



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10th, 2021; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

The regular November 2021 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Matthew Holden at 7:02 pm.

### Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Meg Roggensack (2B01), 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, Herbig, Pasternak, 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

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, and Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for the Councilmember's office; Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); and Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Egyptian Street Food by Fava Pot – Application for a New Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 1817 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: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Egyptian Street Food by Fava Pot's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a new Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license at 1817 M Street NW.

### **Announcements and Public Comments (Continued)**

#### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items (Continued)

Declan Falls, a Community Outreach Specialist for Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office, gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### **Land Use Agenda**

#### 1709 17th Street NW – Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Yard Requirements and the Side Yard Requirements to Construct a Rear Addition to an Existing, Attached, Three-Story with Basement, Mixed Use Building

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, Abdollah Poozesh, the applicant for Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) application #20603, is seeking support for special exceptions from the rear yard and side yard requirements to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, three-story with basement, mixed use building at 1709 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee believes that the rear addition is not inconsistent with the historic fabric of the neighboring structures or the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, suggestions were made to eliminate the interior mezzanine and adjust downward the depth and width of the addition to be of equal distances from the property line,

WHEREAS, there is concern over the lack of lack of coordination with, and support from, the owner of the abutting property at 1639-1641 R Street NW,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee believes that the project will benefit from further outreach and engagement by the applicant team with abutting and nearby neighbors on the alley,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee considers the project supportable, pursuant to recommended and suggested actions, and

WHEREAS, the BZA hearing on this project is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the applicant returns to the Land Use Committee with the requested modifications and completed outreach efforts no later than the committee's January 5, 2022 meeting for consideration by the full ANC at its meeting the following week.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public Space Application by Toastique for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 8 Tables, 16 Seats, and 8 Umbrellas at 1899 N Street NW

*The Commission took no action regarding this matter.*

Public Space Application by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for Replanting an Existing Planting, the Installation of a Medallion, and the Replacement of Hardscape with a Garden at 740 Jackson Place NW, 744 Jackson Place NW, and 748 Jackson Place NW

*The Commission took no action regarding this matter.*

Public Space Application by Pisco Y Nazca to Convert the Establishment's Existing Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café to an Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1823 L Street NW

Commissioner Silverstein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Herbig seconded the motion. Commissioner Pasternak made a friendly amendment to the proposed resolution. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Pisco Y Nazca's public space application to convert the establishment's existing unenclosed sidewalk café to an enclosed sidewalk café at 1823 L Street NW. The ANC requests that the applicant works with the Public Space Committee to maximize the width of the pedestrian clear zone along the establishment's L Street NW frontage.

### **General Agenda**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Request for an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Fact Finding Hearing Following Pub Crawls on October 31st, 2021

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

WHEREAS, pub crawls are approved with safety plans and litter plans, and

WHEREAS, photos and videos of the October 31, 2021 pub crawl in the Golden Triangle BID reveal serious public safety and litter problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B joins the Golden Triangle BID in requesting that a fact finding hearing be held to learn what went wrong so that these problems can be avoided in the future.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council Subcommittee on Redistricting's Discussion Ward Boundary Maps for North Dupont Circle

Commissioner Mulhall moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roggensack seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is conducting the legally mandated decennial redistricting of its ward boundaries,

WHEREAS, Ward 1 and Ward 2 have had such stable population levels that no changes are legally required to be made to the ward boundary between the two that also marks the north limit of Dupont Circle's ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the current ward boundary has been in place for twenty years without controversy,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that keeping Dupont Circle unified in one ward facilitates better neighborhood planning on such issues as transportation services and safety, social services, community events, business development, zoning, and encouraging new housing,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has long been the traditional home to the District's LGBTQ community, a community identified under the District of Columbia's Human Rights Act as a protected community of interest,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B remains a home to a large concentration of LGBTQ residents whose voting strength could be diluted if the ward boundaries were moved south, and

WHEREAS, the current ward boundary reflects the long established and widely recognized northern line of the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting recommends to the full DC Council that the current northern ward line between Ward 1 and Ward 2 remains unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the full DC Council gives final approval to a ward map that does not change the current lines between Ward 1 and Ward 2.

### **Administrative Matters**

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

Commissioner Roggensack moved to approve the ANC's regular October 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Budget**

Commissioner Mulhall moved to approve the ANC's FY 2022 budget. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Holden adjourned the meeting at 10:22 pm.