



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular August 2022 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:01 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), and Kyle Mulhall (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Update from Councilmember Christina Henderson Regarding Her Work on the DC Council

Councilmember Christina Henderson gave an update regarding her work on the DC Council.

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Roggensack and Commissioners Rueckgauer, Silverstein, Downs, and Herbig gave commissioner announcements.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC); Commissioner Herbig, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC); and Commissioner Mulhall, Co-Chair of the ANC's Education and Parks Working Group, 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); Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Niyati Shah, a representative for Ward 2 Mutual Aid; and a local resident gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

The Square-Central Bar – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1825-1875 Eye Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

TBD- Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1825-1875 Eye Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Ozio Martini & Cigar Lounge – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License at 1813 M Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Sura – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2016 P Street NW

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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 protests Sura's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2016 P Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The Commission will drop its protest once the applicant files the agreed change of hours to end operation and alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption at 1:00 am each night.

Momo DC – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1603 17th 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 protests Momo DC's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1603 17th Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood pending the ANC entering into a settlement agreement with the applicant.

Delivered – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1506 19th Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Exiles – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer Class “C” Tavern License at 1610 U Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Exiles’ application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer Class “C” Tavern license at 1610 U Street NW subject to the ANC entering into a settlement agreement with the establishment.

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.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application for Streetscape Improvements, Including Leadwalk Paving and the Installation of a Handrail and Window Well at 1819 15th Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports the public space application for streetscape improvements at 1819 15th Street NW as the application is consistent with prior ANC resolutions regarding the project at that address.

Public Space Application by Colada Shop for a New, Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 Tables and 25 Seats at 1900 N Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Colada Shop’s public space application for a new, enclosed sidewalk café at 1900 N Street NW.

Public Space Application by the Dupont Circle BID for the Installation of Planter Boxes at 1501 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Nunn moved to oppose the Dupont Circle BID's public space application for the installation of planter boxes at 1501 Connecticut Avenue NW. The motion was not voted on due to the lack of a second.

Chair Roggensack moves to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mulhall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B requests a 30-day delay of the consideration of the Dupont Circle BID's public space application for 1501 Connecticut Avenue NW in order to allow the Commission to further discuss the project plans with the applicant.

Commissioner Herbig moved to refer the matter to the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC). Commissioner Mulhall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

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

Commissioner Mulhall moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). 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 Dupont Underground for the Installation of an ADA Lift at 19 Dupont Circle NW

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

ANC 2B supports Dupont Underground's public space application for the installation of an ADA lift at 19 Dupont Circle NW.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding AllCare Family Medicine & Primary Care's Certification of Need Application to Provide Primary Care Medical Services at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue NW

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

ANC 2B supports AllCare Family Medicine & Primary Care's Certification of Need application to provide primary care medical services at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting that the District Department of Transportation Studies Upgrading the Q Street and R Street NW Roadways and Bike Lanes to Current Safety Standards

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

WHEREAS, since the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) launched the bike lane network in the District in the early 2000s, bicycle riding has elevated from a recreational or sightseeing activity to a de facto principal transportation mode,

WHEREAS, the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and all users of the District's streets has become a major concern, with multiple stakeholders citywide calling for major upgrades and design improvements to provide a positive safety environment that eliminates injury or fatality,

WHEREAS, the Q Street and R Street NW east-west bike lanes are among the oldest in the network and DDOT has stated that they do not meet current safety standards for bike lanes on minor arterial roads,

WHEREAS, the number of protected north-south bike lanes installed to date substantially outnumbers protected east-west bike lanes,

WHEREAS, the lack of protected crosstown bicycle infrastructure, combined with deficient crosstown public transit options, perpetuates dependency upon personal vehicles to travel around the city, conflicting with the District's policies calling for reduction of personal vehicle trips and corresponding reduction of the effects of automobiles on the environment, as well as undermining Vision Zero objectives, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Mobility Committee held two public discussion sessions at its regular June and July meetings where the majority sentiment was for DDOT to prioritize the study of options and making the Q Street and R Street NW bike lanes compliant with current standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the multiple stakeholder community effort and requests that DDOT expedites study of Q Street and R Street NW from their western termini in ANC 2B and eastward through the ANC, and to present viable solutions for improved safety for pedestrians and other road users, in addition to upgrading the bike lanes to the current DDOT low-stress standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT undertakes this effort in conjunction with ANC 2B, our neighboring ANCs, and other community stakeholders between Dupont Circle and the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) to arrive at solution alternatives for connecting all with a unified, full-length safe street design with low-stress bike route(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since addressing safety concerns is a very high priority, ANC 2B requests that DDOT works with the ANC, other ANCs, and community stakeholders to identify and implement intermediate low- or no-effort safety improvements where possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B expects and requests that DDOT broadly and effectively engages the public throughout the study process with regular meetings and two-way communication, and that any design solution(s) presented be fully discussed and agreed upon before advancing to a final design or Notice of Intent (NOI).

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's Regular July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mulhall moved to approve the ANC's regular July 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 10:29 pm.