



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10th, 2016; 7:00 p.m.  
Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

#### Call to Order

The August 2016 Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Nicole Mann at 7:02 pm.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Amy Johnson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Michael Upright (2B04), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), John Kupcinski (2B07), and Nicole Mann (2B08).

#### Announcements and Public Comments

##### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Maltz suggested that the ANC host a candidates forum for the candidates for contested ANC 2B races.

Commissioner Maltz gave an overview of Safeway's plans for remodeling their Corcoran Street NW store, which would include seeking a beer and wine license. She said that the store would remain open throughout the remodeling. She added that they were considering plans for an outdoor seating area.

##### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Eva Lewis, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of the Mayor's security camera rebate program. She also provided updates regarding the search for a new Chancellor for the DC Public Schools (DCPS). She provided details regarding the upcoming public engagement forum for the search process.

Tom Lipinsky, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council is currently on summer recess. He gave an overview of the upcoming Metrorail red line closures as part of the SafeTrack program.

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, gave an overview of the upcoming 17th Street Festival on Saturday, August 27th. He thanked the ANC for their support of the event.

Jenny Chang, a representative for the Home and School Association at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, gave an overview of the upcoming beautification day at the school, which

will be on Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. She encouraged meeting attendees to come out and volunteer for the event. She also gave an overview of the school's annual auction on October 15th, 2016.

#### Introduction from the Developers of 1717 and 1719 Corcoran Street NW

Justin Thornton, the owner of Thornton Development, said that he was developing the properties at 1717 and 1719 Corcoran Street NW and that he wanted to introduce himself to the neighborhood. He said that, as part of the development process for the properties, he would be applying for floor area ratio (FAR) and lot coverage relief. He added that he was planning on constructing two large units in each property for families, and that the units would have 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.

Mr. Thornton said that the architects for the project would be presenting at the ANC's September Zoning, Preservation and Development Committee and regular ANC meetings.

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda**

##### Raku-Ya – Application to Renew the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1900 Q Street NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

##### Decades – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License at 1219 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Nichols moved to protest the license application for Decades based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Decades' application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub license at 1219 Connecticut Avenue NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, subject to a negotiation of a settlement agreement that allows for the peaceful cohabitation with current neighbors.

##### Plateau – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 900 16th Street NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

##### TBD – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 15 Dupont Circle NW

Commissioner Kupcinski moved to protest the license application for TBD based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Upright seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Saul Urban Host, LLC's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 15 Dupont Circle NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and

quiet of the neighborhood, subject to a negotiation of a settlement agreement that allows for the peaceful cohabitation with current neighbors.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **1627 K Street NW – Application by Eatsa for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 5 Tables, 18 Seats, and 2 Umbrellas**

Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Mann seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, “Eatsa,” a new food business which will open this fall, has applied for a public space permit at 1627 K Street NW,

WHEREAS, the June 13th, 2016 public space application indicates a narrower space between the building and the tree-box and street than actually exists,

WHEREAS, the 1600 block of K Street NW has a lovely, wide vista in both directions that is not impeded by the existing sidewalk cafes,

WHEREAS, the existing application proposes a sidewalk cafe that would both restrict pedestrian traffic and obstruct views east and west, and

WHEREAS, correcting the measurements in the site plan would widen the sidewalk, and narrowing the proposed sidewalk cafe would preserve the beauty of the street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B, while opposing the June 13th application as it exists, would support an amended application under which the sidewalk cafe extends into public space no more than the sidewalk cafe of “Chopt” immediately to the west extends (approximately thirteen feet from the front door of “Eatsa” and only a little beyond the pillars in front of the building).

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B21-0509 – the “Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015”**

Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Mann seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia are increasingly concerned that wealthy donors, corporations, and outside interests who make large campaign contributions have an outsized influence on the decisions of elected officials,

WHEREAS, our democracy works best when it lives up to the principle of one person, one vote, and when the strength of a citizen's voice does not depend on the size of their wallet,

WHEREAS, numerous studies show that small donor empowerment programs help further democratize the election process, encourage fair governance, and diversify the pool of candidates, and

WHEREAS, a bill for a small donor empowerment program is pending before the DC Council which addresses such concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the general principles of the proposed Citizens Fair Elections Program Amendment Act of 2015 (DC Council Bill B21-0509).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary to schedule a public hearing regarding the Citizens Fair Elections Program Amendment Act of 2015 as soon as possible.

**Public Space Committee Agenda (Continued)**

**1701 Rhode Island Avenue NW – Application by Akridge to Complete Streetscape Work Along Rhode Island Avenue NW and 17th Street NW, Including the Closure of an Existing Driveway Curb Cut**

Commissioner Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports the public space improvements at 1701 Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports the removal of a curb cut and re-direction of auto traffic to the alley,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the removal of eight docks of bikes at the site and urges the applicant to work with DDOT to find a way to keep the greatest number of bikes at the site as possible,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B additionally recognizes that the planned reduction in size of the current bikeshare station will be paired with an additional station with a net increase of four bike docks within close proximity to the site, and supports the expansion of bikeshare within the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B also supports the installation of non-bikeshare bike racks at the site,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages the developer to continue to work with their neighbors regarding traffic in the alley, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the additional native species greenery as proposed will be a significant community amenity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the public space application as proposed.

### **General Agenda (Continued)**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B21-0415 – the “Universal Paid Leave Act of 2015”**

Commissioner Upright moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Maltz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the importance of supporting the people who work in the District of Columbia and the businesses that operate in the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, only 13 percent of employees nationwide have access to paid family leave and only 40 percent have access to paid medical leave, and these employees are disproportionately higher income earners,

WHEREAS, research shows that access to paid leave is associated with economic benefits such as improved labor force attachment, employee retention, employee morale, employee health, employee well-being, family income stability, and reduced dependence on public assistance programs,

WHEREAS, the DC Council’s proposed paid leave program would benefit qualifying District workers by providing access to paid leave during times of medical need for themselves or their families, or the addition of a child to a family through birth, adoption, or fostering,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B values legislation that provides paid leave for non-traditional families and for members of the LGBTQ+ community, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B also strongly supports our local business community and believes that the cost of financing a paid leave program must not create an undue burden on District businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Council of the District of Columbia to adopt a program of paid leave that balances costs and benefits without placing an undue burden on local businesses.

### **Administrative Agenda**

### Approval of Administrative Costs to Provide ASL Interpretation at ANC Meetings

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve up to \$800 in expenditures to hire ASL interpretation services for the regular September 2016 ANC meeting, and to set September 1st as the deadline for the public to request interpretation services for the regular September meeting. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Approval of the Regular June 2016, Special July 2016, and Regular July 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair Mann moved to approve the regular June 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Upright seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

Commissioner Upright moved to approve the special July 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-2).

Chair Mann moved to approve the regular July 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Upright seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

### Approval of the FY 2016 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Maltz moved to approve the ANC's FY 2016 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Upright seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Consideration of a Request from the DC Auditor to Change Banking Institutions

Commissioner Maltz moved to take no action regarding the DC Auditor's request for the ANC to change banking institutions until the ANC gathers more information regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Update Regarding the Dupont Circle Resource Center Renovations

Commissioner Silverstein gave an overview of the plans that Monarch Construction has proposed for the renovations of the Dupont Circle Resource Center. He said that the fiscal agent for the project will most likely be Dupont Festival.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 9:39 pm.