actually on 15th St., NW) when ANC2B considered the application came at its August 13, 2014, meeting,

Whereas, an application by Claudia's Steakhouse for use of sidewalk public space for such sidewalk café is now pending before the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT PSRA Permit Tracking# 10185617 Review# 147290)

Whereas Claudia's Steakhouse does intend to play any music on the sidewalk café,

Whereas the design of the proposed sidewalk café is attractive and takes up only 6 feet of a wide sidewalk,

Therefore ANC2B supports the Claudia's Steakhouse application for the use of public space.

Public Space: Public Space Permit application #10184217 to Change Cafe Hours of Operation at 1120 19TH STREET NW (2B06) – No Action

Public Space Permit application #10185576 for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed at Panera Bread at 1750 H STREET NW. 3 tables, 12 seats. M-F 6am-10pm, S-S 7am-8pm. (2B06)

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

Be it resolved that ANC 2B supports the request for a Public Space Permit for Panera Bakery at 1750 H Street NW, comprised of 3 tables and 12 seats, with the understanding that there is a minimum of ten feet of pedestrian passage between the proposed table on the right and the

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nearest tree box. The ANC has no objection to the proposed hours of Monday-Friday from 6am to 10pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 8pm.

Committee and Workgroup Reports (9:30pm) (10 mins total)

Each of the following committees and workgroups will discuss their progress from the last meeting, nominate new members, and announce next meeting times:

Zoning, Preservation and Development Committee (Warwick)

Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee (Mann)

Workgroup on Homelessness in Dupont Circle (Upright)

Workgroup on West Dupont Circle Moratorium (Warwick)

Workgroup on South & West of the Circle Nightlife (Smith)

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

Rentals for Capitol Pride Parade to include car and candy for \$300

Commissioner Feldstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner SMith. Passed 8-0.

Treasurer's Report and Discussion of Financial Reporting Process (Upright)

Old administrative business: By-laws, Policies & Procedures Manual, Annual Report, etc.

Resource Center Renovation (Feldstein)

Update on Dupont Bulletin Board

Other Administrative Items (if any)

Commissioner and Staff Reports (9:50pm) (5 mins total)

Staff Reports

1. Executive Director
2. Web/IT Consultant
3. Coudriet Fellow (vacant)
4. Deschaine Fellow (vacant)

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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), U Street, Columbia Heights/Shaw (2B09)

Adjournment (9:55 pm)

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