

**ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 10, 2014, Brookings Institute**

Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners & Staff

The September Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Vice-Chair Smith at 7:03 pm.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Will Stephens (2B08), and Noah Smith (2B09). Commissioner Leo Dwyer was not able to attend. As noted below, Mike Feldstein (2B01) and Kishan Putta (2B04) arrived after the meeting started.

The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director), and Patrick Kain (2B06 Liquor Liason). Nicole Baillis (Desi Deschaine Community Involvement Fellow) and Fiona Clem (Web/IT consultant) were not able to attend.

Election to fill vacancy in position of Chair

Commissioner Stephens moved to nominate Commissioner Smith as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Approved by acclamation.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes (August 2014)

August Regular Meeting minutes subject to technical changes – Commissioner Maltz moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-0.

*Commissioner Putta arrived at 7:18pm.

*Commissioner Silverstein arrived at 7:18pm.

Public Announcements

1. Special (full) ANC 2B Meeting on St. Thomas Church: Monday 9/29/14 7:00pm Located at SAIS (1717 Mass. Ave), Room 500.
2. 17th Street Festival: Saturday Noon-6pm, September 13th. ANC 2B will be sharing a booth with Dupont Mainstreets. traffic streets will close at 10am and reopen at 10pm.
3. Commissioner Stephens announced that next month a Vice-Chair for ANC 2B needs to be elected.
4. Richard Kenney of DDOT announced the Crown Park project on Connecticut Ave just north of Dupont Circle. Funding still needs to be approved and feasibility study needs to be done, which will last

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6-9 months. Environmental study will be done next and will take 12 months. Lastly, the blueprint study will take 12 months.

5. Jack Jacobson the Ward 2 Board of Education member announced updates. First is the DC Board voted to reauthorize a waiver for No Child Left Behind. Second, the Superintendent is creating a task-force to go into failing schools and turn them around. State board is hiring a student advocate and is reviewing Physical Education and Health standards.

6. Jack Evan's office announced the DC Council will be back in session soon, next week there will be a meeting about New York Ave. project. Also the Council just sent a letter to Senator Carper about the U.S Senate hearing on DC Statehood.

7. Custom Fuel Pizza came to introduce themselves and speak with the citizens of Dupont Circle.

8. Commissioner Putta announced a running track has been laid down at Stead Park.

Public Space Use & Related Applications

Two Proposed Capital Bikeshare Stations:

(1) 18th & R Streets NW. Tabled till special meeting on September 29th.

(2) 15th and L Streets NW. Commissioner Nichols moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 7-0.

Application (#10147490) for valet staging zone at 1820 N Street NW for STK DC. Commissioner Nichols moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Stephens contingent on taking all 3 spots at SW corner of street and amending the application to going to midnight. Passed 4-2-1. Roll Call vote. In favor – Commissioner Putta, Stephens, Smith, and Maltz. Not in favor – Silverstein and Nichols. Abstain - Feldstein.

Report of Transportation & Public Infrastructure Committee

1. Updates on Parking and Pedestrian Safety Initiatives

2. Reports on old business (if any): Circulator routes, parking survey, valet parking, 16th Street bus lanes, Stead Park renovation, Conn Ave underpass, WMATA Dupont North exit and plaza, Francis field dog park

3. Other items

4. Next Meeting: 9/24/14 7pm @ Resource Center (Fourth Wednesdays)

Alcohol Applications

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

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Application for renewal of Freedom Market 1901 New Hampshire Ave NW – Commission takes no action.

Application for renewal of Sauf Haus 1216 18th St NW (# 086803) (formerly Guitar Bar). Summer Garden hours of operation and sale/services: Sunday-Thursday 11:30am-2am and Friday-Saturday 11:30am-3:30am. Summer Garden hours of entertainment: Sunday-Thursday 6pm-2am and Friday-Saturday 6pm-3am. Petition: 9/15/2014. Hearing: 9/29/2014. Commissioner Nichols moves to protest on peace order and quiet to make sure the neighbors are protected by noise. Seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Failed 1-4-1. Commissioner Smith recommends the Commission take no action. Commissioner Smith recommends Commissioner Maltz, Nichols, and Patrick Kain (2B06 Liquor Liason) to be designees to ABRA.

Application (#096150) for new CX (multi-purpose) license for Art Soiree House at 1832 14th St NW. Multi-purpose facility with art exhibits, jazz and piano music. Light snacks provided. Hours of operation/alcohol consumption/entertainment: Sunday 6pm-11am, Monday closed, Tuesday and Wednesday 6pm-12am, Thursday 6pm-1am, Friday and Saturday 6pm-2am. Commissioner Smith moved to protest on the basis of parking, peace, order, quiet and contingent signing a settlement agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-0.

Application (#094290) for substantial change of operation and sale hours on Sidewalk Cafe license for Hilltop Hospitality, LLC (Mission) 1606 20th St NW. Requested hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales and consumption on sidewalk cafe: Sunday-Thursday 10am-2AM, Friday and Saturday 10am-3am. Commissioner Stephens moved the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Felstein. Passed 5-0. The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports the application substantial change of the CR application, because of the applicant's responsiveness to the community, voluntary lack of music or entertainment on patio, and no noise impact on nearest residential neighbors.

Report of ABRA Policy Committee

1. Consider draft rewrite of public space.
2. Nomination of Jonathan Padget, 2B02 resident for Committee membership. Commissioner Nichols would like to nominate Jonathan Padget to the committee. Commissioner Nichols moved to nominate Jonathan Padget, Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 4-0-2. Commissioners Maltz and Silverstein abstain.
3. Next meeting: September 17, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER ONLY), Resource Center (Third Wednesdays)

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Zoning Variance Applications

Application by 1740 Church Street NW (#18824). Hearing: 9/23/2014. Commissioner Maltz moved the below resolution, seconded by Commissioner Feldstein. Passed 7-0. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the applicants seeks zoning variance for lot occupancy on an already non-conforming structure for the purpose of constructing a rear deck,

Whereas the applicant presented letters of support from direct neighbors and a petition with 28 signatures of support from the alley;

Whereas the proposed deck will cause no loss of parking;

Whereas the proposed deck is consistent with the rest of the alley; and

Whereas the proposed deck will not negatively impact privacy or light and air quality for the direct next door neighbors.

Therefore be in RESOLVED that ANC2B supports these variances as presented.

1506 Q St NW – Motion for 30 day delay to HPRB Abigail, Silverstein. Passed 7-0.

2131 N Street #14-627.- Ask HPRB/Zoning for a delay. Commissioner Smith moved to delay one month to receive additional public input, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 6-0. (Note this vote took place at the end of the meeting, but is listed in the minutes with the other zoning and preservation applications).

Report of Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

1. Nothing to report.

*Commissioner Feldstein left at 9:27pm.

2. Resolution to nominate The L'Enfant Trust (1310 19th Street NW) for 2015 DC Historic Preservation Award. Commissioner Stephens moved to nominate The L'Enfant Trust (1310 19th Street NW) for 2015 DC Historic Preservation Award and to nominate Commissioner Silverstein to draft the resolution, Seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 6-0.

3. Next Meeting: 10/1/14 7pm @ Resource Center (First Wednesdays)

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Report of Public Safety Committee

1. Reports on old business (if any): Committee Membership, Regular Meeting time, Club Central public safety meeting follow-up. Commissioner Putta announced Youth advocacy might come to speak on safety issues.
2. Nomination of New Members. Commissioner Putta moved to nominate Robert Sinners, Seconded by Commissioner Stephens. Passed 5-0-1. Commissioner Silverstein abstains.
3. Next Meeting: End of month TBA

Report of Ward 2 Education Coalition

1. Reports on old business (if any): Garrison School, Meetings with Chancellor Kaya Henderson, DME student assignment / boundary committee recommendations, resolution on quality schools
2. Commissioner Maltz announced working with Garrison modernization fund and now 20 ANC have signed on to the quality schools resolution.

Staff Reports

1. Coudriet Fellow (vacant)
2. Deschaine Fellow – Announced she will resign. Commissioner Smith announced he will be looking for applicant for the fall.
3. Executive Director – James announced for the Commissioners to keep sending him contact to add to mail list.
4. Web/IT Consultant – Working on content to re-build website and compiling feedback from survey.

Commissioner Reports

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)

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

P = the matter is still pending

NU = no update

A = approved

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1711 S Street NW: HPRB (2B01)
Al Tiramisu: Valet staging (2B02)
2123 Twining Court: BZA (2B02)
CVS: Certificate of Need (2B02)
2028 Hiller: rear deck (2B02)
Floriana: new sidewalk cafe hours (2B03)
Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05)
BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05)
Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
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BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
BarCode: valet parking (2B05)
Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05)
Georgia Brown's: valet parking (2B05)
1528 Church St NW: HPRB (2B05)
1620 Q St NW: HRPB approval (2B05)
1815 Riggs Pl NW: BZA (2B01)
1528 Church St NW: BZA (2B05)
1512 P St NW: BZA (2B05)
Metropolitan Club: valet parking (2B06)
18th Street Lounge: liquor renewal (2B06)
1145 19th St NW: sidewalk cafe (2B06)
1819 Club: ABRA renewal (2B06)
Native Foods: sidewalk cafe (2B06)
1337 21st St NW: HPRB approval (2B06)
Kellari: valet staging (2B06)
Hampton Inn: singles sales (2B06)
1728 P St: HPRB approval (2B07)
Keegan Theatre: BZA use change (2B07)
Patterson Mansion: BZA approval (2B07)
Kabin Group: valet parking (2B07)
1727 Mass Ave: zoning request (2B07)
Local 16: VA/SA amendment (2B08)
Saloon45: new CT license (2B08)
Penthouse Pool: substantial change (2B08)
Amsterdam Falafelshop: New ABRA license (2B09)
1459 S Street NW: HPRB (2B09)

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Medicinal Marijuana dispensary (2B01/2B05)
DPR early childhood programs (Putta)
Precinct Boundaries Plan (Silverstein)
Publisher Box Regulations (Stephens)
Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein)

Administrative Matters

Finance/Treasurer Items Including Adoption of the FY2015 Annual Budget. Commission Stephens moved to approve FY2015 Annual Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Silverstein. Passed 6-0.
Received quarterly allotment of \$ 5,999.09. ANC August balance is \$79,767.64.
Old administrative business: By-laws, Policies & Procedures Manual, Annual Report
Other Admin items (if any)

Adjournment (9:54pm)
Moved by Commissioner Stephens.

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