



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

The regular July 2021 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: Meg Roggensack (2B01), Daniel Warwick (2B02), Robin Nunn (2B03), Mo Pasternak (2B04), William Herbig (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Michael Scott McKernan (2B07), Matthew Holden (2B08), and Kyle Mulhall (2B09).

### Announcements and Public Comments

#### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Roggensack, Silverstein, McKernan, Nunn, and Herbig gave commissioner announcements.

#### Committee Updates

Commissioner Mulhall, Chair of the ANC's Education and Parks Working Group; and Commissioner Pasternak, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee, gave committee updates.

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

Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Joe Florio, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); and five local residents gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### Land Use Agenda

1457 Swann Street NW – Concept / Two-Story Addition Plus Penthouse at Rear

Commissioner Herbig moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Holden seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-2). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, a concept review application has been submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for a proposed new two-story rear addition and penthouse at 1457 Swann Street NW, located in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed these plans at its regular July 7, 2021 meeting held via Zoom,

WHEREAS, the LUC did not oppose the historic design aspects of the application, and

WHEREAS, the LUC suggested that the applicant considers materials and color schemes to soften the perceived massing; considers the alternative of reducing the length of the addition to the by-right limit; and continues to work with neighbors to address and resolve their concerns about potential zoning issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not oppose the Historic Preservation Review Board application for 1457 Swann Street NW subject to addressing the length of the addition and facade modifications addressing the aforementioned concerns.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public Space Application by Hotel Madera for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 10 Tables and 20 Seats at 1310 New Hampshire Avenue NW**

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

ANC 2B supports Hotel Madera's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1310 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

#### **Public Space Application by Bombay Street Food 3 for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 3 Seats and 6 Tables at 1915 18th Street NW**

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

#### **Public Space Application by Foxtrot Market & Café for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 Tables and 40 Seats at 1601 Connecticut Avenue NW**

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

ANC 2B supports Foxtrot Market & Café's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1601 Connecticut Avenue NW.

## **General Agenda**

### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposed Closure of the Slip Lanes at the Intersection of 16th Street and U Street NW**

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

WHEREAS, the intersection of 16th Street, U Street, and New Hampshire Avenue NW is an intersection of great significance on the border of ANC 2B, ANC 1B, and ANC 1C serving high volumes of transit riders, pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles,

WHEREAS, there are concerns about the dangerous conditions at this intersection due to the convergence of three major arterial streets and the diagonal nature of New Hampshire Avenue NW, which creates dangerous turning conditions,

WHEREAS, the unsignalized turn lanes, also known as slip lanes, from eastbound U Street to New Hampshire Avenue NW southbound and from westbound U Street to New Hampshire Avenue NW northbound are of particular concern as they create conditions where vehicles can turn without slowing down or stopping and increase the potential for pedestrians to come into direct conflict with vehicles,

WHEREAS, the dangerous conditions at this intersection were sadly proven on June 18th, 2021 when a pedestrian was struck during a hit and run car crash and sent to the hospital in critical condition,

WHEREAS, Open Data DC states that since 2015, there have been 233 crashes within a one block radius of this intersection,

WHEREAS, the incoming 16th Street NW express bus lanes will only add more pedestrians attempting to access bus stops at this intersection, and

WHEREAS, ANC 1B formally submitted a Traffic Safety Assessment to the District Department of Transportation in June of 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B strongly supports ANC 1B's request for a Traffic Safety Assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B formally and urgently requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducts the comprehensive traffic safety assessment of the intersection of 16th Street, U Street, and New Hampshire Avenue NW,

especially focusing on the conditions associated with the “slip lane” configuration as soon as can be scheduled and within the 120 day review period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests a public meeting with representatives of DDOT, ANC 1B, ANC 1C, and community stakeholders to discuss improvements to this important intersection.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Performance Parking

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

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B recognizes that residential parking in the District of Columbia is imperfect and is particularly demanded in Dupont Circle and Ward 2,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in support of the recommendations of the District Department of Transportation’s (DDOT) Dupont/Kalorama Curbside Management Study in 2018 (Appendix A),

WHEREAS, a key study recommendation supported by ANC 2B was to institute smaller parking management zones and to implement a pay-to-park program that designates all residential permit parking (RPP) designated public street spaces as requiring payment by all vehicles not having the local zone’s residential parking permit, a valid local zone visitor permit, or other authorized permit,

WHEREAS, dozens of organizations and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners from across the District, including six ANC 2B commissioners, signed onto a letter of support led by DC Sustainable Transportation (DCST) in 2021 in support of this parking pilot (Appendix B), and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B continues to support the parking pilot for our neighborhood of Dupont Circle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B reiterates its previously issued support for this parking pilot in Dupont Circle.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Creation of a Parking Space in Treto Way NW

Commissioner Mulhall moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roggensack seconded the motion. Commissioner McKernan called the question for the motion. The call the question was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-2). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, parking in alleys is illegal under District of Columbia law, with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) granting exceptions in only “very rare cases,”

WHEREAS, these parking laws are in place to prioritize public safety and the movement of people and goods, and DDOT therefore only approves parking where there is no risk to safety and where there is overwhelming community support,

WHEREAS, alleys play a critical role in dense urban neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle by providing reliable access to residences and businesses, and for access by trash haulers and most critically emergency responders,

WHEREAS, illegal parking in Treto Way NW has for many years generated community objections to blocked trash collections, blocked access, and the potential of impeding emergency responders,

WHEREAS these concerns have been brought on multiple occasions to the attention of DDOT, the Mayor’s Office, and Councilmembers by residents asking for parking enforcement since at least 2009,

WHEREAS, Treto Way NW provides emergency access to the rear of the nine-story Louis apartments with approximately 300 residents, Trader Joe’s, multiple food service businesses, the Nolando condominiums with approximately 40 residents, and sole access to two alley dwellings with approximately six residents,

WHEREAS, in the past year DDOT has three times reviewed a request to install a parking space at 1910 Treto Way NW that would reduce the width of the public alleyway in order to install a single parking space for reserved private use,

WHEREAS, DDOT has turned down all three requests with detailed explanations based on the safety assessments by DDOT’s professional staff that parking would compromise safety,

WHEREAS, multiple residents and businesses that depend on reliable access in Treto Way NW have also conveyed their opposition to the installation of parking, and

WHEREAS, DDOT’s last determination was labeled a “final” order and was reviewed and approved by the Director of DDOT and the Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, Lucinda Babers, in March of 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the “final” decision that was made by DDOT and ratified by Deputy Mayor Babers in March of 2021 disapproving the installation of parking in Treto Way NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B believes that the history of community objections and DDOT’s own concerns about access for emergency responders should

disqualify Treto Way NW from future consideration for the installation of parking spaces that would reduce the public right of way.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's Regular April 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Warwick moved to approve the ANC's regular April 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Holden seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's Regular May 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Warwick moved to approve the ANC's regular May 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Holden seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's Regular June 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Holden moved to approve the ANC's regular June 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

#### **Election of a New ANC Chair (Effective 7/15/21) and Election of Other Officers as Needed**

Chair Warwick stated he was resigning from the Chair position at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Herbig moved to elect Commissioner Holden as the ANC's new Chair. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Mulhall moved to elect Commissioner Roggensack as the ANC's new Secretary. The motion was approved by acclamation.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Warwick adjourned the meeting at 10:32 pm.