



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular April 2022 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), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), William Herbig (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Matthew Holden (2B08), and Kyle Mulhall (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Holden moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Presentation by Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, gave a presentation regarding the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Roggensack and Herbig gave commissioner announcements.

Committee Updates

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

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; and

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Boogy & Peel – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 115B

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

ANC 2B supports Boogy & Peel's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 115B.

Sushi Taro – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1503 17th Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Chang Chang – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1200 19th Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Chang Chang's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1200 19th Street NW.

Amazon Retail, LLC – Application for a New Retailer's Class "B" Full-Service Grocery License at 1350 Connecticut Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Pop Social – Application for Transfer with a Substantial Change of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License from 470 L'Enfant Plaza SW to 1140 19th Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Pop Social's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for transfer with a substantial change of the establishment's

Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license from 470 L’Enfant Plaza SW to 1140 19th Street NW.

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Restaurants, Hotels, Multipurpose Facilities, Clubs, Marine Vessels, Arenas, and Caterers

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Land Use Agenda

2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW – Concept / Construct Addition at Roof

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

WHEREAS, Maplewood Senior Living, LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #22-184 for the renovation of property at 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, zoned RA-10 and located within ANC 2B02, for the purpose of converting an existing hotel to a senior assisted living community,

WHEREAS, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW is a contributing building in both the Dupont Circle Historic District and the Massachusetts Avenue Historic District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B’s Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly-noticed monthly meeting conducted both in-person and via Zoom on April 6, 2022,

WHEREAS, the concept plans include interior renovations as well as additions to the rooftop and rear areas,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B’s LUC had formerly reviewed a previous concept plan and suggested to reduce visibility of rooftop mechanical units that were visible on the Massachusetts Avenue NW side of the property,

WHEREAS, the current concept plan differs from the previous iteration by using shorter, less visible mechanical units and by changing the Massachusetts Avenue NW-side rooftop cladding from glazed metal and glass to punched windows in masonry,

WHEREAS, the LUC suggested the following changes:

- Consider alternate placement of the mechanical “chiller” units towards the rear, away from the Massachusetts Avenue NW side of the property, and
- Create additional visualizations illustrating viewsheds from locations further along Massachusetts Avenue NW, at a minimum from both Dupont Circle and

Sheridan Circle, to assess visual impact of the proposed mechanical units and rooftop additions.

WHEREAS, by law, the HPRB gives “great weight” to recommendations in duly adopted ANC resolutions and carefully considers the views of community organizations and citizens per DC Code 1-309-10 (d)(3)(a).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports HPRB application #22-184.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the ANC’s Chair, the Land Use Committee’s Chair, and the ANC’s Executive Director be sent copies of the final concept design and actions as approved by the HPRB and/or HPRB staff.

2126 Newport Place NW – Permit / Third Floor Addition at Rear; New Deck and Areaway at Rear

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

WHEREAS, Stavros Papageorgiou has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #22-150 for the renovation of the property at 2126 Newport Place NW, zoned RA-08 and located within ANC 2B06, for the purpose of adding a third floor addition to the rear of the unit,

WHEREAS, 2126 Newport Place NW is a contributing building in the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B’s Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly-noticed monthly meeting conducted both in-person and via Zoom on April 6, 2022,

WHEREAS, the concept plans include a third floor addition, as well as interior renovations and a new areaway in the rear,

WHEREAS, a physical mockup was built and the rear addition was not visible from various viewpoints, including southwest from 21st Street NW, which is more exposed due to the lower height of nearby structures along the block,

WHEREAS, neighboring units on both sides have made similar or identical additions on their properties, and

WHEREAS, by law, the HPRB gives “great weight” to recommendations in duly adopted ANC resolutions and carefully considers the views of community organizations and citizens per DC Code 1-309-10 (d)(3)(a).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports HPRB application #22-150 as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the ANC's Chair, the Land Use Committee's Chair, and the ANC's Executive Director be sent copies of the final concept design and actions as approved by the HPRB and/or HPRB staff.

1818 19th Street NW – Permit / Four-Story Addition a Rear; Demolish Existing Garage and Install Three Parking Spaces

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

WHEREAS, Circle LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #22-244 for the renovation of the property at 1818 19th Street NW, zoned RA-08 and located within ANC 2B01, for the purpose of converting a single-family home into a multi-family residential building,

WHEREAS, 1818 19th Street NW is a contributing building in the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly-noticed monthly meeting conducted both in-person and via Zoom on April 6, 2022,

WHEREAS, the concept plans include restoring the front facade, including windows and terracotta roof tiles; replacing an existing one-car garage structure with three at-grade surface parking spaces; reshaping the rear extension to be smaller and extending it to the second floor; and adding a fourth floor addition,

WHEREAS, a flag test was conducted and confirmed that a fourth floor addition, including the mechanical area atop the roof of the fourth floor, would not be visible from 19th Street NW, but does become visible along Swann Street NW at an approximate distance of 120 feet,

WHEREAS, neighboring properties have similar massing and the additions have been designed to match them, and

WHEREAS, by law, the HPRB gives "great weight" to recommendations in duly adopted ANC resolutions and carefully considers the views of community organizations and citizens per DC Code 1-309-10 (d)(3)(a).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports HPRB application #22-244 pursuant to the following:

- Review visual impacts of any upper additions (including rooftop mechanicals and required life safety fencing) from locations along Swann Street NW due to the fact that the property serves as the western terminus of Swann Street NW and as such alterations have the potential for visibility from distances farther away.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the ANC's Chair, the Land Use Committee's Chair, and the ANC's Executive Director be sent copies of the final concept design and actions as approved by the HPRB and/or HPRB staff.

1312 18th Street NW – Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Yard Requirements and the Side Yard Requirements to Construct a Five-Story, Rear Addition, and Convert to a 15-Unit Inn, an Existing, Attached, Five-Story Office Building

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

WHEREAS, 1312 18th Street Associates, LLC, the applicant for Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) application #20720, is seeking support for special exceptions from the rear yard and side yard requirements to construct a five-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, five-story building at 1312 18th Street NW for the purpose of adding an additional egress stair to the building. The property is zoned MU-21 and located within ANC 2B07. The building, formerly housing offices, is now proposed to be a 15-unit inn,

WHEREAS, the BZA hearing on this project is scheduled for May 18, 2022,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly-noticed monthly meeting held both in-person and via Zoom on April 6, 2022,

WHEREAS, the LUC recognizes that the five-story building currently has only one egress for upper levels, and that the rear addition would house a second egress, moving the building into compliance with the fire code, and

WHEREAS, the LUC recommends that the applicant conducts outreach to residential stakeholders of the neighborhood, including those along the facing street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not oppose BZA application #20720 for 1312 18th Street NW.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's 90% Design Plans for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is approaching the final design milestone of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project,

WHEREAS, since ANC 2B began formally engaging in the deck-over park's design process in 2011, the stakeholders have requested an easily adaptable open space that can be configured by them on-demand for a broad range of programming and activity needs,

WHEREAS, the February 2022 design for the plaza (deck-over park) includes four large planters with built-in seating at the north (Q Street NW) end, and

WHEREAS, the planters occupy considerable space and cannot be relocated without the use of a crane, thus imposing significant limitations on the occupancy and programming of the space and contradicting the requirements and expectations of the stakeholders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT eliminates the planters from the design.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that, aside from perimeter safety elements, DDOT provides a finished vacant space that satisfies the requirements to be readily adaptable and flexible for a broad range of programming and activity needs.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Removal of Two Parking Spaces and Replacement with ADA Parking Spaces on the 1500 Block of Caroline Street NW

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent (NOI) #22-93-TOA for a pilot of unassigned neighborhood ADA parking spaces,

WHEREAS, the pilot will involve replacing two on-street resident permit parking (RPP) spaces nearest the alley on the south side of the 1500 block of Caroline Street NW with two ADA parking spaces for use by persons with disabilities having handicapped plates and Zone 1 or Zone 2 RPP permits, and

WHEREAS, at its August 2021 meeting, ANC 2B unanimously agreed to participate in an unassigned ADA parking space pilot to help facilitate increased ADA parking in residential areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the selection of this location for the ADA parking pilot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT provides adequate indication that these spaces are exclusively for vehicles having handicapped plates and Zone 1 or Zone 2 RPP permits and also provides markings to ensure that drivers do not encroach upon the alley entrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DDOT to provide ANC 2B with summary information at the conclusion of the pilot, including whether the pilot will be expanded, continued, or made permanent in the future.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Funding for the Proposed Extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn Route to U Street NW and Howard University

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

WHEREAS, for over a century, convenient and efficient options for one-seat crosstown travel in DC have languished while dominance of downtown-centric transportation prevailed,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) first proposed extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to U Street NW and LeDroit Park near Howard University in its 2011 Transit Development Plan. At the time, the plan called for implementation in the 2012-2015 timeframe,

WHEREAS, the only direct crosstown service in the vicinity is the infrequent and unreliable Metrobus G2 route, running from Georgetown University to Howard University along P Street NW,

WHEREAS, the lack of convenient options for crosstown travel for residents and workers along the U Street NW corridor creates transit inequity, resulting in many having to pay upwards of \$12 each way for a for-hire ride or rely on automobiles,

WHEREAS, this DC Circulator route extension will provide an invaluable and affordable connection for residents, workers, and visitors alike between the major and minor activity centers along it,

WHEREAS, this extension is urgently needed to support local business recovery from the pandemic,

WHEREAS, this extension supports DC's policies for a cleaner environment and safer streets for all by providing a viable alternative that will encourage the reduction of personal vehicle trips to and from the areas along the extension,

WHEREAS, this extension is consistent with the objectives of the forthcoming bus priority plans for Florida Avenue NW and U Street NW, as well as the U Street NW streetscape project,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has voted to support this extension multiple times since at least 2014 (Attachment A),

WHEREAS, this extension has also been supported by ANC 2A and ANC 2E,

WHEREAS, DDOT last reported to ANC 2B that funding for this extension was expected in DC's FY 2023 budget, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget does not contain the expected funding for this extension.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B respectfully requests that the DC Council includes full funding for the extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to U Street NW and the Howard University area in DC's FY 2023 budget and directs DDOT to expedite the extension's implementation.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Special Event Application for the 2022 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 11th, 2022

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

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle neighborhood is the historic epicenter of DC's LGBTQ+ community,

WHEREAS, the first DC Gay Pride Day was held on 20th Street NW back in 1975,

WHEREAS, pride parades since then have either stepped off or ended in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, a neighborhood that holds a special place in the heart and history of DC's LGBTQ+ community,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade is an event of immense importance to members of the LGBTQ+ community and is a welcoming, affirming event with support and hope for those who are struggling,

WHEREAS, the parade and festival bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to DC, supporting local businesses and providing tax revenues to the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, those visitors patronize neighborhood restaurants and small businesses, especially those in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, providing hope and relief for those that have been struggling,

WHEREAS, many major cities waive all fees related to pride parades, and

WHEREAS, with the escalating attacks on the LGBTQ+ community and especially on trans children, this year's Capital Pride Parade takes on even greater significance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B strongly urges Mayor Bowser's administration to take all possible steps to waive fees for the Capital Pride Alliance to stage this year's Capital Pride Parade along a route that includes the Dupont Circle neighborhood and includes a block party along the section of 17th Street NW named in honor of Frank Kameny.

Administrative Matters

Consideration of a Grant Application by Food For All

Chair Holden moved to approve a \$500 grant to Food For All. Commissioner Mulhall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's Regular March 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Silverstein moved to approve the ANC's regular March 2022 meeting minutes. Chair Holden seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Mulhall moved to approve the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Appointment of a Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee

Chair Holden moved to appoint Commissioner Rueckgauer as Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1).

Adjournment

Chair Holden adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.