



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019; 7:00 p.m.

Foundry United Methodist Church, First Floor Community Commons
1500 16th Street NW

Call to Order

The special July 2019 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:19 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Matthew Sampson (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Aaron Landry (2B04), Randy Downs (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Kari Cunningham (2B07), Beverly Schwartz (2B08), and Ed Hanlon (2B09).

Announcements and Public Comments

Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA), gave an overview of the organization's DC Court of Appeals filing regarding the Scottish Rite Temple development project at 1733 16th Street NW. He said that an online petition that the organization launched regarding the development project recently reached 775 signatures. He added that the organization will hold a special meeting to consider the Licht Café alcoholic beverage license application on Thursday, July 25th at 8:00 pm in the ballroom of The Chastleton, 1701 16th Street NW.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Licht Café – Application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1520 U Street NW

Commissioner Hanlon moved to protest Licht Café's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1520 U Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and based on adverse impact on the residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety of the neighborhood. The motion was not voted on due to the lack of a second.

Chair Warwick moved to protest Licht Café's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1520 U Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the

neighborhood. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Licht Café's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1520 U Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, pending the negotiation of a settlement agreement between the applicant and the ANC.

Lupo Pizzeria – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1908 14th Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Slapfish – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 1800 M Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Zoning, Preservation, and Development Agenda

1145 17th Street NW - Concept / New Entrance Pavilion Addition, Renovation of Ground Floor Public Space (and 1600 M Street NW)

Commissioner Schwartz moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the proposed project falls within ANC 2B and the Sixteenth Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project proposes a renovation of the National Geographic campus that currently consists of three buildings fronting both 17th Street and 16th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the project proposes a two-story with roof terrace glass building that, due to elevations, rises to an equivalent of a five-story addition, with an internal media wall that will connect two existing National Geographic buildings along with a renovation of the U-shaped driveway and fountain that would become a plaza and visitor entrance, and

WHEREAS, the project also proposes a slight renovation on the exterior façade of the building on 16th Street NW to accommodate an interior elevator that will serve as a handicapped entrance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B believes that the project is compatible with the Sixteenth Street Historic District and supports the project as proposed.

1748 Swann Street NW - Concept / Interior Renovation and Rear Elevation Alterations

Commissioner Schwartz moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter.
Commissioner Sampson 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,

WHEREAS, the project is primarily an interior renovation with a proposed update to the rear façade,

WHEREAS, the proposed update to the rear façade, which proposes replacing the brick and chimney with a two-story glass façade and the addition of a second story to the existing one story dogleg on the right side of the house, maintains the rhythm of the original façade,

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement façade does not change the footprint of the home, a variance is not needed, and the neighbors are supportive, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciated seeing two versions of the rear façade.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the update to the rear façade with either version presented, with a preference for the dark grey material versus the brick fill in for the top of the dogleg.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Taberna del Alabardero to Convert an Existing Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café to an Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1776 I Street NW

Commissioner Silverstein 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:

ANC 2B supports Taberna del Alabardero's public space application to convert an existing un-enclosed sidewalk café to an enclosed sidewalk café at 1776 I Street NW based on the understanding that the applicant has amended the application to provide ten feet of pedestrian passageway from the tree box.

Public Space Application by Astoria DC for a New, Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 6 Tables and 8 Seats at 1521 17th Street NW

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

Administrative Matters

Approval of Expenditures for Accessibility Services During the ANC's Special July Meeting

Chair Warwick moved to approve expenditures up to \$1,000 for accessibility services during the ANC's special July meeting. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is moving forward on evaluating and designing the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project alternatives between 17th Street NW and Washington Circle, after holding a public meeting on June 14, 2019, and is seeking comment from the public on preliminary thirty percent designs, and

WHEREAS, the Commission cannot wait until 2022 for safer conditions on Pennsylvania Avenue West and supports the immediate implementation of a road diet, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian elements of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the objectives of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project, which are:

- Enhancing the monumental corridor,
- Introducing dedicated multimodal amenities like protected bike lanes,
- Improving the pedestrian experience,
- Safely connecting destinations and neighborhoods for all users, and
- Enhancing sustainability through the introduction of green infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's immediate implementation of temporary measures through a Notice of Intent (NOI) that would create the roadway conditions and protected bike facilities called for under the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project until the permanent project is ready to move forward with construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports increasing the width of the permanent separated bike lanes by one foot, to seven feet, to allow for greater passing width and enabling the use of Department of Public Works (DPW) clearing equipment to clear away snow and debris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports exploring the concept of leveling the proposed protected bike lane with the surrounding treescape and sidewalk, which is not currently called for in this design, as doing so would make passing other people on bicycles safer and would protect against stormwater runoff issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports removing all on-street metered parking and designating any remaining on-street parking as commercial and rideshare loading spaces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests and expects that DDOT will be timely, transparent, and accountable to the community concerning issues that could cause delay or alteration of the project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Traffic Safety Assessment for Dupont Circle

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

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Funding Request for LGBTQ Grant Programs

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

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B23-0037 – the “Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019”

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

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Reintroduction of DC Council Bill B22-0102 – the “Secure A Fair and Equitable Trial Act of 2017”

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

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.