



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019; 7:00 p.m.
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 500

Call to Order

The regular April 2019 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:00 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

Presentation by Councilmember Jack Evans Regarding Ward 2 and Citywide Updates

Councilmember Jack Evans gave an overview of the recent investigations into Digi Media and his connections to the investigation. He said that he is not aware of any personal ethical violations with regards to the investigations.

Councilmember Evans said that the DC Council is in the process of reviewing the Mayor's proposed FY 2020 budget. He said that he has worked to secure additional funding for the planned renovation of Stead Recreation Center. He said that he has also worked to preserve funding for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project. He added that the proposed budget includes funding for the Commercial Waste Compactor Grants Program, which helps address rodent issues in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Evans gave an overview of his efforts to restore funding to build a neighborhood middle school at the former Shaw Middle School site and to rebuild Banneker High School at the current Banneker High School site. He also gave an overview of the city's work to address homelessness in Ward 2, including through the opening of the Downtown Day Services Center.

Councilmember Evans gave an overview of the current state of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). He said that WMATA is working to address its maintenance issues, including through the purchasing of additional 7000-series Metrorail cars. He said that

WMATA needs to come up with a master plan for the Metrobus network. He added that he supports the addition of dedicated bus lanes.

Commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion with Councilmember Evans regarding funding for the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act, the current ethics investigations, improving non-rush hour service on Metrorail, the extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route, and funding for American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation during ANC meetings.

Commissioner Announcements

There were not any commissioner announcements.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Nick DelleDonne, the Chair of the Dupont East Civic Action Association, gave an overview of the new organization. He said that the organization recently appeared before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) to support the historic preservation application for 1726 Q Street NW. He also gave an overview of the proposed development project at 1733 16th Street NW. He said that the organization is opposing the development project and is proposing a park for the site in place of the proposed development. He said that the organization is looking for support from the community regarding the park proposal. He added that the organization has also submitted an HPRB application to expand the historic landmark boundaries for the Scottish Rite Temple.

Nancee Lyons, a Public Affairs Specialist for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave an overview of MuralsDC, a program which hopes to address graffiti across DC by painting murals over graffiti. She said that DPW has received a request from the owner of the property at 1508 U Street NW to paint a mural on the property. She said that DPW is in the process of considering the request. She added that additional information regarding MuralsDC is available on the flyers on the table in the back of the meeting room.

Announcement by Cultural Tourism DC Regarding the 2019 Passport DC Program

Steven Shulman, the Executive Director of Cultural Tourism DC, said that the organization's annual Around the World Embassy Tour will take place on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. He said that approximately 30 embassies are expected to participate in this year's event. He said that the Dupont Circle Resource Center at 9 Dupont Circle NW will be used to distribute event information. He added that the annual European Union Open House will take place on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Presentation by the Embassy of India Regarding the Use of the Building at 1438 U Street NW as a Cultural Center

Steven Grossenbacher, an architect representing the Embassy of India, gave an overview of the embassy's plans to turn the building at 1438 U Street NW into a cultural center. He gave a visual

presentation regarding the plans for the project. He said that a green roof will be installed on top of the building. He added that the embassy is considering installing a mural that promotes Indian culture. He said that project construction will start in November of 2019 with planned occupancy in late 2020.

Multiple nearby residents expressed concerns regarding the lack of communication regarding the project, as well as the accumulation of trash around the property.

Inspector Sonya Street, the Lead Solid Waste Inspector for Ward 2 for DPW, expressed concerns regarding the amount of graffiti on the building. She recommended that the embassy reach out to the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding the homeless individuals who are residing on the property.

Presentation by Pepco Regarding the Company's Capital Grid Project

Linda Greenan, the External Affairs Manager for DC for Pepco, gave an overview of Pepco's Capital Grid Project. She said that the project is expected to get underway in early 2020. She said that the project will involve upgrading aging electrical infrastructure, including upgrading three electrical substations and building a new substation. She said that all of the substations will be connected by a new, underground 10-mile transmission line. She said that, with regards to ANC 2B, the impacts of the new transmission line will be limited to single member district 2B09. She added that review of the project is currently pending before the DC Public Service Commission.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Jo Jo Restaurant & Bar – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1518 U Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Restaurants, Hotels, Multipurpose Facilities, Clubs, Marine Vessels, Arenas, and Caterers

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda

2014 O Street NW – Permit / Rear Addition

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

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

WHEREAS, the project proposes to construct a rear third floor addition,

WHEREAS, no part of the addition will be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS, The Mansion on O Street, which is adjacent to the building, is supportive of the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project but urges the applicant to consider changing the finish of the exterior flue to be more consistent with the surrounding alley context.

2124 O Street NW – Concept / Addition, Partial Third Floor on 2-Story Rowhouse

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

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

WHEREAS, the project proposes a third story addition that would be recessed so that it is not visible from the street,

WHEREAS, one adjacent neighbor expressed concerns about the aesthetics and impact to light and air quality in the rear of their property, and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with what the Historic Preservation Review Board supported two years ago at 2122 O Street NW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project's historic preservation components.

1832 15th Street NW – Permit / Two-Story Rear Addition; One-Story Addition to Garage

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the U Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project proposes the addition of a second story on the garage which fronts the alley and is detached from the main house,

WHEREAS, the project also proposes a rear addition to the main house which will jut out thirteen feet from the current footprint of the house and is intended to expand the existing two-bedroom house into four-bedroom house,

WHEREAS, the neighbors on each side of the property have no issues with the garage addition,

WHEREAS, the neighbors on each side have concerns about the rear two-story addition jutting out thirteen feet from the rear facade of the building and being higher than their existing property fence lines,

WHEREAS, the applicant only presented a front on view of the addition without an exact scale drawing of the side elevation of the rear addition, nor of the rear deck, nor of the distance from the rear addition to the garage, which would have shown the scale, proportion, and massing of the addition and the impact on both sides of the neighboring properties as well as the visual impact from the alleyway streetscape,

WHEREAS, 1832 15th Street NW is part of a family of rowhouses on this block, including 1828, 1830, 1832, and 1834 15th Street NW, all having been built at approximately the same time and all having the same design features in their front and rear facades, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the project as proposed will require a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that the neighbors and the applicant work together to find a mutually agreeable solution before the forthcoming zoning hearings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the historic preservation components of the project as proposed and looks forward to working with the applicants and the neighbors on the zoning aspect of the entitlements process.

1517 Swann Street NW – Concept / 3rd Floor Addition, Rebuild Rear Enclosed Porch, and Interior Renovation

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the U Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project proposes a third-floor addition which would not change the house's existing footprint,

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from the front of the house, and

WHEREAS, the project has support from the neighbors on both sides of the property.

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

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by la Madeleine French Bakery & Café for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 2 Tables and 4 Seats at 1130 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Silverstein moved to support la Madeleine French Bakery & Café's public space application for 1130 Connecticut Avenue NW based on the fact that the proposed sidewalk cafe conforms to the ANC's Public Space Guidelines. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports la Madeleine French Bakery & Café's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1130 Connecticut Avenue NW, as the proposed sidewalk cafe conforms to the ANC's Public Space Guidelines.

Public Space Application by Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle for the Installation of a Sculpture at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle seeks to install a sculpture in public space at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the public artwork will be located within single member district 2B05 and ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right,

WHEREAS, a private benefactor has donated an original work by sculptor Timothy Schmalz depicting a homeless man crouched on the ground and clinging to a piece of cardboard to keep him warm,

WHEREAS, the life-sized piece titled "When I Was Naked" draws from the Biblical narrative in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 25, and is designed to confront the viewer's prejudices against the impoverished, compelling one to look deeper for a glimpse of the divinity and dignity within them,

WHEREAS, the bronze itself is approximately 22 inches tall, 29 inches wide, and 31 inches deep, and weighs approximately 172 pounds,

WHEREAS, three 10-inch threaded rods are welded to the bottom, allowing the piece to be installed in one of two methods:

1. Mounted directly into the sidewalk. By drilling three holes into the sidewalk, applying adhesive into the holes, and then sliding the sculpture's rods into place so that the sculpture sits directly on the ground as if a man is actually sitting on the ground. This would be the fastest and most visually impactful method of installation, requiring only a few hours and little to no disturbance to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
2. Mounted onto a poured-in-place concrete base measuring approximately 42 inches wide, 42 inches deep, and 12 inches high. The base would be separated from the existing sidewalk by a vapor barrier, which would allow the entire piece and base to be relocated or removed if necessary at some future date. The weight of the concrete base would allow it to remain essentially vandal- and theft-proof, as the combined weight of the base and sculpture would be approximately 1,850 pounds. This installation would also raise the top of the sculpture to 34 inches above finished grade, and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the sculpture would maintain 11 feet of sidewalk Clearance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle's application to install a sculpture in public space at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW with a preference for the sculpture to be mounted directly onto the sidewalk.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Installation of Hearing Loop Technology in Spaces Used for Official DC Government Business, Including Hearing Rooms in the Wilson Building, Judiciary Square, and the Reeves Center

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

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of DC residents are effectively excluded from full participation in public meetings, performances, and events due to hearing loss,

WHEREAS, while the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public venues to be equipped with assisted hearing systems, many such systems currently in use are routinely ineffective, malfunctioning, or non-existent,

WHEREAS, one effective solution is the installation of hearing loops in venues that use public address systems because these loop systems send a clear signal to hearing aids and cochlear implants not unlike a Bluetooth device,

WHEREAS, hearing loops provide a superior quality sound and do not require users to wear special receivers that are too often missing or malfunctioning,

WHEREAS, installation of hearing loop systems during new building construction and renovation is cost effective because they require minimal maintenance and do not require volunteers or staff to operate,

WHEREAS, hearing aid users and people with cochlear implants can simply turn on the telecoil feature of their hearing device to access the hearing loops,

WHEREAS, hearing loops are commonly used in Europe and are increasingly being used in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Senate and House have passed legislation mandating the installation and use of hearing loops in certain government buildings and public venues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council to install hearing loops in room 500 and other hearing rooms in the Wilson Building, as well as in those venues where Alcoholic Beverage Control Board hearings and Historic Preservation Review Board hearings are held, and other venues where the DC Council determines that the installation of such loop systems is warranted.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting LGBT+ Senior Housing and Housing Vouchers

Chair Warwick recused himself from voting on this matter.

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

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a housing shortage that has reached critical proportions,

WHEREAS, that shortage has put upward pressure on rents, making rental units increasingly unaffordable,

WHEREAS, many long-time residents of the District of Columbia are being forced out of homes and neighborhoods as they become unable to afford higher and higher rents,

WHEREAS, older residents on fixed incomes are among those most at risk of being forced out, especially after the loss of a spouse or partner,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest percentage of LGBTQ residents of any city in the country, and

WHEREAS, elders in our LGBTQ community are among those at risk who wish to remain in their homes and among friends, neighbors, and community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposal for the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs to receive 24 housing vouchers for LGBTQ older adults through the District of Columbia Housing Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges all relevant agencies to acknowledge and address the unmet need for LGBTQ-friendly senior housing, such as has already been established in Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, San Francisco, and other major cities. The ANC urges the Department of Aging and Community Living, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, and the District of Columbia Housing Authority to work together to fulfill this critical need so that LGBTQ seniors may age in place in our community.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding ANC 2B's Participation in the 2019 Capital Pride Parade

Commissioner Silverstein moved to invite Jake Bain and Hunter Sigmund as the ANC's honorees for the 2019 Capital Pride Parade. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Proposed Funding for the Build Out of Ross Elementary School's Attic Space at 1730 R Street NW

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

WHEREAS, Ross Elementary School is a DC public school in the Dupont Circle neighborhood and is an important community asset within the boundaries of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, enrollment at Ross Elementary School has grown steadily in recent years and is currently at 108% of the building capacity,

WHEREAS, the DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan projects continued growth in boundary enrollment demand for Ross Elementary School,

WHEREAS, the school principal and staff are currently using every space available in the building, including teaching in the hallways and using the staff lounge as a STEM lab at times,

WHEREAS, the school building is small, having no gym, arts space, or multi-function room,

WHEREAS, limited outdoor space means that putting temporary classrooms in the playground is not an option, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan included as part of the Mayor's budget for FY 2020 includes an allocation for the build out of the Ross Elementary School attic commencing in 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council support the Mayor's funding for the Ross Elementary School attic build out project as included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Transportation and Public Infrastructure Agenda

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) completed a high crash site review of the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW in June of 2017, intersections which are completely or largely within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, these two intersections are located within a walkable commercial area with high pedestrian traffic,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports street design that clarifies traffic laws and prevents dangerous situations for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians,

WHEREAS, DDOT issued Notice of Intent #19-31-TOA on February 22, 2019 to:

- Restrict the right-turn maneuver from the Connecticut Avenue tunnel lanes to northbound 20th Street NW through the installation of flexible delineator posts,
- Install through-arrow pavement markings in the left-most northbound lane on Connecticut Avenue and on 20th Street NW,
- Replace the existing "No Turns" signs at 20th Street and R Street NW with graphical turn restriction signs for left- and right-turn movements,
- Remove three metered parking spaces on the Connecticut Avenue NW service lanes to expand the existing Metrobus stop on the east side of the street, and

WHEREAS, DDOT issued Notice of Intent #19-32-TOA on February 22, 2019 to:

- Modify the existing left-turn only lane on westbound Florida Avenue at 21st Street NW to allow for both through and left-turn maneuvers,
- Modify the existing eastbound approach of S Street at Connecticut Avenue NW to allow for one left-turn only lane and one shared left-turn/through/right-turn lane,
- Install a “No Left Turn” sign for southbound Connecticut Avenue at S Street NW to accompany the existing time-based LED blank-out sign,
- Install through-arrow pavement markings in the right-most eastbound lane on Florida Avenue at Connecticut Avenue NW, and
- Install curb extensions with flexible delineator posts and ladder crosswalk markings for the existing crosswalk across S Street at Florida Avenue NW and move the existing pedestrian warning sign further upstream.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports a six-month pilot phase of the flexible delineator posts separating traffic from the Connecticut Avenue underpass from traffic going northbound on 20th Street at R Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT gather, study, and present traffic safety data to ANC 2B and the community before moving forward with long-term flexible delineator post installation and Connecticut Avenue NW streetscape improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B once again urges DDOT to expedite installation of new signage and refresh pavement markings at both intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to remove the slip lane at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW as a medium-term solution.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s Proposal to Subsidize Late-Night Uber and Lyft Rides

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

WHEREAS, a functioning and convenient transit system is essential to the vitality and viability of urban and metropolitan areas, especially the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle is a major residential, commercial, cultural, and entertainment center that depends heavily upon transit as a significant majority of residents, workers, and visitors do not own and/or choose to not use personal automobiles,

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has proposed to continue the Metrorail early closing hours (11:00 pm on Sundays, 11:30 pm on weeknights, and 1:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays) implemented in 2016 so as to permit greater “track time” for repairs and maintenance,

WHEREAS, the earlier closing times have created significant inconvenience and unnecessary added expense for workers, residents, and visitors needing to travel after the rail system closes, and have had a disparate impact on lower wage earners,

WHEREAS, the earlier rail closing times adversely affect nightlife businesses in Dupont Circle by curtailing the use of transit by patrons from other areas, or imposing the cost of a for-hire ride upon them,

WHEREAS, WMATA has failed to implement a comprehensive, coordinated, and viable late-night “Owl” bus alternative continuing after rail service ends as cities such as San Francisco, Boston, and Philadelphia have, and which the District formerly had,

WHEREAS, WMATA has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to provide a \$3 discount for each of up to 10 weekly trips by on-demand for-hire transportation to enrolled late-night employees when Metrorail is closed for a one-year pilot program capped at \$1 million,

WHEREAS, the subsidy pilot would still burden passengers with the rest of the fare, which could easily exceed \$15 per trip; and all other system users would be on their own,

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) implemented a late-night bus service pilot program which cost \$1.2 million and is available to anyone needing to use it at the price of a regular bus fare, and

WHEREAS, encouraging the further use of for-hire vehicles adds to traffic congestion and is contrary to the District’s stated objectives to reduce the number of automobiles on our streets, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and encourage the use of sustainable, environmentally-friendly transportation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support and strenuously objects to WMATA’s plan to supplement its transit service by subsidizing for-hire ride services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges WMATA to immediately cancel the RFP and pilot program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges WMATA to focus efforts on the creation of a coherent and viable late-night bus operation that serves as a direct substitute for the rail routes, with a reasonable subset of the regular corridor and neighborhood bus routes, with headways of 20 minutes or less for the rail-substitute and key routes and no longer than 30 minutes on others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Government of the District of Columbia to direct their nominees to the WMATA Board of Directors to insist on implementation of the aforementioned late-night bus services, and to oppose in the strongest possible terms the efforts to extend the early closing times without sufficient efforts and alternatives to minimize disruption to rail riders, except where explicitly necessary for rail system maintenance.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Investments in a K Street NW Transitway

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

WHEREAS, one of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) currently proposed projects is "K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization," also known as the K Street NW Transitway,

WHEREAS, part of the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project, from 15th Street NW to 20th Street NW, is within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the goal of the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project is to reconfigure K Street NW between Mt. Vernon Square and Washington Circle to make more efficient and effective use of the right of way for multimodal travel, including dedicated center lanes for buses,

WHEREAS, the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project will result in improvements to benefit mass transit passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists,

WHEREAS, K Street NW between Mt. Vernon Square and Washington Circle is the primary east/west bus route through the central business district,

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser has included \$122 million in her fiscal year 2020 budget proposal to fund the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has a long-standing record of supporting walking, biking, and the use of public transportation, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in June of 2017 that urged the DC Council to restore funding for the completion of the DC Streetcar extension down K Street NW to Georgetown (Attachment A).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the inclusion of funding for the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project in DC's fiscal year 2020 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to including dedicated center bus lanes in the K Street NW Transitway design, ANC 2B encourages DDOT to prioritize safer accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists, including, but not limited to, consideration of protected bike lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT's plans for the K Street NW Transitway be compatible with the proposed DC Streetcar extension down K Street NW to Georgetown, including by potentially installing the streetcar track as part of the construction of the transitway.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the Special February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's special February 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0)

Approval of the Regular March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's regular March 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

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

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Hanlon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9 of ANC 2B's bylaws, the Commission may create standing and ad hoc committees, the members of which may include commissioners, residents, and other members,

WHEREAS, in accordance with ANC 2B's Policy and Procedures Manual, the membership of a committee must be ratified by resolution of the Commission. Any commissioner may nominate members to a committee – whether or not that commissioner is a member of the committee. Committee members may be nominated and/or ratified as a group or individually. All committee members serve at the pleasure of

the Commission and may be added, removed, or replaced by resolution of the Commission at any time,

WHEREAS, the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee was created by the Commission through a resolution passed on March 12th, 2014,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TPI Committee is to promote a safe and effective transportation system for the residents and visitors of Dupont Circle and improve the use of public space in our neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the committee may serve as a forum for discussing matters related to the following and will make recommendations to the ANC:

- Parking in the neighborhood, including valet applications, loading zones, the enhanced residential parking program, and visitor parking
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety
- Beautification, repair, and streetscapes
- Public transit
- Public parks
- Matters before the DC Council related to transportation and public space.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B confirms the appointment of:

- Suzanne Legault – Resident of SMD 2B02
- Kerry Kemp – Resident of SMD 2B04
- Sari Hornstein – Resident of SMD 2B02

as members of the ANC's TPI Committee, to serve until the end of term January 2020, resignation, or at the pleasure of the Commission.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding FY 2020 Funding for the ANC Sign Language Interpretation Fund

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

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions are required by federal ADA law to provide interpreting services upon request by residents and commissioners,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is pleased and honored to have our meetings fully accessible to members of the public and to all of our commissioners,

WHEREAS, since January of 2019, ANC 2B has enjoyed standing requests from multiple people for interpretation services at our monthly and special meetings,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B was informed by the Office of Disability Rights (ODR) and the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) that the \$15,000 in FY 2019 funds for the Communications Access Fund set aside for ANCs has been fully extinguished,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's annual district allotment is approximately \$20,000, while the cost of providing interpretation services for a full year of our meetings would approach \$10,000,

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B understands and believes that providing interpretation services is both a legal and moral obligation, we are concerned that we would be unable to continue functioning if half our annual allotment were spent providing these services rather than services which support the Commission and neighborhood including an Executive Director, maintenance and insurance for a community resource center utilized by the Dupont Circle Farmers Market, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, and the Dupont Circle Village, among others, and other expenses in support of the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that we are not the only ANC utilizing interpretation services as requested by commissioners and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, at the pace of expenditures this year, at least \$30,000 to \$45,000 (if calculated from January of 2019) would be required to cover a full fiscal year of interpretation services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council set aside at least \$45,000 in DC's FY 2020 budget for making ANC meetings accessible to Deaf people and the Deaf community.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Additional FY 2019 Funding for the ANC Sign Language Interpretation Fund

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WHEREAS, ANC 2B has estimated the cost of fulfilling standing interpretation services requests for the remainder of the fiscal year to be approximately \$5,000 – equating to 23% of our annual allotment,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that we are not the only ANC utilizing interpretation services as requested by commissioners and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B understands and believes that providing interpretation services is both a legal and moral obligation, we are concerned about the sustainability of supporting an unanticipated \$5,000 expense this fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council reprogram at least \$5,000 and up to \$15,000 in FY 2019 to cover the costs of interpretation services.

Approval of Expenditures for Accessibility Services During ANC Meetings

Chair Warwick moved to approve expenditures up to \$1,000 in order to provide accessibility services during ANC meetings. Commissioner Barbieri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm.