



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

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
Dupont Circle Resource Center – 9 Dupont Circle NW

Call to Order

The special December 2018 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:01 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Amy Johnson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Nick DelleDonne (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), and Beverly Schwartz (2B08).

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Sorelle – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2029 P Street NW

Chair Warwick moved to support Sorelle’s request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Sorelle’s request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 2029 P Street NW.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda

1608 20th Street NW – Permit / Rear Two-Story Addition

The Commission delayed consideration of a resolution regarding this matter until the ANC’s regular December 2018 meeting.

730 15th Street NW – Application for a Modification of Consequence to the Plans Approved in BZA Order No. 19610 for a Special Exception from the Penthouse Regulations to Include a Nightclub, Bar, Cocktail Lounge, or Restaurant Use in the Penthouse of an Existing Ten-Story Office Building

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, 730 15th Street NW is within the confines of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to alter the penthouse use from private use to restaurant use, which requires a special exception,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is generally agnostic to the use of penthouse space in mixed use and commercial zones, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates that the use will allow for more public access than previously proposed.

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

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Tokyo Pearl for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 20 Tables and 45 Seats at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW

The Commission delayed consideration of a resolution regarding this matter until a future ANC meeting.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the 2019 Season of the FRESHFARM White House Market

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports FRESHFARM's application for the renewal of its public space permit in order to stage the 2019 White House Farmers Market on Vermont Avenue between H Street and I Street NW. The ANC also supports the waiver of any resulting parking meter fees.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the 2019 Season of the FRESHFARM Dupont Circle Market

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports FRESHFARM's application for the renewal of its public space permit in order to stage the 2019 Dupont Circle Farmers Market on 20th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW. The ANC also supports the waiver of any resulting parking meter fees.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed Rulemaking on Residential Parking Regulations

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-3-1).

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner DelleDonne seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the changes that were made since 2016 to the proposed rulemaking on residential parking regulations,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the regulations in the second proposed rulemaking are better than they were two years ago,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the change in the second proposed rulemaking which resulted in the ability for an ANC to propose five or more blocks for residential parking instead of an all-or-nothing approach for an ANC,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is currently working with the District Department of Transportation on the recommendations made in the ANC's Dupont / Kalorama Curbside Management Study resolution passed in July of 2018, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B opposes the concept of residential-only parking street sides as parking policy within the District of Columbia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes the District Department of Transportation's proposed rulemaking on residential parking regulations.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed Rulemaking on Dockless Vehicle Regulations

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) issued a proposed rulemaking for dockless vehicle sharing in October of 2018 to adjust Chapter 33 of Title 24 of the DC Municipal Regulations, as well as a new permit application for dockless vehicles in November of 2018,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B submitted a resolution on April 3, 2018 providing advice to DDOT regarding DC's dockless bikeshare pilot program, including recommendations on fleet size, corral parking areas, and availability of dockless vehicles, among other points,

WHEREAS, the proposed rulemaking focuses on the conditions under which DDOT may issue a public right-of-way occupancy permit to operators and the permit application outlines terms and conditions for operators to go into effect January 1, 2019,

WHEREAS, the application specifies that operators may not have more than 600 vehicles per permit (with potential to increase by 25% per quarter with a favorable evaluation from DDOT), which ANC 2B believes could contribute to an imbalance in supply and demand, and

WHEREAS, the application further specifies a cap of 10 miles per hour for dockless scooters, which could serve to discourage riders from using the roadway and, thus, increase the riding of scooters on the sidewalk.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposed rulemaking with the following suggestions to clarify and enhance it:

Subsection 3314.5 be amended as follows: Item (c) – The dockless vehicle operating company shall balance its fleet of dockless sharing vehicles by having at least 5% of registered vehicles (and no fewer than 6 vehicles) in each ward by 6:00 a.m. each day, and

Insertion of a new Item: The dockless vehicle company shall equip each dockless bike and scooter with a white headlight and red tail light for visibility, and a bell or other audible alert for pedestrians or other roadway users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B:

- supports the provisions in the permit application allowing for increases in the cap on fleet size, however the ANC recommends that it be variable per operator based upon utilization, bunching balancing, and performance of contractual obligations,
- recommends allowing for more rapid increases in the cap beyond 25% per quarter, with more clearly enumerated set of criteria for such expansions or reductions,
- recommends that DDOT establish “corral” locations for pick-up and drop-off of dockless scooters, pursuant to consultation with the respective ANC. Such “corrals” shall have a minimum sidewalk clearance of ten (10) feet, in accordance with DDOT standards, and
- recommends the speed governor for dockless scooters be set to 15 miles per hour, which provides a reasonable balance between pedestrian safety when sidewalk running is necessary, and safely running in a bike lane or street.

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.