



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

January 21, 2016

Office of Administrative Hearings
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW, Suite 450N
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Request for Revocation of the 24/7 Demolition Permit at 1100 15th Street NW
(Case #2016-DCRA-00011)

Dear Office of Administrative Hearings,

At its regular meeting on January 13, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) issued a 24/7 demolition permit to the project at 1100 15th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the applicant in multiple appearances before ANC 2B did not mention plans for 24/7 demolition,

WHEREAS, DCMR 105.1.3 specifically provides that: “No after-hours permit shall be issued for work in an area zoned “residential” under the Zoning Regulations then in effect, or in an area 500 feet of such residential zone, or within 500 feet of a building with sleeping quarters, unless official determines that not issuing permit would pose a threat to public safety, health and welfare.”,

WHEREAS, the project is located within 500 feet of nearby sleeping units at The Presidential, The Capital Hill Hilton, The University Club, and the Russian Ambassador’s house,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B was informed of a protest by The Presidential and The University Club of Washington DC which did not receive responses from DCRA, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is especially disturbed by the allowance for 85 decibels of noise at night when 55 decibels are normally allowed at night with nearby residences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests revocation of the 24/7 demolition permit, especially during night hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DCRA provide an explanation how 24-hour demolition is necessary in order to protect safety, health, and public welfare pursuant to DCMR 105.1.3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that a DCRA representative attend the next ANC 2B meeting to discuss the process for approval of 24/7 demolition permits so as to better understand this process going forward.

Commissioners Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair