



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular June 2020 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Daniel Warwick at 7:03 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), Beverly Schwartz (2B08), and Ed Hanlon (2B09).

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Landry and Schwartz gave commissioner announcements.

Department of For-Hire Vehicle Director David Do Presents Mayor Muriel Bowser's Budget for FY 2021

David Do, the Director of the Department of For-Hire Vehicles, gave a presentation regarding Mayor Muriel Bowser's budget for FY 2021.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Susan Volman, the Treasurer of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); Nicole Goines, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Howard Bard, a local resident; and Linda Greenan, the External Affairs Manager for DC for Pepco.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Skanska for Streetscape Improvements, Including Alley and Driveway Paving; the Installation of Bike Racks, Trash Receptacles, and Streetlights; Tree Planting; and Vault Abandonment, at 1700 M Street NW

Commissioner Downs moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion. Chair Warwick moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution to include language regarding the ANC's support of the proposed vault and façade projections as part of the project. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the applicant Skanska proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of streetscape work at 1700 M Street NW,

WHEREAS, the location is within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the project proposes streetscape improvements, including alley and driveway paving; the installation of bike racks, trash receptacles, and streetlights; tree planting; and vault abandonment,

WHEREAS, the proposed public space application meets the ANC's published Public Space Guidelines, which state that the sidewalk should allow for a minimum of ten feet of sidewalk clearance,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the overall plans are an improvement to the built environment,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the height of the streetscape amenity zone and transformer vault nearest to the public alley facing 17th Street NW as the projection obstructs sight-lines of exiting vehicular drivers of pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that in order to accommodate the innovative massing of the project, the project requires a vault and façade projections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the facade projections and the vault projections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the applicant to pursue a streetscape design that does not obstruct the view of drivers exiting the public alley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the applicant explores the installation of rain gardens or rainwater bioswales connected to the proposed placement of tree boxes in order to provide additional support for rainwater mitigation and sustainability practices.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities for Dupont Underground's Design Competition #2

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

WHEREAS, the Dupont Underground is a fantastic community organization which is revitalizing the former streetcar station under Dupont Circle as a creative arts and cultural anchor,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Underground is applying for a Public Art Building Communities Grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities,

WHEREAS, the grant request would support the Re-Think Dupont Circle design competition which will revitalize the stair entryways to the Dupont Underground, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B looks forward to the outcome of the design competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the grant application.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's Regular May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Landry moved to approve the ANC's regular May 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.