

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Brookings Institute**

Call to Order/Introduction of Commissioners (7:02pm)

The May Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:02 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), Will Stephens (2B08) and Noah Smith (2B09). As noted below, Kishan Putta (2B04) arrived after the meeting started.

The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director), and Nicole Baillis (Desi Deschaine Community Involvement Intern), Daniel Warwick (Jeff Coudriet Public Policy Intern) and Fiona Clem (Web/IT consultant).

Meeting Minutes & Work Calendar  
Circulation of ANC Monthly Work Calendar

Chairperson Stephens noted to make sure to have June agenda items submitted by May 31st and to have any additional letter language turned by the Friday or Saturday after the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – April 2014 public meeting – Tabled to next meeting

\*Commissioner Putta arrived at (7:10pm)

**Public Announcements**

1. Pride Parade: 6/7/14 – Commissioner Silverstein announced the parade will begin at 4pm @ Francis-Stephens. Letter of support for Pride Parade @ Francis-Stephens. Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (9-0). The Commission moved to allocate \$250 for a car, \$150 for a sign, and \$100 for candy for the parade. Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (9-0).
2. Commissioner Dwyer announced JR's outdoor beer garden at 17th and Church Streets NW. Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed (8-0-1).
3. Commissioner Putta announced longer buses will be used along 16th street to clear up congestion.

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4. Commissioner Stephens announced that DC.gov has a brand new website update.
5. Commissioner Nichols announced there will be a League of Women panel at UDC David Clark School of Law on Voter's Voice on May 28th.
6. Commissioner Kevin O'Connor announced his resignation.

#### Regulatory

#### Alcohol Applications

\*Commissioner Silverstein chooses to recuses himself from ABRA related matters because he sits on the city ABRA board.

Request for substantial change to existing settlement agreement for Heritage India (#90050) located at 1901 Pennsylvania Ave NW. Update to promoter language and inclusion of a security plan. (2B06) Commissioner Maltz moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed (8-0).

New Application for CR license (#094699) for DC Pizza located at 1103 19th Street NW. Quick service pizzeria. No entertainment. Occupancy 45, seating 20. Sidewalk cafe seating 24. Hours of operation, alcohol sales and consumption 10:30 am to 11:30 pm for indoor and sidewalk cafe. Petition Date 6/2/14; Hearing Date 6/16/14 (2B06) – The Commission took no action on the application.

New Application for CR license (#094847). MANI, LLC located at 1140 19th Street NW. New restaurant serving Greek cuisine with a sidewalk cafe seating of 36 patrons. No entertainment. Total occupancy is 150. Hours of operation for inside premises and sidewalk cafe: Sunday through Thursday 7am-2am, Friday and Saturday 7am-3am. Hours of alcohol sale and consumption: Sunday through Thursday 8am-2am, Friday and Saturday 8am-3am. Petition Date 6/2/14; Hearing date 6/16/14 (2B06) – The Commission took no action on the application.

\*Commissioner Maltz left at (8:05pm)

#### Marijuana Dispensary Applications

\*Commissioner Silverstein returns from recusing himself.

Application for Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, NW 20036. [Note: At May 2012 meeting, ANC 2B approved this business for another address (1147 20th St NW)] Applicant Ms. Jen Brunenkant, Managing Member, Herbal Alternatives II, LLC (2B05) – Commissioner Nichols

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moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0). The Commission passed the following resolution:

Whereas, on May 20, 2012, ANC 2B voted to support an earlier application by the same provider at a different address which did not work out.

Whereas ANC 2B does not have concerns regarding potential adverse impact of the proposed location to the neighborhood.

Whereas, ANC 2B does not have concerns about the over-concentration and acknowledges a lack of dispensaries in Ward 2; and

Whereas, ANC 2B does not have concerns regarding the proposed location's proximity to substance abuse treatment centers, day care centers, or halfway houses.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports this application.

Application for Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 1718 Connecticut Avenue, NW 20008. Applicant Mr. Michael Bobo, National Holistic Healing Center (2B01) – Commissioner Feldstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed (8-0). The Commission passed the following resolution:

Whereas ANC 2B does not have concerns regarding potential adverse impact of the proposed location to the neighborhood.

Whereas, ANC 2B does not have concerns about the over-concentration and acknowledges a lack of dispensaries in Ward 2; and

Whereas, ANC 2B does not have concerns regarding the proposed location's proximity to substance abuse treatment centers, day care centers, or halfway houses.

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Public Space Applications

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Application for Valet Staging Area by Al Tiramisu (2014 P St NW) Tracking Number: 10125949 (2B02) – Commissioner O’Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

Application for Valet Staging Area (renewal) by Vidalia. 1990 M Street NW. Tracking Number: 10126022 (2B06) – Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

Application for Valet Staging Area for Kellari Taverna, 1700 K Street NW. Tracking Number: 10127113 (2B05) – Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

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\*Commissioner Maltz returned at (8:36pm)

#### General Items

Resolution regarding expansion of DPR early childhood programs – Commissioner Putta moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (8-0-1). The Commission passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) runs a popular early childhood education program called the Cooperative Play (COOP) Program at various DPR recreation centers across the District;

Whereas sustained community appeals resulted in DPR increasing the number of COOP program locations in the District from 9 to 12 for the 2014-2015 school year;

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Whereas the demand still exceeds the supply of available COOP program seats, as evidenced by the fact that the 50 new slots that were available for enrollment at 10am today, May 14, were filled within 15 minutes of the enrollment website going live;

Whereas parents have been asking for more affordable childrens programs in the District and only one COOP program is located outside the Northwest quadrant of the District;

Whereas many parents have complained that the current online system for COOP program enrollment is no longer adequate or fair, with those parents who can afford high-speed internet and multiple computers, and can afford to take time off from their workday, having a distinct advantage; and

Whereas certain families cannot afford to fully pay the monthly fee charged by DPR, or to volunteer one day per week every single week of the month, as is the standard requirement for enrollment in a COOP program;

Therefore, ANC2B requests that the DC Council, Mayor, and DPR consider expanding the number of COOP programs in the District, consider establishing COOP programs in all four quadrants, and consider making the programs more accessible for parents struggling to overcome economic hardship.

ANC2B also calls on DPR to review the current online enrollment system for the COOP program and to consider alternative enrollment systems, such as some form of randomized lottery, that may be more fair. DPR should also consider reviewing the online enrollment system for its summer camp programs, about which many parents have similar complaints.

Declaration of a Vacancy in ANC 2B02 and Appointment of Liaison – The Commissioner nominated Daniel Warwick. Commissioner O’Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (9-0).

Resolution Supporting the Repeal of Prostitution-Free Zones – Commissioner O’Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (9-0). The Commission passed the following resolution:

Whereas, the Council of the District of Columbia is currently considering passage of the Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014 (B20-760), legislation that would permanently repeal the Prostitution Free Zone Act of 2005, which allows the Metropolitan Police Department to permanently declare public space as a “Prostitution Free Zone;”

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Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B has previously voiced its opposition to Prostitution Free Zones in February 2012;

Whereas, Prostitution Free Zones do not reduce prostitution and further marginalize sex workers, low income people of color, transgender people, lesbians and gays, and the homeless;

Whereas, both the Metropolitan Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General have acknowledged that the implementation of Prostitution Free Zones is likely unconstitutional;

Therefore, be it resolved that, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B supports the Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014 (B20-760) and encourages the Council of the District of Columbia to adopt the proposed legislation.

In addition, ANC 2B respectfully encourages Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans sponsor and support the bill.

Revisions to Policies & Procedures Manual – Commissioner O’Connor moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (9-0).

Committee & Liaison Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Reports on old business (if any): Work with ABRA to do a test area in Club Central. There will be no ABRA meeting this month.

Ward 2 Education Coalition

Reports on old business (if any): Garrison School, Meetings with Chancellor Kaya Henderson, DME student assignment / boundary committee recommendations

Resolution to Ensure Quality Neighborhood Schools. Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (9-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency...with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including with respect to education;

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Whereas, the government of the District of Columbia is obligated to accord “great weight” to advice from ANCs;

Whereas, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (DCPS) is “to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement;”

Whereas, the Deputy Mayor of Education (DME) is currently leading “a comprehensive review of its (the District’s) student assignment policies, including school attendance boundaries and feeder patterns;”

Whereas, ANC 2B recognizes the importance of a quality public education to the health and vitality of all communities;

Whereas, ANC 2B values a system of quality matter-of-right public schools from pre-school through high school and will work to ensure that all residents have access to this option within our community and throughout the city;

Whereas, ANC 2B recognizes that many parents desire clear and predictable pathways through the public school system and would prefer a school within the community;

Whereas Ward 2 demographics are rapidly changing, resulting in an increasing number of families with young children;

Whereas, Ward 2 does not have a comprehensive high school to serve children of high school age, and Ward 2’s by-right high school options are either overcrowded, of low quality, and/or several neighborhoods away;

Whereas Ross Elementary and School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens are the only two DCPS elementary schools, and School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens is the only DCPS middle school within the boundaries of ANC 2B;

Whereas, students within the attendance boundary of Ross Elementary currently are also in the middle school attendance boundary of School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens;

Whereas, School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens is the closest middle school to Ross Elementary;

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Whereas, the parents of Ross Elementary students, through their PTA and LSAT, have expressed a preference for their children to attend School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens for a middle school;

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B, along with its ANC colleagues in ANC 1B, ANC 2F, ANC 3B, ANC 3E, ANC 6E, and all other ANCs planning to pass similar resolutions during meetings held in May or June in 2014, requires that DCPS provide access a system of quality matter-of-right public schools from Kindergarten through Grade 12 for all students.

Be it resolved, that ANC 2B recommends that School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens middle school attendance boundaries remain unchanged to continue to serve those living within the Ross Elementary attendance boundary.

And be it further resolved that ANC 2B encourages study and exploration of the creation of a new high school to serve Ward 2.

Public Safety Liaisons (5 mins)

Reports on old business (if any): Club Central public safety meeting

Establishment of Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (9-0). Motion to approve Commissioner Putta as Chair of Committee.- Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (9-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the Commission has for the last several years designated 1 or 2 persons as “public safety liaisons” to foster relationships with local police, to keep track of important public safety matters, and to host or co-host meetings from time to time on public safety issues ranging from pedestrian and bike safety to street crime and burglaries;

Whereas, the liaisons have been successful in helping the Commission keep abreast of these important matters;

Whereas, the Commission has now established a transportation and public infrastructure committee to handle, among other things, pedestrian- and bicycle-related matters;

Whereas, one of the benefits of establishing a committee is to involve more non-Commissioner community members in matters that are important to the neighborhood;

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Whereas, there has been substantial change-over in MPD personnel since the revision of PSA boundaries in the Dupont Circle area;

Therefore be it resolved that the Commission hereby establishes a Public Safety Committee, the purposes of which are as follows:

- To build and foster better relationships between and among Commissioners, community members, MPD representatives, and other public safety officials;
- To involve more community members in public safety matters affecting the neighborhood;
- To establish regular or semi-regular meetings with MPD and other public safety officials;
- To make recommendations to the Commission on public safety policies, legislation, regulations, and other actionable items;
- To work with other ANCs on common safety concerns;
- To organize preparation of community impact statements for relevant sentencing hearings; and
- To carry out such other tasks as may be delegated by the Commission.

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

P = the matter is still pending  
NU = no update  
A = approved

Hotel Palomar: valet parking (2B02)- P

Al Tiramisu: valet parking (2B02)- A

By-laws update (O'Connor)- Commissioner O'Connor will make sure that the by-laws are updated in our print and online materials.

DC Health Link (Putta)- A

Administrative Matters

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Maltz moved to approve quarterly report. Passed 9-0.

Other Finance/Treasurer Items (if any): Commission Maltz reported that the ANC has \$77,650.61 in their bank account at the end of April.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 9:56pm

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