



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9th, 2019; 7:00 p.m.  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 500

### Call to Order

The regular January 2019 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:00 pm.

### Swearing-In of Commissioners by Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Jack Evans swore-in the ANC 2B commissioners for the ANC's 2019-2020 term.

### Presentation by Councilmember Jack Evans Regarding Ward 2 and Citywide Updates

Councilmember Evans congratulated the new commissioners on their elections. He said that the District of Columbia is currently the most dynamic city in America. He said that DC just received a AAA bond rating and that development continues to take place across the city. He added that the city continues to struggle with many of the same problems that other cities are facing, including the lack of affordable housing, homelessness, and the need to improve the public schools.

Councilmember Evans gave an overview of the benefits of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project. He said that he is currently working to identify an additional \$5 million in funding for the planned renovations to the Stead Park Recreation Center.

Councilmember Evans gave an overview of his work to improve the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). He said that WMATA's Board of Directors will soon debate whether to reinstate the previous late-night Metrorail service. He said that his own inclination is to reinstate the late-night service.

Commissioner Sampson asked Councilmember Evans about his thoughts on DC's Vision Zero plan. Councilmember Evans said that he fully supports DC's Vision Zero plan. He said that he is opposed to the conversion of two-way streets to one-way streets since he believes that two-way streets encourage drivers to slow down.

### Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Matthew Sampson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Lucky Barbieri (2B03), Aaron Landry (2B04), Randy

Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), Beverly Schwartz (2B08), and Ed Hanlon (2B09).

### Election of 2019 Commission Officers

Commissioner Silverstein moved to elect Commissioner Warwick as the ANC's Chair for 2019. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-1-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Landry: Yea  
Commissioner Downs: Yea  
Commissioner Sampson: Yea  
Commissioner Schwartz: Yea  
Commissioner Cunningham: Yea  
Commissioner Warwick: Yea  
Commissioner Silverstein: Yea  
Commissioner Hanlon: Nay  
Commissioner Barbieri: Yea

Commissioner Downs moved to elect Commissioner Cunningham as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2019. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Chair Warwick moved to elect Commissioner Landry as the ANC's Secretary for 2019. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Cunningham moved to elect Commissioner Silverstein as the ANC's Treasurer for 2019. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

### Announcements and Public Comments

#### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Cunningham said that the DC Public Schools (DCPS) will be holding a community meeting regarding the feeder patterns for the Cardozo Education Campus on Thursday, January 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Cardozo Education Campus, 1200 Clifton Street NW.

Chair Warwick said that DDOT's Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project continues to advance.

Commissioner Hanlon encouraged local residents to remain civil and friendly in their discussions on neighborhood list-servs.

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

Richard Livingstone, a former Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced Nicole Goines and Amr Kotb, the new MOCRS Ward 2 representatives. Ms. Goines and Mr. Kotb encouraged local residents to attend Mayor Bowser's upcoming Second Term Outlook Address, which will take place on Tuesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Auditorium, 800 Florida Avenue NE.

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, said that the 2019 17th Street Festival will take place on Saturday, August 24th.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Funding for the Phillips Collection's 100th Anniversary Activities

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Phillips Collection has served the Dupont Circle and District of Columbia communities for 98 years,

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B has worked with the Phillips Collection over the years, including through the Neighborhood Liaison Committee, which was formed in a voluntary agreement with neighbors as the museum expanded nearly 20 years ago, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has developed an excellent collegial working relationship with the Phillips Collection that is based on mutual respect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Phillips Collection's request for funding for its proposed centennial projects.

**Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda**

1410 15th Street NW – Application for a Special Exception from the Lot Occupancy Requirements to Construct a Rear Deck and Bay Window Addition to an Existing Semi-Detached Principal Dwelling Unit

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant requests a special exception for lot occupancy to build a rear deck,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear deck which is within the context of the alley,

WHEREAS, the applicant has offered to build their rear gate on the property somewhat indented from the alley in order to allow for easier turns in the alley, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has received several letters of support from neighbors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

1337 Connecticut Avenue NW – Application for a Modification of Consequence to the Plans Approved in BZA Order Nos. 18906 and 19806A to Expand the Proposed Mechanical Penthouse Area into a Partial Seventh Floor for Use as an Accessory Restaurant Space in a Mixed-Use Building

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a modification of consequence to BZA Orders 18906 and 18906A to modify the use of a proposed mechanical penthouse to an accessory restaurant space,

WHEREAS, the proposed use would be by-right under current zoning if the project were being developed by-right,

WHEREAS, some neighbors are concerned with the potential for noise emanating from the habitable roof deck,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B would support a greater amount of enclosed floor area on the building's seventh floor if it took space from unenclosed space, but understands that under current plans it would require a zoning variance for floor area ratio, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B looks forward to addressing noise-related issues through the Alcohol Beverage Control Board process after an operator for the habitable seventh floor has been identified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda**

Tokyo Pearl – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, Tokyo Pearl has applied for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, Tokyo Pearl is proposing a new tavern serving Japanese food, with a total occupancy load of 83 and a sidewalk cafe with 62 seats,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of operation for inside the premises and the sidewalk cafe are Sunday through Saturday from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm (24 hour operations),

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for inside the premises and the sidewalk cafe are Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 am, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:00 am, and Friday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 am, and

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of live entertainment for inside the premises only are Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am and Friday through Saturday from 6:00 pm to 3:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests Tokyo Pearl's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, pending the successful negotiation of a settlement agreement between the ANC and the applicant.

Residents – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1306 18th Street NW

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

WHEREAS, Residents has applied for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1806 18th Street NW,

WHEREAS, Residents is proposing a new restaurant with a seating capacity of 50, a total occupancy load of 100, and a summer garden with 15 seats,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption inside the premises and outside in the summer garden are Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 am and Friday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 am, and

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of live entertainment are Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am and Friday through Saturday from 6:00 pm to 3:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests Residents' application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, pending the successful negotiation of a settlement agreement between the ANC and the applicant.

**Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda (Continued)**

**1519 Swann Street NW – Concept / Rear and Rooftop Addition**

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion. Commissioner Hanlon moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion for a proposed amendment, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-7-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-2). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Strivers' Section Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear and rooftop addition,

WHEREAS, a flag test has shown that the addition will not be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has received support from several neighbors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

**Public Space Committee Agenda**

**Public Space Application by the Trammell Crow Company for Streetscape Improvements, Including an ADA Ramp, Re-Grading, and Paving at 888 16th Street NW**

Commissioner Downs moved to resubmit the ANC's previous resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

**Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda (Continued)**

**1523 Church Street NW – Concept / Replace Rear Addition and Modify Windows**

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear addition and to modify the front landscaping and entrance,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a new stairwell and replacement of a landscaping berm,

WHEREAS, the project provides for better access to the building, and

WHEREAS, the ANC would also support replacing the bermed area with a fence and at-grade landscaping.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda (Continued)**

#### **Public Space Application by Tokyo Pearl for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 20 Tables and 45 Seats at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW**

*The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular February 2019 meeting.*

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2019 ANC Security Fund**

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2019 ANC Security Fund and the respective \$25 expenditure to participate. Commissioner Landry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's 2019 Meeting Calendar**

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's proposed 2019 meeting calendar. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The ANC's 2019 meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular August Meeting: Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Thursday, October 10th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

#### **Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 1 Financial Report**

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

#### **Approval of the Addition of New ANC Officers as Signatories for the ANC's Checking Account**

Commissioner Silverstein moved to add the ANC's new officers as authorized signatories on the bank signature card for the ANC's checking account, and to remove the previous ANC officers for 2018. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's 20th Street / 21st Street / 22nd Street NW Protected Bike Lanes Project**

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Landry seconded the motion.

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Landry seconded the motion.

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Chair Warwick seconded the motion.

Commissioner Downs moved to table consideration of the proposed resolution. Chair Warwick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-2-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Silverstein: Nay  
Commissioner Downs: Yea  
Commissioner Hanlon: Yea  
Commissioner Barbieri: Yea  
Commissioner Sampson: Nay  
Commissioner Schwartz: Yea  
Commissioner Cunningham: Yea  
Commissioner Landry: Yea  
Chair Warwick: Yea

### **Adjournment**

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 10:48 pm.