



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 500

Call to Order

The regular December 2018 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:01 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Amy Johnson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Nick DelleDonne (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), and Beverly Schwartz (2B08).

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner DelleDonne said that the People for Fairness Coalition will be holding its annual Homeless Persons Memorial Vigil from Thursday, December 20th to Friday, December 21st. He said that the vigil will begin on Thursday, December 20th at 5:00 pm at Luther Place Memorial Church, 1226 Vermont Avenue NW, and that a procession will travel from the church to Freedom Plaza. He encouraged local residents to attend the vigil.

Commissioner Downs said that the next meeting of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm at the Dupont Circle Resource Center, 9 Dupont Circle NW. He said that the committee will be discussing several notices of intent (NOIs) that were issued by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), as well as curbside management in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Silverstein said that Jake Bain, the ANC's honored guest for the 2018 Capital Pride Parade, and his boyfriend Hunter Sigmund will be appearing on the Ellen DeGeneres Show on Friday, January 4th.

Chair Warwick said that construction work is currently taking place on Connecticut Avenue between L Street and M Street NW. He said that construction crews will be working between now and late March to fix the lines that feed chilled air to the Farragut North and Dupont Circle Metrorail stations.

Chair Warwick thanked Commissioner DelleDonne, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davies for their service to the ANC over the past two years.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Board of Directors is currently considering a proposal to extend the temporary cuts to late-night Metrorail service that have allowed for additional rail maintenance. He said that the two DC representatives on the WMATA Board of Directors plan on blocking the extension of the service cuts. He added that the DC Council's last legislative meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, December 18th. Commissioner Downs expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Evans for standing up for late-night Metrorail service.

Susan Volman, a representative for the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), said that she recently discovered that new residential buildings in the neighborhood cannot prevent their tenants from receiving residential permit parking (RPP) permits. She added that she has come to understand how such exclusions are discriminatory.

David Krucoff, the Executive Director and Founder of Douglass County, Maryland, gave an overview of the organization's proposal to enfranchise DC residents by retroceding the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland.

James Harnett, a Commissioner on ANC 2A, said that DDOT is accepting public comments regarding the agency's 20th Street / 21st Street / 22nd Street NW Protected Bike Lanes Project until Sunday, January 6th. He also gave an overview of ANC 2A's advocacy regarding DC Council Bill B22-0959 – the "East End Health Equity Act of 2018" and the legislation's proposed increase in the size of GW Hospital's Foggy Bottom hospital.

Introduction by the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District

Colleen Hawkinson, the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle BID, introduced herself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of her professional background. She said that she previously worked at DDOT for 16 years. She said that the BID has expanded the neighborhood clean team through a partnership with Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets. She added that the clean team is currently working on leaf collection, graffiti removal, and litter removal throughout the BID's boundaries.

Ms. Hawkinson said that the BID has been working on neighborhood branding efforts. She said that the BID recently installed new light pole banners throughout the BID's boundaries. She gave an overview of the BID's recent launch party, which included Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Evans, and many local residents and business leaders in attendance. She added that the BID is working with DDOT on planning efforts for the agency's Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project.

Ms. Hawkinson said that the BID is working to strengthen its partnerships with Dupont Festival, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, and other neighborhood organizations. She said that the BID is planning to contract with a local organization to assist the BID with homeless outreach services in the neighborhood.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Slapfish – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “D” Restaurant License at 1800 M Street NW, Suite GR06

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding The Manor’s Request for a Modification to the Establishment’s Settlement Agreement at 1327 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Cunningham moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The Manor is a Class “C” Tavern located at 1327 Connecticut Avenue NW in ANC 2B and single member district 2B07,

WHEREAS, the existing settlement agreement between The Manor and ANC 2B, signed in 2015 and incorporated into the establishment’s license, contains a provision preventing The Manor from participating in bar crawls,

WHEREAS, the establishment has requested an amendment to this settlement agreement to include a provision that The Manor may participate in bar crawls, and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) did not have any regulations established for the management of bar crawls prior to the negotiation of the 2015 settlement agreement for The Manor, however the agency now has stringent regulations for the management and oversight of bar crawls.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B delegates responsibility to the single member district commissioner for the district where the establishment is located to renegotiate the settlement agreement for The Manor.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda

1827-1829 M Street NW – Concept / Rear Addition

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is a rear addition at 1827-1829 M Street NW, which is within the confines of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project removes an existing rear addition to construct a new rear addition,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands there will be some limited views of the addition from M Street NW and the intersection of 19th Street and M Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is not concerned with this limited visibility due to the existing variety of buildings and heights visible from the 1800 block of M Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant's changes to the project, in collaboration with neighbors, since it was first proposed in July of 2018,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant's intention to use a garbage and recycling company which will carry out bins in the alley rather than bring a truck down the alley due to its extremely narrow width, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B requests that the roof mechanicals on the rear addition be well-shielded and brought towards the front of the rear addition in order to reduce impact on neighbors across the alley at the Jefferson Row Condominiums.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposed massing concept and awaits final concept and design review.

1608 20th Street NW – Permit / Rear Two-Story Addition

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the proposed rear addition is minimal and will not be visible from 20th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the potential visibility from 21st Street NW and from Hillyer Place NW down the alley is de minimis and consistent with the surrounding alley context, and

WHEREAS, there are concerns regarding construction on a narrow alley which the ANC looks forward to working with the applicant and the neighbors to address.

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

1737 Church Street NW – Permit / Partial Third-Floor Addition on Two-Story Rowhouse

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant intends to construct a rear and third floor addition,

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has met extensively with the adjacent neighbors and has revised their plans to address the neighbors' potential concerns.

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

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Bluestone Lane for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 7 Tables, 22 Seats, and 7 Umbrellas at 1150 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

ANC 2B supports Bluestone Lane's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1150 Connecticut Avenue NW based on the understanding that there will be at least 10 feet of sidewalk clearance between the sidewalk cafe and the adjacent tree box and that the applicant has agreed to bring the café furniture inside in the evenings.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda (Continued)

1769 Church Street NW – Permit / Demolish Rear Ell and Construct New One-Story Addition and Exterior Deck at First Floor with Balcony at Second Floor; Rear Yard Fencing

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

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to replace an existing rear addition with a new rear addition,

WHEREAS, the proposed rear addition is not as deep as the adjacent row houses,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicants' plans to retain their existing east side wall due to the request of the adjacent neighbor, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has received support from neighbors regarding the project.

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

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Plan to Improve Safety at the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue and R Street NW and the Intersection of S Street and Florida Avenue NW

The Commission delayed consideration of a resolution regarding this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Consideration of Proposed Changes to the ANC's Policies and Procedures Manual

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the proposed changes to the ANC's Policies and Procedures Manual. Chair Warwick seconded the motion.

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the language about the ANC's designated Stead Park liaison. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the example names provided for ANC committee members. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Cunningham moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the language about the ANC's regular meeting location. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Commissioner DelleDonne moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the inclusion of language about the availability of the ANC meeting recordings to members of the public. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion. Chair Warwick moved to call the question for the motion for a proposed amendment. The motion to call the question was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1). The final motion regarding the proposed amendment was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 3-4-0).

Commissioner DelleDonne moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the inclusion of language about the availability of the ANC meeting recordings to members of the public. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-5-0).

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the inclusion of language about the availability of the ANC meeting recordings to members of the public. Commissioner DelleDonne seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1)

Commissioner DelleDonne moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the language about the ANC's possible dispositions for historic preservation applications. The motion was not seconded and thus was not voted on.

The final motion regarding the proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0).

Administrative Matters

Approval of the Regular November 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC's regular November 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the Special December 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC's special December 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.