



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9th, 2021; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

The regular September 2021 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Matthew Holden at 7:03 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

#### Presentation by Allister Chang, Ward 2 Member of the DC State Board of Education

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the DC State Board of Education, and David Alpert, a representative for the Ward 2 Education Council, gave a presentation regarding Ward 2 education updates.

### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Roggensack, Silverstein, and Nunn gave commissioner announcements.

### Committee Updates

Commissioner Pasternak, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), and Commissioner Herbig, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), gave committee updates.

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

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets; Diane Quinn, a Board Member for the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); Joe Florio, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Emmanuel Brantley, the Communications Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Thomas Yabroff, a Special Assistant for the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA);

and a local resident gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda**

#### **The Ven at Embassy Row – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “B” 25% License at 2015 Massachusetts Avenue NW**

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

#### **Blue Moon – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1827 M Street NW**

Commissioner Silverstein 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:

ANC 2B supports Blue Moon’s request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1827 M Street NW.

#### **Twelve After Twelve – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License at 1212 18th Street NW**

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

ANC 2B supports Twelve After Twelve’s application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub license at 1212 18th Street NW with the understanding that there is no increase in overall capacity for the establishment.

ANC 2B also supports Twelve After Twelve’s request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment’s license application.

### **Land Use Agenda**

#### **Presentation Regarding the Updated Plans for the Development Project at 1632 17th Street NW**

John Katinas, the architect for the development project at 1632 17th Street NW, gave a presentation regarding the updated plans for the project.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public Space Application by Perseus for Streetscape Improvements, Including Paving, the Installation of a Bike Racks, and Landscaping, at 1732 15th Street NW**

Commissioner Pasternak 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:

ANC 2B has reviewed Perseus' public space application for streetscape improvements at 1732 15th Street NW and takes no action regarding the application.

Public Space Application by the DowntownDC BID for the Installation of Planters at 725 16th Street NW and 815 16th Street NW

*Commissioner Warwick recused himself from voting on this matter. Commissioner Warwick's recusal statement is attached to these minutes.*

Commissioner Herbig 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 DowntownDC Business Improvement District (BID) seeks to install planters at 725 16th Street NW and 815 16th Street NW to enliven Black Lives Matter Plaza,

WHEREAS, the location of the planters will be located within ANC 2B and the DowntownDC BID,

WHEREAS, over the past twenty four years the DowntownDC BID has worked to enliven and beautify the sidewalks, parks, medians, and Metrorail stations throughout their service area, and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the DowntownDC BID's legacy of public space improvements and public space activations that make the community cleaner, safer, and more vibrant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the DowntownDC BID's application for the installation of planters at 725 16th Street NW and 815 16th Street NW, adjacent to Black Lives Matter Plaza.

Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID for the Creation of a Temporary Pop-Up Park in the Connecticut Avenue NW South Turnaround Lane at 1365 Connecticut Avenue NW

*Commissioner Warwick recused himself from voting on this matter. Commissioner Warwick's recusal statement is attached to these minutes.*

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

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) seeks to create a temporary pop-up park in the Connecticut Avenue NW south turnaround lane at 1365 Connecticut Avenue NW, adjacent to the Connecticut Avenue Overlook,

WHEREAS, the public artwork will be located within ANC 2B and the Golden Triangle BID,

WHEREAS, over the past thirteen years the Golden Triangle BID has installed both permanent and temporary public artworks to enliven the sidewalks, parks, medians, and in Metrorail stations throughout the Golden Triangle neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Golden Triangle BID's legacy of public space improvements and public space activations that make the community cleaner, safer, and more vibrant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID's public space application to install a temporary pop-up park in the Connecticut Avenue NW south turnaround lane at 1365 Connecticut Avenue NW, adjacent to the Connecticut Avenue Overlook.

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Golden Triangle BID's Installation of a Temporary Sculpture at the Intersection of K Street and Connecticut Avenue NW**

*Commissioner Warwick recused himself from voting on this matter. Commissioner Warwick's recusal statement is attached to these minutes.*

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

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) seeks to install a temporary sculpture within the Connecticut Avenue NW median at the intersection of K Street NW,

WHEREAS, the sculpture will be located within ANC 2B and the Golden Triangle BID,

WHEREAS, over the past thirteen years the Golden Triangle BID has installed both permanent and temporary public artworks to enliven the sidewalks, parks, medians, and in Metrorail stations throughout the Golden Triangle neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Golden Triangle BID's legacy of public space improvements and public space activations that make the community cleaner, safer, and more vibrant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID's application and final design for a temporary sculpture to activate the Connecticut Avenue NW median at the intersection of K Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the 2021 17th Street High Heel Race

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

WHEREAS, the High Heel Race on 17th Street NW is held each year on the Tuesday before Halloween and takes place entirely within the boundaries of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the High Heel Race brings many thousands of visitors to our neighborhood in the spirit of good fun, excitement, and camaraderie, and

WHEREAS, the High Heel Race is a great benefit to the independently owned businesses along the 17th Street NW corridor and the rest of Dupont Circle, and brings tens of thousands of dollars in tax revenue to the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in October 2021 is unclear and large events should be conducted following the latest District health guidance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the annual 17th Street NW High Heel Race planned for Tuesday, October 26th, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports all permit applications and requests waivers of any fees for the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages event organizers to work with DC Health to provide COVID-19 testing and/or a vaccination clinic during the event.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Capital Pride Alliance's Colorful Fest on Sunday, October 17th, 2021

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

WHEREAS, October is LGBTQ+ History Month,

WHEREAS, October 11 is observed nationwide as National Coming Out Day, a day of awareness to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and more to come out of the closet,

WHEREAS, Capital Pride Alliance, a DC-based LGBTQ+ nonprofit, seeks to bring together, support, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community after a long period of limited engagement,

WHEREAS, Capital Pride Alliance proposes to host Colorful Fest, a block party and community fair on Sunday, October 17 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church's parking lot at 1507 P Street NW featuring performers, community organizations, artisans, and food and beverage stations,

WHEREAS, Capital Pride Alliance, in partnership with the Friends of Stead Park, proposes to conclude the day's events with an outdoor movie screening at Stead Park at 1625 P Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Special Event Task Group approves this event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Colorful Fest as an important opportunity to bring our community together to observe LGBTQ+ History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports all permit applications and requests waivers of any fees for the event.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Eden Health's Certificate of Need Application at 1615 L Street NW

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

ANC 2B has reviewed Eden Health's Certificate of Need application at 1615 L Street NW and takes no action regarding the application.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Installation of Contraflow Bike Lanes on the 1900-2100 Blocks of 17th Street NW

Commissioner Pasternak moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Holden seconded the motion. Commissioner McKernan called the question for the motion. The call the question was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-1-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent (NOI) #21-195-PSD to install a contraflow bike lane on 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the current traffic pattern presents a challenge for northbound bicyclists on 17th Street NW, and

WHEREAS, DDOT studies have demonstrated that contraflow bike lanes reduce crashes and improve connectivity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports NOI #21-195-PSD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the placement of speed limit signs at 20 miles per hour or lower to improve safety, especially for bicyclists who will be riding with traffic and pedestrians crossing at unsignalized intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that a high visibility crosswalk is installed at 17th Street and Willard Street NW and ADA-compliant ramps are installed at the same intersection to make sure that this is a safe and accessible crossing for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B suggests that DDOT considers the single parking spot on the east side of 17th Street just south of Willard Street NW as a potential loading zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT continues to stay engaged and communicates with Commissioners and the community as it monitors and makes adjustments along the corridor.

### **Administrative Matters**

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

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

#### **Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 3 Financial Report**

Commissioner Mulhall moved to approve the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Roggensack seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Holden adjourned the meeting at 10:10 pm.



Peter Sacco &lt;pesacco@gwmail.gwu.edu&gt;

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**FW: Notice of Recusal from ANC 2B meeting agenda items regarding Golden Triangle BID and Downtown BID**

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**Warwick, Daniel (SMD 2B02)** <2B02.ANC@dc.gov>

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 6:55 PM

To: "Roggensack, Meg (SMD 2B01)" <2B01@anc.dc.gov>, "Nunn, Robin (SMD 2B03)" <2B03@anc.dc.gov>, "Pasternak, Mo (SMD 2B04)" <2B04@anc.dc.gov>, "Herbig, William (SMD 2B05)" <2B05@anc.dc.gov>, "Silverstein, Mike (SMD 2B06)" <2B06@anc.dc.gov>, "McKernan, Michael (SMD 2B07)" <2B07@anc.dc.gov>, "Holden, Matthew (SMD 2B08)" <2B08@anc.dc.gov>, "Mulhall, Kyle (SMD 2B09)" <2B09@anc.dc.gov>  
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FYI

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**From:** Cooks, Ashley (BEGA) <ashley.cooks@dc.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:04 AM**To:** Holden, Matthew (SMD 2B08) <2B08@anc.dc.gov>; Warwick, Daniel (SMD 2B02) <2B02.ANC@dc.gov>**Subject:** RE: Notice of Recusal from ANC 2B meeting agenda items regarding Golden Triangle BID and Downtown BID

Commissioner Warwick,

Thank you for submitting your Notice of Recusal. We will keep a copy on file.

Sincerely,

***Ashley D. Cooks***

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**From:** Holden, Matthew (SMD 2B08) <[2B08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B08@anc.dc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:48 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Notice of Recusal from ANC 2B meeting agenda items regarding Golden Triangle BID and Downtown BID

Thank you, Commissioner Warwick. This information will be noted during the meeting for the record and included in the minutes.

Best,

Matthew Holden

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Commissioner ANC 2B08  
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**Subject:** Notice of Recusal from ANC 2B meeting agenda items regarding Golden Triangle BID and Downtown BID

Hello ANC 2B Chair Holden and Director Cooks,

Please be advised that I am recusing myself the following items on the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 ANC 2B agenda:

- Public space application by the Golden Triangle BID for the creation of a temporary pop-up park in the Connecticut Avenue NW south turnaround lane at [1365 Connecticut Avenue NW](#) (DDOT #378902) (2B07) (10 mins)
- Follow-up presentation by the Golden Triangle BID regarding the installation of a temporary sculpture at the intersection of K Street and Connecticut Avenue NW (5 mins)
- Public space application by the DowntownDC BID for the installation of planters at [725 16th Street NW](#) and [815 16th Street NW](#) (DDOT #377635) (2B05) (10 mins)

My employer is a consulting firm which has active engagements with the respective applicants. Although I am not involved in the work and to my knowledge it is not related to the project under review, there is a financial link between the applicant and my employer which necessitates my recusal.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Best,

Daniel