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Call to Order/Introduction of Commissioners

The November 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

Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Leo Dwyer (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08), Mike Silverstein (2B06) and Kishan Putta (2B04).

Minutes/Calendar

Circulation of ANC 2B Monthly Calendar

Approval of August Minutes, moved by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 8-0.

Approval of September minutes, moved by Commissioner Feldstein, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 8-0.

Approval of October minutes, moved by Commissioner Feldstein, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed 8-0.

Public Announcements

- 1. Commissioner O'Connor reminded the community to use the "#ANC2B"
- 2. Updates to ANC website letters, minutes are updated
- 3.Stead Park's 60th Anniversary Celebration, 11/16/13 10:30am-1:30pm
- 4. Main Streets: Spring Promenade planned for Easter weekend
- 5. Announcement regarding Dupont North Metro station maintenance and beautification

Regulatory

Alcohol Applications

POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER 2013 MEETING: Request by Public Bar, 1214B 18th Street, to review terms of Voluntary Agreement / Settlement Agreement regarding hours of operation (2B06)

Commissioner Maltz made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and approved 5-0-1:

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^{*}Commissioner Silverstein leaves due to his role on the ABC Board.

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ANC 2B protests the termination of the existing "Voluntary Agreement" for Public Bar on the basis of peace, order, quiet. ANC 2B further votes to approve a new Settlement Agreement which includes the terms of the existing "Voluntary Agreement" and hours opening at 11:00am.

License Renewal Applications

Group 1: Petition due 11/18/13; Hearing 12/2/13

The Commission took no action on the following renewal applications:

Black Fox (CT), 1723 Conn Ave NW (#076344) (2B01)

Gazuza, 1629 Conn Ave NW (#060368) (2B03)

Bravo Bravo (CN), 1001 Conn Ave NW (#071564) (2B05)

Archibald's/Fast Eddie's (CN), 1520 K St NW (#000931) (2B05)

Blackfinn (CT), 1620 I St NW (#081161) (2B05)

EyeBar/Garden of Eden (CN), 1716 I St NW (#083133) (2B06)

Cafe Asia (CN), 1720 I St NW (#086035) (2B06)

Rumors (CN), 1900 M St NW (#071717) (2B06)

Sign of the Whale (CT), 1825 M St NW (#085120) (2B06)

Cafe AKA (CT), 1710 H St NW (#087668) (2B06)

Black Rooster Pub (CT), 1919 L St NW (#082034) (2B06)

The Bottom Line (CT), 1716 I St NW (#000755) (2B06)

The Improvisation (CT), 1140 Conn Ave NW (#016642) (2B06)

Mackey's (CT), 1823 L St NW (#071698) (2B06)

Malaysia Kopitam (CT), 1827 M St NW (#060144) (2B06)

Chi Cha Lounge (CT), 1624 U St NW (#026519) (2B08)

Kabin (CT), 1337 Conn Ave NW (#091276)(2B07)

The Commission took action on the following license renewal applications:

Bistro Bistro (CT), 1727 Conn Ave NW (#081479) (2B01). Commissioner Feldstein moved to protest on the basis of peace, order, and quiet, and public safety. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0.

Fireplace (CT), 2161 P St NW (#014419) (2B02) – Commissioner O'Connor moved to protest on the basis of peace, order, and quiet. Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 6-0.

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18th Street Lounge (CT), 1212 18th St NW (#021211) (2B06) – Commissioner Nichols moved to protest due to peace, order, and quiet, subject to a settlement agreement or other resolution of the Commission's concerns. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-0-1, with Commissioner Maltz abstaining.

Dirty Martini Inn Bar/Dirty Bar (CN), 1223 Conn Ave NW (#083919)(2B05) – Commissioner Nichols moves to protest due to peace, order, and quiet, subject to a settlement agreement or other resolution of the Commission's concerns. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-0-1, with Commissioner Maltz abstaining.

Barcode (CT), 1101 17th St NW (sidewalk cafe is on L Street) (#082039) (2B05) – Commissioner Nichols moved to protest due to peace, order, quiet, and parking concerns, subject to a settlement agreement or other resolution of the Commission's concerns. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0.

Midtown (CN), 1219 Conn Ave NW (#072087) (2B05) – Commissioner Nichols moves to protest due to peace, order, and quiet, subject to a settlement agreement or other resolution of the Commission's concerns. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 3-0-3 (i.e., with 3 Commissioners abstaining).

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-3am; Fri-Sat 10am-4am. Proposed hours of alcohol sales: Sun-Mon 10am-12am, Tues-Thurs 10am-1am Fri-Sat 10am-2am. – The Commission took no action on this item.

Application #092461 for substantial change to existing CR (restaurant) license for Bar Charley, 1825 18th St NW for extension of interior hours of sales/service/operation to 2:00am (Sun-Thu) and 3:00am (Fri-Sat). No change to exterior hours. Petition due 11/25/13; Roll Call Hearing 12/9/13 (2B08) Commissioner Nichols moves to protest due to peace, order, quiet settlement, Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0.

Public Space Applications

Application (Tracking #86302) by Sette Osteria (1666 Connecticut Avenue NW) for Planter Boxes behind sidewalk to 42" (2B02) – The applicant did not appear. No further action taken by the Commission.

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Application (Tracking #87272) by Noodles & Co. (1140 19th Street NW) for new sidewalk cafe (2B06) – Commissioner Silverstein moved to support, Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0.

HPRB & Zoning Applications

Application to HPRB (#13-628) for proposed renovation to 1735 New Hampshire Avenue, Carlyle Hotel. Hearing 11/21/13. (2B03) Commissioner Maltz moves to support, Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. The resolution as passed reads as follows:

Whereas, the applicant has submitted designs for a roof deck and expanded penthouse for mechanical space for the property located at located at 1731 New Hampshire Ave NW (Carlyle Hotel) to HPRB for approval;

Whereas, the applicant has worked extensively with ANC 2B and with the neighboring properties with four community meetings along with meeting with the Dupont Circle Conservancy and ANC 2B Zoning, Preservation and Development committee;

Whereas, the applicant has responded to the community by adjusting the design of the roof deck to include additional setbacks with wider planters, pulled the deck back in two locations back by 13 feet, has provided the lighting design that illustrates lights that shine down and in, so that light will not bleed out into the neighborhood, and whereas, the glass railing (glass wall) has increased in its entirety and will maintain an increased height of five feet and the glass railing/wall will be frosted on the north side of the roof deck to minimize visible sight lines into the neighboring property; and

Whereas, the trellis designed is intended to help dampen sound, whereas the community would like additional trellis work located on the north side of the roof deck to decrease sound impact to neighboring properties.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B supports this project.

Application to HPRB (#13-625) for proposed renovation to 1618 Q St NW. Hearing 11/21/13. (2B05) Commissioner Nichols moves to oppose the application, Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed

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6-0. Note: This resolution was superseded by further action by the Commission in December 2013 and January 2014.

Application to HPRB (#12-612) for proposed construction for 1745-55 N St NW. Hearing 11/21/13. (2B05) Commissioner Nichols moves to support, Seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 7-0

Application to BZA (#18678) for proposed zoning variance for 1100 16th St NW, Embassy of Oman's Chancery Annex Project. Hearing 12/17/13. (2B05) Commissioner Nichols moves to support, Seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 6-0. The final resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman has applied to the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA) of the District of Columbia to renovate and occupy a building at 1100 16th Street, N.W. as a chancery annex which will house the Sultan Qaboos Culture Center

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B as a whole as well as ANC2B's Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee have conducted the review of the project requested under law by said Board,

Whereas, the proposed chancery use of the building does not really change the mix of building uses in this SP-2 zone,

Whereas, renovation will not involve major changes to exterior features such as the building's footprint or height,

Whereas, those improvements to a former charter school that do require historic preservation review by the FMBZA (e.g., signage, exterior wall coatings and color, window treatments, door changes, and color) will enhance the building and the neighborhood,

Whereas, the proposed statue to be placed in public space will enhance the neighborhood,

Whereas, the proposed use is supported by the only nearby residents, i.e., members of the Presidential Cooperative at 1026 16th St., NW,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission supports this project.

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Application to BZA (#18691) for proposed zoning variance for 1824 & 1826 R St NW, Embassy of Georgia (2B03). Hearing 1/7/14. Commissioner Maltz moves to support, Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed 6-0. The final resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the Republic of Georgia seeks the permission to operate a chancery in the properties of 1824 and 1826 R St NW;

Whereas, the Republic of Georgia has contacted neighboring properties and have received support from neighboring properties; and

Whereas, the properties of 1824 and 1826 R St NW have previously been used to operate an embassy/chancery.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B supports this zoning request for the properties of 1824 and 1826 R St NW.

*A Special meeting will be held on November 25th at 7pm to Consider the ZPD Committee recommendations for comments on Zoning Re-write as well as other matters, time permitted.

Adjournment (10:07)

Commissioner Feldstein moved to adjourn, which was passed by acclimation.