



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 13th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular July 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), Robin Nunn (2B03), Christopher Davis (2B04), William Herbig (2B05), Mike Silverstein (2B06), Randy Downs (2B07), Matthew Holden (2B08), and Kyle Mulhall (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Holden moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Presentation by Solana Vander Nat, Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture (MONC), Regarding the Work of the Office

Solana Vander Nat, Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture (MONC), gave a presentation regarding the work of the office.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Downs and Silverstein and Chair Holden gave commissioner announcements.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), gave a committee update.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); and Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Baby Shank – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1602 U 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: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Baby Shank's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1602 U Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Thaiverse DC – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1610 20th Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Thaiverse DC's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1610 20th Street NW pursuant to the ANC entering into a settlement agreement with the applicant.

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

1837 19th Street NW – Concept / New Construction of Two-Story Side Addition with Bay

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

WHEREAS, Circle LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #22-370 for a two-story rear addition to the property at 1837 19th Street NW, which is zoned RA-8 and located within single member district (SMD) 2B08, for the

purpose of converting an existing mixed-use building into a three-unit multi-family condo building,

WHEREAS, 1837 19th Street NW was built as a corner store and is a contributing structure within the Dupont Circle Historic District,

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

WHEREAS, the concept plans include replacing a small attached shed to the rear of the main structure with a two-story addition,

WHEREAS, the proposed rear addition is in lieu of adding a third story that is believed would not be deemed compatible with the historic context,

WHEREAS, the LUC does not oppose the historic design aspects of the application, 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 #22-370.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the applicant to continue engagement with neighbors to explore solutions to mitigate physical impacts of new construction on adjacent properties and address in a timely manner the concerns regarding the requisite zoning relief.

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.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application by Malbec Boutique Argentine Steakhouse for the Installation of a Prefabricated Awning of the Establishment's Existing Sidewalk Café at 1633 17th Street NW

Commissioner Davis 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 Malbec Boutique Argentine Steakhouse's public space application for the installation of a prefabricated awning over the establishment's existing sidewalk café at 1633 17th Street NW.

Public Space Application by Foxtrot for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 10 Tables, 24 Seats, and 3 Umbrellas at 888 17th 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: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Foxtrot’s public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 888 17th Street NW.

Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID for the Installation of Permanent Public Artwork at the Connecticut Avenue Outlook Just South of Dupont Circle at 1365 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID’s public space application for the installation of permanent public artwork at the Connecticut Avenue Outlook just south of Dupont Circle at 1365 Connecticut Avenue NW.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Dupont Underground’s DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Grant Application for the Organization’s Re-Think Dupont Circle Competition Winner

Chair Holden 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 Dupont Underground’s DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities grant application.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC’s Role as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Services

Chair 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:

Findings:

- District of Columbia law has long protected reproductive freedoms by safeguarding access to safe and legal abortions,

- These protections were extended under the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2020” that amended the “Human Rights Act of 1977” to recognize the right to contraception and abortion to all people living in or entering the District of Columbia,
- The DC Council is currently considering legislation to further strengthen reproductive protections in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dodd v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*,
- The DC Council has proposed legislation, the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Act of 2022,” to protect those who support and assist individuals seeking to self-terminate a pregnancy and to shield those who provide, dispense, or transfer any product used for self-managed abortions from any penalties,
- The DC Council is further considering legislation, the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022,” to prevent the District from cooperating with proceedings that seek to impose civil or criminal liability for the protected conduct identified under District of Columbia law, and
- This proposed legislation also creates a private right of action against parties who successfully bring Texas-style bounty claims against others for engaging in conduct protected under District of Columbia law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council and the Mayor to enact the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2022” and the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022” to protect the right of all citizens to safe and legal abortions.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Upgrading the Q Street NW and R Street NW Bike Lanes to Low-Stress, Fully Protected Lanes

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation’s Notice of Intent for a Proposed “No Parking” Zone at 1816 New Hampshire Avenue NW to Facilitate Passenger and Goods Deliveries

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Holden seconded the motion, which 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) #22-185-TOA, advising of the planned replacement of several public parking spaces in front of 1816 New Hampshire Avenue NW with a 40-foot no parking zone,

WHEREAS, the building management of 1816 New Hampshire Avenue NW sought this replacement by DDOT to facilitate passenger pick-up and drop-off and deliveries to and from the building while reducing double-parking and obstruction of the unprotected bike lane on New Hampshire Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Mobility Committee reviewed the NOI at its duly-noticed regular monthly public meeting on June 21, 2022, held via Zoom, and with no objections or concerns raised by the committee or members of the public participating the committee's consensus was to support it, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been presented to the single member district commissioner before or since the committee meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that with no known objections or concerns raised, ANC 2B supports DDOT's NOI #22-185-TOA for the creation of the no parking zone in front of 1816 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B appreciates and thanks DDOT for its responsiveness to the community in this matter.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposed Swann Street NW Dedication in Honor of William Dorsey Swann

Chair 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, streets and avenues in the District of Columbia are typically named for states, geographic locations, famous Americans, flowers, trees, and other things,

WHEREAS, very few of our streets and avenues are named after people who actually lived here and contributed to the life of our city and the quality of life of our fellow citizens,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has led in the honorary renaming of streets within the ANC in honor of Frank Kameny and Annie Kaylor,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the renaming of streets should reflect the rich diversity of those who have contributed to the life of our city in every way,

WHEREAS, Swann Street NW is located in ANC 2B, running from 14th Street NW to 19th Street NW, and is located in the Greater U Street, Sixteenth Street, Dupont Circle, and Strivers' Section Historic Districts,

WHEREAS, William Dorsey Swann (1858-1925) was a Black, Queer Washingtonian who was a former slave and is believed to be the first "Drag Queen" and an early pioneer in the movement for LGBT rights,

WHEREAS, William Dorsey Swann, self-referred to as “The Queen of Drag,” ran a group known as the “House of Swann” and organized balls, largely attended by queer, formerly enslaved men who would gather to dance and crossdress,

WHEREAS, William Dorsey Swann was persecuted by the authorities and arrested multiple times for “impersonating a woman” and “keeping a disorderly house”, and eventually sought a pardon from President Grover Cleveland, making him the first American on record to pursue legal action in defense of LGBT rights,

WHEREAS, it is believed that Swann Street NW is currently named after Thomas Swann, a former Mayor of Baltimore, Governor of Maryland, proponent of white supremacy, and notorious slave owner, and

WHEREAS, rededicating Swann Street NW in honor of William Dorsey Swann would honor the history of the Strivers’ Section Historic District as a Black neighborhood and Dupont Circle’s history as the epicenter of Washington’s LGBT community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Mayor and the DC Council to support, pass, and sign into law legislation to honor DC’s Black and Queer history and elevate the memory of an important historical figure by dedicating Swann Street NW in honor of William Dorsey Swann, the first Drag Queen.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC’s Regular June 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Holden moved to approve the ANC’s regular June 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1).

Approval of the ANC’s FY 2022 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Mulhall moved to approve the ANC’s FY 2022 Quarter 3 financial report. Chair Holden seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Approval of Additional Expenditures for the ANC’s Participation in the Capital Pride Parade

Chair Holden moved to approve expenditures up to \$150 for signage and other ancillary expenses as part of the ANC’s participation in the Capital Pride Parade. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Election of the ANC’s New Chair

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to elect Commissioner Roggensack as the ANC’s new Chair. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Downs moved to elect Commissioner Davis as the ANC's new Vice Chair. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Holden adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.