



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

The regular August 2020 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:02 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

#### Presentation by Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto introduced herself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the priorities of her office.

#### Commissioner Announcements

Chair Warwick and Commissioners Silverstein, Downs, Cunningham, and Hanlon gave commissioner announcements.

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

Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA), and Susan Volman, the Treasurer of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

#### Pupatella – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1801 18th Street NW

Commissioner Sampson 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:

ANC 2B supports the request for a stipulated license as part of Pupatella's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1801 18th Street NW, provided that the outdoor hours of service are from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm on weekdays and from 8:00 am to 12:00 am on weekends.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public Space Application by Swingers for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 36 Tables, 100 Seats, and 10 Umbrellas at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW**

Commissioner Silverstein 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, Swingers, a golf-oriented establishment to be located at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW, has applied to use public space for outdoor service,

WHEREAS, the space applied for is on the 19th Street NW side of the building,

WHEREAS, the majority of the space applied for is below grade level, where the outdoor space of the former Buffalo Billiards used to be,

WHEREAS, a smaller portion of the space applied for is at sidewalk level, roughly the same location as the sidewalk cafe of the former Baja Fresh restaurant, and

WHEREAS, the application has been revised to meet the capacity standards set by the DC Fire and EMS Department (FEMS) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the application, with the understanding that the minimum 10 feet of pedestrian passageway on the 19th Street NW sidewalk will be maintained and that 10 feet of passageway shall not include any tree boxes.

#### **Public Space Application by Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab for a Valet Staging Zone with 3 Non-Meter Parking Spaces at 750 15th Street NW**

*The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular September 2020 meeting.*

#### **Public Space Application by McDonald's for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 9 Tables and 39 Seats at 1619 17th Street NW**

Commissioner Landry 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, Horizon LLC, doing business as McDonald's, is applying for a public space permit at 1619 17th Street NW in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, Horizon LLC proposes to use public space for a sidewalk café,

WHEREAS, Horizon LLC has reviewed ANC 2B's Public Space Guidelines related to sidewalk cafés set in the ANC's Policy and Procedures Manual (Version 2.1),

WHEREAS, Horizon LLC has chosen to abide by the Public Space Guidelines with the caveat that the final configuration may not have the full 10 feet of available sidewalk space near a tree box, consistent with neighboring businesses,

WHEREAS, Horizon LLC modeled their sidewalk café materials and dimensions after neighboring businesses on the same block to ensure consistency and continuity, and

WHEREAS, Horizon LLC obtained and is currently utilizing a temporary permit effective July 2nd, 2020 due to the State of Emergency and the Public Health Emergency during COVID-19, which has roughly the same footprint as the proposed public space permit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the public space application for Horizon LLC with the configuration presented on August 12th, 2020, subject to the final dimensions preserving 10 feet of sidewalk space with the sole possible exception where a nearby tree box exists, where the configuration near the tree box maintains a distance between the sidewalk café and the tree box consistent or otherwise not less than the configurations of neighboring sidewalk cafés on the east side of 17th Street NW.

Public Space Application by Ruth's Chris for a New, Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 11 Tables and 44 Seats at 2017 S Street NW

Commissioner Sampson 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:

ANC 2B appreciates that the applicant is making improvements to the existing enclosed sidewalk cafe and supports the continuation of the existing occupancy.

**Administrative Matters**

Approval of the ANC's Regular July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's regular July 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Landry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Adjournment**

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.