



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular May 2020 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:03 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Matthew Sampson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Aaron Landry (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), Beverly Schwartz (2B08), and Ed Hanlon (2B09).

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Warwick and Commissioners Landry, Silverstein, and Downs gave commissioner announcements.

Announcement Regarding the Single Member District 2B03 Vacancy

Chair Warwick gave an announcement regarding the single member district 2B03 vacancy.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Nicole Goines, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Linda Greenan, the External Affairs Manager for DC for Pepco; Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); Glenn Engelmann, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); and Matthew Johnson, a local resident, gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Mikko Nordic Fine Foods – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1636 R Street NW

Commissioner Hanlon moved to protest Mikko Nordic Fine Foods’s application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1636 R Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The motion was not voted on due to the lack of a second.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Annabelle – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2130 Florida Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

The Mayflower Club – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License at 1223 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Central Business District and ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing an establishment with a total occupancy load of 834, a summer garden with 125 seats, and a sidewalk café with 24 seats, and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation, the hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption, and the hours of live entertainment inside the premises and for the summer garden are proposed to be Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 am to 2:00 am, and Friday through Saturday, 11:30 am to 3:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests The Mayflower Club’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub license at 1223 Connecticut Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood until a settlement agreement has been successfully negotiated between the ANC and the applicant.

Blackfinn – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1620 I Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Exiles – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1610 U Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

The Big Hunt – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1345 Connecticut Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Trio Rest & Fox & Hounds Lounge – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1537 17th Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Archibald’s / Fast Eddies Billiards Café – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License at 1520 K Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Lucky Bar – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1221 Connecticut Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Recessions II – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1823 L Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda

1416 15th Street NW – Application for a Special Exception from the Maximum Lot Occupancy Requirements to Construct a Two-Story Rear Addition to an Existing Attached Principal Dwelling

Commissioner Landry moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear addition which increases lot occupancy from 67% to 69%,

WHEREAS, the applicant has received a letter of support from a neighbor on the project,

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Office has already approved the rear addition, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the addition is minimal in nature.

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

Break

The Commission took a break at 8:45 pm and reconvened at 9:00 pm.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda (Continued)

2152 Florida Avenue NW – Concept / Addition to Multi-Family Building

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

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear addition as well as a third and fourth story addition,

WHEREAS, although the fourth story addition is heavily set back, as proposed it will be slightly visible from across Florida Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the adjacent buildings on Florida Avenue NW are already four stories,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that some buildings fronting the 2100 block of Florida Avenue NW are the rear exteriors of the buildings with frontage on other blocks,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the built environment of the 2100 block of Florida Avenue NW, historically the boundary of the Washington City Boundary Road, reflects the edge of the Dupont Circle Historic District and is more varied than most other blocks within the historic district, and

WHEREAS, in this context, ANC 2B believes that the minimal visibility of the fourth story addition is compatible with the historic district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed in the applicant's May 1st, 2020 submission.

1826 16th Street NW – Concept / Two-Story Addition with Roof Deck at Rear; New Windows

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

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes additional windows and a rear addition entirely visible from Swann Street NW,

WHEREAS, the rowhouse was built before Swann Street NW was platted,

WHEREAS, neighbors in surrounding rowhouses are supportive of the project, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages the applicant to have flexibility with fenestration and the rear addition to ensure that the new is distinct from the old.

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

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Douglas Development Corporation for Streetscape Improvements, Including a New ADA Ramp, Curb Cut, Driveway, Bike Racks, Steps, Awnings, Retaining Wall, and Patio, at 1733 N Street NW

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

WHEREAS, the Douglas Development Corporation proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of streetscape work in support of the renovation of the existing hotel at 1733 N Street NW,

WHEREAS, the location is within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the project proposes new sidewalk, an ADA curb ramp, a new lead walk, curb/gutter work, mill and overlay work, the replacement of an existing curb cut with a reduction in width of the curb cut, new driveway, new bike racks, a new awning which extends from the building to the curbside, new planters, and new steps for a second entry,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the overall plans are an improvement to the built environment, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the reduction of sidewalk space due to the proposed planter box adjacent to the driveway and curb as well as the placement of the curbside canopy support legs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the public space application for 1733 N Street NW with the exception of the new curbside planter box.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the applicant to pursue a canopy design that does not require the use of curbside support legs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B and the applicant requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) explores the placement of a nearby on-street bike and scooter corral in lieu of installing bike racks on the sidewalk in order to provide more unimpeded sidewalk space for pedestrians.

Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID to Install a Temporary Public Art Project Along the 1800 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Silverstein 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, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) seeks to install a temporary public art project along the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the location of the public artworks will be located within ANC 2B and the Golden Triangle BID,

WHEREAS, over the past twelve years the Golden Triangle BID has installed both permanent and temporary public artworks on the sidewalks, parks, medians, and in Metrorail stations around the Golden Triangle neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Golden Triangle BID's ongoing public space improvement efforts that make the neighborhood a clean, safe, and vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID's DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities grant application and public space application to install a temporary art installation entitled "Social Spaces" along Pennsylvania Avenue NW west of the White House.

Public Space Application for the Removal of Stone Pavers, the Removal of a Mailbox, and the Replacement of the Handrail for the Cellar Stairs at 1747 T Street NW

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

WHEREAS, the property at 1747 T Street NW has been previously approved as renovated construction, and

WHEREAS, the requested changes to the exterior are minimal and in keeping with the neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the public space application for 1747 T Street NW.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's Regular April 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's regular April 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm.