



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019; 7:00 p.m.  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 500

### Call to Order

The regular March 2019 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: Matthew Sampson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Lucky Barbieri (2B03), Aaron Landry (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), Beverly Schwartz (2B08), and Ed Hanlon (2B09).

### Announcements and Public Comments

#### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Cunningham said that the residential portion of the St. Thomas' Parish development project has recently received its certificate of occupancy. She said that the project developers will hold an open house for neighbors on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Downs said that the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee is putting together interest groups regarding parks as well as loading and unloading zones. He asked local residents who are interested in joining the interest groups to reach out to him.

Commissioner Downs said that he is helping organize a Dupont Circle spring community cleanup day on Saturday, April 6th.

Commissioner Cunningham said that Ross Elementary School's annual auction will be take place on Saturday, March 30th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at the Human Rights Campaign, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW.

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

Nicole Goines, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that DC Public Schools (DCPS) Chancellor Lewis Ferebee will be

holding his Ward 2 “Ferebee Friday” event on Friday, March 15th at Steam Cafe, 1700 17th Street NW. She also said that Mayor Bowser will hold her 2019 State of the District Address on Monday, March 18th at 5:30 pm at the University of the District of Columbia’s Theater of the Arts, Connecticut Avenue and Windom Place NW.

Joe Florio, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office, said that Councilmember Evans will be attending ANC 2B’s regular April meeting. He also said that the DC Council’s annual performance oversight hearings have concluded and that the DC Council is now waiting to receive the Mayor’s proposed FY 2020 budget.

Susan Volman, a representative for the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), said that the organization is also helping to organize the Saturday, April 6th community cleanup. She encouraged local residents to attend the cleanup.

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, said that the organization’s annual Spring Fling fundraiser will take place on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the event.

Nick DelleDonne, a neighborhood resident, announced the launch of the Dupont East Civic Action Association. He said that the group’s first official action was the filing of a Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application to expand the landmarking status for the House of the Temple at 1733 16th Street NW.

Trupti Patel, a former staff member at Cobalt, thanked Commissioner Landry and Commissioner Downs for their help in assisting the Cobalt staff members who recently lost their jobs when the business closed. She said that the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC) of DC will be holding legal clinics on the third Thursday of every month to assist restaurant workers with their legal rights.

Commissioner Silverstein said that the ANC is still waiting for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to respond to the ANC’s multiple requests to repaint the vehicular directional arrows on Dupont Circle’s inner lanes in order to increase safety along the circle.

#### Presentation by the DC Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Regarding the Work of the Board

Brian Flowers, the General Counsel for the DC Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA), and Niquelle Allen, the Director of the Office of Open Government, were present.

Mr. Flowers gave an overview of the establishment and the composition of BEGA. He said that BEGA offers advice, training, the enforcement of ethics, and the regulation and enforcement of lobbying in the District of Columbia. He said that BEGA also receives complaints from residents. He gave an overview of BEGA’s two types of investigations: preliminary and formal.

Ms. Allen said that the Office of Open Government enforces DC's Open Meetings Act and can fine public bodies for not complying with the act. She said that the office also advocates for a fair Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

Consideration of Resolutions Regarding the Special Event Permits for the 2019 Capital Pride Movie Night at Stead Park on Sunday, May 19th, the 2019 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8th, and the 2019 Capital Pride Block Party on Saturday, June 8th

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the 2019 Capital Pride Movie Night at Stead Park. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-2). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Alliance is seeking use of Stead Park for Capital Pride's spring movie night on Sunday, May 19th, 2019,

WHEREAS, this event is part of the larger program of Capital Pride, including the June 8th, 2019 annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Block Party,

WHEREAS, such activities represent an appropriate use of Stead Park, and

WHEREAS, the sponsors are experienced in managing this type of event, which has been held for several years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Capital Pride Alliance's request for use of Stead Park for Capital Pride's spring movie night on Sunday, May 19th, 2019.

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the 2019 Capital Pride Parade. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade is an annual celebration of the diversity of our neighborhood and the District, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade route runs within the borders of ANC 2B.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B enthusiastically supports the Capital Pride Alliance's special event application for the 2019 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8th, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B also supports the Capital Pride Alliance's request for a complete reimbursement for any applicable police or public space permit fees that would be charged for the event.

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the 2019 Capital Pride Block Party. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Block Party is an annual celebration of the diversity of the Dupont Circle neighborhood and of the District, and

2B. WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Block Party is partially staged within the borders of ANC

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Capital Pride Alliance's special event application for the 2019 Capital Pride Block Party on Saturday, June 8th, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Capital Pride Alliance's request for a complete reimbursement for any applicable police or public space permit fees that would be charged for the event.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Special Event Permit for the 2019 17th Street Festival on Saturday, August 24th

Commissioner Cunningham moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Landry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the 17th Street Festival is an annual gathering and celebration of the diversity of culture, restaurants, retailers, nonprofit organizations, community leaders, entrepreneurs, and local businesses of 17th Street NW, the Dupont Circle neighborhood, and the District,

WHEREAS, there are over 100 vendors, with more than 60 artists and makers displaying everything from fine art to jewelry, ceramics to crafts, and every creative item in between,

WHEREAS, the kids zone has activities for children, including a large slide, soccer, snow cones, face painting, and games throughout the day, and

WHEREAS, the 17th Street Festival takes place within the borders of ANC 2B.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets' special event application to occupy 17th Street NW between P Street and R Street in order to stage the annual 17th Street Festival on Saturday, August 24th, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets' request for a complete reimbursement for any applicable police or public space permit fees that would be charged for the event.

## **Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda**

### **1613 S Street NW – Concept / Three Story Rear Addition, One Story Rooftop Addition, Roof Deck, New Front Steps and Basement Areaway, Replace Windows and Front Doors**

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing a rear addition and third floor addition which will not be visible from S Street NW,

WHEREAS, the rear addition will be visible from Swann Street NW through the parking lot associated with the Croydon Apartments,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the rear addition's visibility from Swann Street NW through the parking lot is within context and is supportable,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant's willingness to work with their neighbors to the west to mitigate some privacy concerns, including:

- a rear dogleg on the addition mimicking the neighbor's rear dogleg to provide for a wider court when combining the doglegs
- frosting or providing opaque surfaces on the first and second floor windows on the west side
- removing the proposed door and railing leading to the second-floor balcony
- the use of light-colored materials on the non-glass surfaces facing west

WHEREAS, ANC 2B requests that the front stairs be cast iron and similar to what previously existed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as adjusted to mitigate some neighbor concerns.

### **1732 P Street NW – Concept / Second Story Garage Addition**

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the project proposes to add a second floor to an existing freestanding garage structure,

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from the street and is within a varied context of rowhouses and multifamily structures on the alley,

WHEREAS, some neighbors have concerns regarding the aesthetics of the wall which faces their homes, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has offered to work with neighbors on materials which are visually pleasing.

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

1739 Q Street NW – Permit / One-Story Rooftop Addition Plus Deck

Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Barbieri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a rear-facing dormer to make the ceiling height slightly higher on the third floor in order to create more usable space from the existing floor area, and

WHEREAS, the project is small-scale and will not be visible from the street.

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

1746 Q Street NW – Concept / Two-Story Addition and Roof Addition

Commissioner Schwartz moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hanlon moved to amend the sixth paragraph of the resolution to state: “WHEREAS, the parapet on the rear addition above the first floor will interrupt the rhythm and symmetry of the preserved rear facades, and.” and to amend the eight paragraph of the resolution to state: “THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to require the applicant to remove any addition which obscures the chimneys and bays above the first floor.” Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion for the amendments.

Chair Warwick moved to amend the proposed amendment to remove the change to the sixth paragraph from the proposed amendment. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion for the amendment to the proposed amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-2-1).

A roll call vote for the final amendment was requested. The final amendment was voted on and passed (VOTES: 3-2-4). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Hanlon: Yea  
Commissioner Schwartz: Yea  
Commissioner Silverstein: Abstain  
Chair Warwick: Abstain  
Commissioner Cunningham: Yea  
Commissioner Landry: Nay  
Commissioner Sampson: Nay  
Commissioner Downs: Abstain  
Commissioner Barbieri: Abstain

The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B and is located in the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a 12-foot two story rear addition,

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from Q Street NW,

WHEREAS, the site is one of twenty-five contiguous rowhouses on the south side of the 1700 block of Q Street NW which feature sentinel chimneys and angled bays,

WHEREAS, this construction typology is unusual in the Dupont Circle Historic District and the rear facade has been largely preserved on this block with the exception of three two-story additions and five one-story additions,

WHEREAS, the parapet on the rear addition above the second floor will interrupt the rhythm and symmetry of the preserved rear facades, and

WHEREAS, adjacent neighbors have expressed concern that the proposed addition builds further back than their home and are concerned that it will block their light and air.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to require the applicant to remove any addition which obscures the chimneys and bays above the first floor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to consider the appropriateness and magnitude of a rear addition based on the unique characteristics of this alley.

## **Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public Space Application by Agora for the Conversion of an Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café to an Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1527 17th Street NW

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Public Space Application by Agora for the Conversion of an Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café to an Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1523 17th Street NW

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

Public Space Application by La Colombe for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 4 Tables and 8 Seats at 1710 I Street NW

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Barbieri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports La Colombe's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1710 I Street NW provided that there is ten feet of pedestrian passageway along the adjacent sidewalk.

## **General Agenda**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed H Street and I Street NW Summer 2019 Bus Lanes Pilot Project

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Barbieri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is located in one of the densest portions of the District and has very high transit ridership among residents, workers, and visitors, but faces major roadway congestion during peak hours,

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2019, Metrorail's Blue and Yellow Lines will be closed south of National Airport station due to a major rebuilding project and riders are being encouraged to use alternative bus services to travel into the central business district,

WHEREAS, bus lanes are a more effective use of our roadway space by allowing loaded buses to bypass stopped car traffic, reducing costs to transit agencies by reducing run time and making transit more attractive to users, and



WHEREAS, right turns will be allowed from the bus lane on approach to an intersection or driveway, and may present conflicts between turning vehicles stopped for pedestrians and through buses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the implementation of the H Street and I Street NW summer 2019 bus lanes pilot project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the District Department of Transportation to further study how signage, markings, signal phasing, and traffic control personnel can be used to reduce the conflict between turning motorists and pedestrians while balancing the need for the through movement of buses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the District Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department to adequately enforce the bus lanes to prevent drivers from abusing the lanes and slowing transit users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the District Department of Transportation to share with the public the resulting data and analysis related to this pilot project following the conclusion of the project, along with recommendations for next steps.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Funding for the Proposed Extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn Route to U Street NW and Howard University

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the lack of a direct, regularly scheduled thru transit connection between the major activity centers of Dupont Circle, U Street, LeDroit Park, and Howard University, as well as the western destinations of Rosslyn and Georgetown served by the DC Circulator's current route, creates inconvenience and financial burden for residents and visitors to those areas wanting to travel among them,

WHEREAS, the lack of a transit bridge between these areas results in greater use of passenger vehicles, which is contrary to the District's environmental and sustainability efforts,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) updated 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan (TDP) outlines the strategic priorities of the DC Circulator system in the coming years and was produced using input and feedback from robust stakeholder and community engagement,

WHEREAS, one of the proposed route extensions would connect the already existing Rosslyn – Georgetown – Dupont Circle route to U Street NW and Howard University,

WHEREAS, during the public survey, approximately 82 percent of respondents from across the District ranked high interest for this extension,

WHEREAS, the benefits of the proposed extension include but are not limited to:

- Increased ridership by extending the route to additional major activity centers
- Adding a connection to Metrorail’s green and yellow lines
- Providing transfers to the DC Circulator’s Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square Metro route at 14th Street and U Street NW
- Improved connectivity to and from Metrobus’ 5A DC – Dulles Airport route at the Rosslyn Metrorail Station
- Improved connectivity to and from the West End Public Library
- Improved connectivity to and from the campuses of:
  - Howard University Hospital
  - George Washington University Hospital
- Improved connectivity to and from the campuses of:
  - Howard University
  - George Washington University
  - Georgetown University
- Improved connectivity to and from the DC Public School campuses of:
  - Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
  - Cardozo Education Campus
  - C.H.O.I.C.E. Academy Washington Met.
  - Cleveland Elementary School
  - Garrison Elementary School
  - Marie Reed Elementary School
  - Oyster-Adams Bilingual School
  - Ross Elementary School
  - School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens
  - Hyde-Addison Elementary School
- Improved connectivity to and from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities of:
  - Banneker Pool and Community Center
  - Harrison Recreation Center and Spray Park
  - Marie Reed Recreation and Aquatic Center
  - Stead Park and Recreation Center
  - Francis Pool
- Providing late-night public transit options and connectivity to major nightlife activity centers such as U Street, Upper 14th Street, Adams Morgan, Dupont Circle and Dupont Circle’s “Club Central,” and Georgetown,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in October of 2017 supporting DDOT’s draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan, which included a plan to extend the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route, and

WHEREAS, community members and District leaders are currently engaged in the DC FY 2020 budget process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B reaffirms its support for DDOT's proposal to extend the DC Circulator's current Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to Howard University by way of 18th Street and U Street NW, as this proposed route would provide a low-cost, one-seat ride along a major underserved travel corridor in the District. Such an extension would enhance mobility for residents, workers, and visitors in ANC 2B and the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to approve funding in DC's FY 2020 budget that supports the ability to adequately expand the DC Circulator fleet to permit reliable operation of the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension.

Update Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed High Crash Site Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW

Commissioner Sampson gave an overview of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) proposed high crash site safety improvements at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW.

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

**Administrative Matters**

Approval of the Special February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's special February 2019 meeting minutes with one correction. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. Chair Warwick moved to table the ANC's consideration of the minutes. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion to table consideration, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Approval of the Regular February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's regular February 2019 meeting minutes with one correction. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Appointment of Members to the ANC's Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee

Commissioner Schwartz moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B appoints Christopher Davis, Brian Knudsen, and Louise Leavthals (pending final confirmation of interest) to the ANC's Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee.

Appointment of Members to the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Appointment of the ANC's Liquor Issues Liaison for Single Member District 2B06

Commissioner Silverstein moved to reappoint Patrick Kain as the ANC's Liquor Issues Liaison for Single Member District 2B06. Chair Warwick seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Update Regarding the ANC's website and Technical Infrastructure

Commissioner Landry gave an overview of the updates that he is working on for the ANC's website and technical infrastructure. He said that the ANC will be closing the [commissioners@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto:commissioners@dupontcircleanc.net) email forwarder due to ongoing forwarding errors. He said that some future updates will be significant and will thus require the ANC to take a vote on them.

**Adjournment**

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.