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Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff (7:03pm)

The June Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:03 pm.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Will Stephens (2B08), Noah Smith (2B09), Mike Silverstein (2B06). As noted below, Kishan Putta (2B04) arrived after the meeting started.

The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director), and Nicole Baillis (Desi Deschaine Community Involvement Fellow), Daniel Warwick (Jeff Coudriet Public Policy Fellow) and Fiona Clem (Web/IT consultant).

*Commissioner Putta arrived at 7:06pm.

Meeting Minutes & Work Calendar Circulation of ANC Monthly Work Calendar

Approval of Minutes – May 2014 public meetings (regular and special) – Tabled to next month.

Distribution of Monthly Work Calendar for ANC 2B

Chairperson Stephens noted to make sure to have July agenda items submitted by June 30th and to have any additional letter language turned by the Friday or Saturday after the meeting.

Public Announcements

1. 17th Street Festival – Sept 13

Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets Executive Director Bill McCloud asking for support. Commissioner Stephens motions to support. Commissioner Maltz seconds. Passed 8-0.

- 2. Tom Lipinsky introduced himself as the new liaison to ANC 2B from Council Member Jack Evans' office. He announced that Jack Evans is not calling for a 14th street moratorium.
- 3. Michael Fabricant works for the Mayors Office of Neighborhood Engagement, announcing he will be the new liaison for ANC 2B and Ward 2
- 4. DCCA announced that 2 new members were elected to its board, two past ANC members.

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- 5. Dupont Festival announced that World Cup starts tomorrow, and that Dupont Festival will be showing on Dupont Circle June 26th USA vs Germany. Starts at 11:45am.
- 6. Golden Triangle BID announced that they hired a marketing specialist, they are reaching out to the neighborhood to do any lobby fairs and spread the word. Passing out flyers about events in Farragut Square on Fridays.
- 7. DDOT officials announced that New Hampshire Ave will finally become a two-way street, with bike lanes, beginning June 17th, from Dupont Circle to Washington Circle.
- 8. Friends of McMillan park are announcing that they are trying to stop the current project of the city building a high rise, and to preserve it as a public park.
- 9. Justine Underhill, Church Street neighbors spoke against the proposed development of St. Thomas Church.

Commissioner Announcements

- 1. Commissioner Maltz announced Ward 2 education meeting.
- 2. Commissioner Dwyer announced update on Stead park with remediation work, which will go on for another week or so.
- 3. Commissioner Silverstein announced a truck load of mulch was spread around the dog park on Saturday morning.
- 4. Commissioner Feldstein announced that city council approved 10 million dollars for the "crown park" (covering the underpass on Connecticut Ave north of Dupont Circle).
- 5. Commissioner Nichols announced that on July 7th people are able to pick up petitions to run for a position on the ANC.
- 6. Commissioner Stephens announced that people should please go on our website to take survey on our website (for our website redevelopment project), and to use #anc2b.

General Items (7:20pm) (10 mins total)

Elections to fill vacancies in Secretary & ABRA Policy Committee Chair (10 mins) ABRA policy committee chair – Commissioner Nichols volunteers. Commissioner Stephens moves, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 8-0.

Secretary position – Commissioner Silverstein volunteers. Commissioner Stephens moves, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed 8-0.

Regulatory Items

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Department of Health Applications

Application by Eric C. Marshall, P.C. for Certificate of Need (No. 14-2-8) for MinuteClinic at CVS Pharmacy, 6-7 Dupont Circle NW (2B02) (10 mins) – Tabled to next month.

Alcohol Applications

*Note: Commissioner Silverstein chooses to recuse himself from ABRA related matters because he sits on the city ABC board.

Request for stipulated license for Custom Fuel Pizza Restaurant, 1600 block of Connecticut Ave for Sun-Sat 11am-3am [Note: Full license application will be on July 2014 agenda] (2B03) (5 mins) – Commissioner Maltz moved the below resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (7-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas; at it's regularly schedule meeting on June 11, 2014 the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B ("ANC 2B") considered a request by Custom 1635 CT, LLC ("applicant") trading as "Custom Fuel"/"Fuel Pizza" for a new Retailer's Class C/R ABC License and transfer of Existing Sidewalk Cafe permit, located at 1635 Connecticut Avenue, NW, (formerly the site of Potbelly), and;

Whereas; the applicant has requested that ANC 2B support the issuance of a Stipulated License in accordance with Section 200 of Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, ("23 DCMR §200"), to operate under the terms of that license application prior to the completion of the 45 day protest period, and;

Whereas; the FUEL PIZZA restaurant group presently operates establishments in the District of Columbia including two located at in ANC 2B, and another in ANC 2C, both of which had previously been granted stipulated licenses at the request of their respective ANCs;

Now therefore be it resolved; that ANC 2B supports the request by Custom Fuel/Fuel Pizza for a for a stipulated C/R license.

Request (#ABRA-095030) by India Gate Restaurant, 2020 P St NW, for renewal of alcoholic beverage license, pulled out of safekeeping from a previous restaurant at same location. Sunday-Saturday 11:30AM-12AM hours of operation and sales/service. No entertainment endorsement. Petition Deadline

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7/7/14; Roll Call Hearing 7/21/14. (2B02) (5 mins) – After discussion, the Commission took no action on this application.

Request for consent to exemption to single-sales ban at Hampton Inn (#901668) located at 1729 H Street NW. (2B06) (10 mins)- Commissioner Maltz moved to support the exemption, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed (7-0).

Request for substantial change to hours of operation for the Bottom Line (#000755) located at 1716 I Street NW. Approved hours of operation: Sunday through Wednesday 11am-2am, Thursday 11am-2:30am, Friday 11am-3:30am and Saturday 11:30am-3:30 am. Approved hours of alcohol sales and consumption: Sunday through Thursday 11:30am-1:30am and Friday through Saturday 11:30am-2:30am. Proposed hours of operation: Sunday through Thursday 8am-2am and Friday through Sunday 8am-3am. Proposed hours of alcohol sales, consumption and summer garden: Sunday through Thursday 8am-2am and Friday through Saturday 8am-3am. Approved hours of operation, sales, consumption and sidewalk cafe: Sunday through Thursday 11:30am-1:30am and Friday through Saturday 11:30am-2am. Proposed hours of sidewalk cafe: Sunday through Thursday 9am-2am and Friday through Saturday 9am-3am. Proposed alcohol sale, consumption and sidewalk care: Sunday through Thursday 9am-1:30am and Friday through Saturday 9am-2:30am. (2B06) (10 mins) – Motion to protest on peace order quiet and parking by Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 6-0. Commissioner Maltz noted that she plans to clarify the hours requested so that the Commission can re-hear this item at the July 2014 public meeting.

Request (#ABRA-086789) by Penthouse Pool & Lounge (Vida Fitness), 1612 U St NW, for substantial change for: lateral expansion (to include 4th floor) and entertainment endorsement (DJ and live music) with hours Sun-Thur 6pm-12am, Fri-Sat 6pm-1am. Petition Deadline 7/7/14; Roll Call Hearing 7/21/14. (2B08) (10 mins) – Commissioner Stephens made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 6-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the original license application for the Penthouse Pool / Vida Fitness rooftop bar involved a lengthy, multi-party negotiation of a Voluntary Agreement;

Whereas entertainment was not envisioned in the original application or negotiations;

Whereas the current application involves entertainment, including in the outdoor space, in addition to expansion into a fourth floor indoor space;

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Whereas the ANC has received numerous concerns from abutting and nearby neighbors regarding the potential for noise and other disturbance as a result of the substantial change request;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B protests the request on the basis of peace, order, and quiet concerns, subject to the successful negotiation of a revised voluntary agreement / settlement agreement;

Be it further resolved that it is the Commission's intention to facilitate discussion among all the relevant stakeholders to arrive at a mutually acceptable agreement;

Be it further resolved that Commissioners Will Stephens (2B08), Noah Smith (2B09), and Mike Feldstein (2B01) are the Commission's designated representatives on this matter.

Request (#ABRA-095296) for stipulated license and full license by Yamas Mediterranean Grill, 1946 NH Ave NW, for DR (restaurant, beer and wine only) for Greek and Mediterranean cuisine, no entertainment. Hours of operation Sun-Wed 6:30am-11:30pm, Thu-Sat 6:30am-2:00am; Hours of sales/service/consumption Sun-Thu 8am-11:30pm, Fri-Sat 8am-12am; Hours of sidewalk cafe Sun-Sat 10am-10pm. Petition due 7/7/14; Roll Call Hearing 7/21/14 (2B08) (10 mins) – Commissioner Stephens moved to support the stipulated license and consent for a full license, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed (7-0).

Public Space Use & Applications

Request for approval for change in hours for sidewalk cafe for Floriana's located at 1602 17th Street NW (#084579). Current sidewalk cafe hours weekdays from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am and weekends from 10:00 am to 12:00 am. Request support for sidewalk cafe to open at 10:00 am during the weekdays. (2B03) (10 mins) – Commissioner Maltz moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed (8-0).

New street-side banners for Dupont (5 mins) – Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets E.D. Bill McLeod asked for the Commission's support for new banners around the neighborhood and provided the revised design. Commissioner Maltz moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (7-0).

*Commissioner Putta left at (8:56pm)

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

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BZA Case No. 18064 – 1820-1822 Jefferson Place, NW – Request to BZA for Extension of time for already-approved project. (2B06) (10 mins) – Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Passed (7-0).

BZA Case No. 18795 – 2123 Twining Court NW. Request to BZA to convert a former bar into a one-family dwelling without having 30-foot wide alley access out to the street. (10 mins)- Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Passed (7-0).

Initial presentation of an addition to the rear of 1504 Swann St NW. HPRB and BZA applications to be heard by the ANC in July or later. (2B09) The applicants made a brief presentation of their plans. The ANC took no action.

Committee & Liaison Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Commissioner Nichols reported that there will be no committee meeting in June.

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee Next Meeting: 7/7/14 7pm @ Resource Center (First Wednesdays)

Transportation & Public Infrastructure Committee

- 1. Commissioner Smith reported that the Committee met last week and spent time trying to find issues at the heart of the parking problem in the area, specifically visitor parking, regular guest parking, and under-utilized parking. All of 2014 goals of the Committee are posted online. The Committee will be reviewing Mary Cheh's parking bill before the council.
- 2. Commissioner Silverstein presented a resolution regarding Francis Field. Commissioner Stephens moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed (6-0). The full text of the resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, ANC 2A, representing Foggy Bottom and the West End, and ANC 2B, representing Dupont Circle, are concerned about recent incidents and overall confusion involving dogs on-leash and off-leash in the park area along 25th and N Streets, NW.

This area is known as the "Francis Recreational Area." Part is owned by National Park Service and is part of Rock Creek Park and part was deeded to the District during Home

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Rule and is managed by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. It includes Francis Field on 25th Street and the green space behind Francis-Stevens Educational Center. The area north of N Street is part of ANC 2B and the area south of N is part of ANC 2A.

In 2008-2009, a new master plan was approved for Francis Field, the land west of 25th Street in ANC 2A. The new plan included space for an off-leash dog park on DC's portion of the land. West End Dogs filed and its application for a dog park was approved by Director Jesus Aguirre during the Fenty administration. However, no funding has been available for its construction during the Gray administration.

In 2009, ANC 2A passed an additional resolution unanimously supporting a dog off-leash time sharing arrangement on Francis Field until such time as the formal dog park was constructed. This is allowed per DC municipal regulations, and is currently in place at Friendship Playground in Chevy Chase.

Resolved that ANC 2A and ANC 2B will work with Francis Recreational Area stakeholders in order to ensure that dog owners have safe places for their dogs on-leash and off-leash. Additionally resolved that we urge the DC government to move forward with the funding of the off-leash dogpark on Francis Field.

Next Committee Meeting: 6/25/14 7pm @ Resource Center (Fourth Wednesdays)

*Commissioner Feldstein left at (9:22pm).

Public Safety Committee
There was no committee report.
Next Meeting: TBA

Ward 2 Education Coalition

Commissioner Maltz reported that there will be a meeting Tuesday June 17th at Dunbar school.

Commissioner & Staff Reports

Staff Reports

Coudriet Fellow – Daniel Warwick reported he was continuing to work on the parking survey as his key

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project, and is waiting to here back from DDOT about specific questions. He noted that DDOT has a Ward 2 residential parking employee.

Deschaine Fellow – Nicole Baillis is working on a website audit of other ANCs and announced the ANC's first "profile" blog will be about Iris Molotsky, President of Dupont Village. She also announced that the best social media Commissioner from this past month is Commissioner Dwyer.

Executive Director – James Conway reminded Commissioners to please send him SMD contacts, so that he can incorporate those into the ANC's master MailChimp list.

Web/IT Consultant – Fiona Clem is working on a proposal and plan to re-design the Commission's website, which is out of date.

Neighboring Jurisdiction Reports (if any)_: West End/Foggy Bottom (2B06), Adams Morgan (2B01, 2B08), Kalorama (2B01, 2B02), Logan Circle (2B04, 2B05, 2B09), Georgetown (2B06), Columbia Heights/Shaw (2B09) – NONE

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

P = the matter is still pending NU = no update A = approved

1711 S Street NW: HPRB (2B01) - P

Glen's Garden Market: sidewalk cafe (2B01)- P

Al Tiramisu: Valet staging (2B02)- P Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P

1200 17th Street NW: pavers & benches (2B05)- P

Catch 15: new CT license (2B05)- P Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05)- A BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05)- A

Pret A Manger: DDOT sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P

BarCode: valet parking (2B05)- P

Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P

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Georgia Brown's: valet parking (2B05)- P 1528 Church St NW: HPRB (2B05)- P Joe's Seafood: sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P G Street Food: new ABRA license (2B05)- P 1620 Q St NW: HRPB approval (2B05)- P 1815 Riggs Pl NW: BZA (2B01)- A

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Vidalia: Valet staging (2B06)- P

Metropolitan Club: valet parking (2B06)- P 18th Street Lounge: liquor renewal (2B06)- P 1145 19th St NW: sidewalk cafe (2B06)- P Cities LLC: substantial change (2B06)- P 1819 Club: ABRA renewal (2B06)- P

Native Foods: new DDOT sidewalk cafe (2B06)- P

1337 21st St NW: HPRB approval (2B06)- P Heritage India: VA/SA amendment (2B06)- P

Kellari: valet staging (2B06)- P 1728 P St: HPRB approval (2B07)

Keegan Theatre: BZA use change (2B07)- P Patterson Mansion: BZA approval (2B07)- P

Kabin Group: valet parking (2B07)- P Local 16: VA/SA amendment (2B08)- P Saloon45: new CT license (2B08)- P

Amsterdam Falafelshop: New ABRA license (2B09)- P

1420 T Street NW: HPRB (2B09)- P Doi Moi: sidewalk cafe (2B09)- P Lupo Verde: sidewalk cafe (2B09)- P

Medicinal Marijuana dispensary (2B01/2B05)- P

DPR early childhood programs (Putta)- P Precinct Boundaries Plan (Silverstein)- P Publisher Box Regulations (Stephens)- P

Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein)- A

Repeal of "Prostitution Free Zones" (staff)- P

Administrative Matters

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Other Finance/Treasurer Items (if any)

Approval of room rental of \$75 in Luther Place for Ward 2 Education Network meeting on June 14 from 10 to 11:30 am. – Commissioner Maltz moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Passed (5-0-1).

Other Admin items (if any)

Pride, ordered two more banners, total cost for banners \$300. – Commissioner Maltz moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed (6-0). (This is in addition to the \$250 for car expenses and \$100 for candy previously approved at the regular meeting on May 14.)

The Commission adjourned by acclimation at (10:00pm)