



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

The regular November 2022 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:02 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 by unanimous consent. Without objection the agenda was adopted.

### Announcements and Public Comments

#### Commissioner Announcements

*There were not any commissioner announcements.*

#### Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), and Commissioner Mulhall, Co-Chair of the ANC's Education and Parks Working Group, gave committee updates.

#### Reports from DC Government Representatives

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Declan Falls, a Constituent Services Specialist for Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office; and Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave DC Government reports.

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

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

Sushi Snob – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “D” Restaurant License at 1730 Rhode Island Avenue NW

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

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Taverns and Nightclubs

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

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

Update from the Capital Pride Alliance Regarding DC Hosting WorldPride 2025

Ryan Bos, the Executive Director of the Capital Pride Alliance, gave an update regarding DC hosting WorldPride 2025.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda (Continued)**

Rosebud Liquor – Application to Transfer the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License from 1711 17th Street NW to 1700 17th Street NW

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

Rosemarino D’Italia – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW

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Rosemarino D’Italia – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1714 Connecticut Avenue 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 protests Rosemarino D’Italia’s applications for a substantial change to and renewal of the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Jr's Bar and Grill – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1519 17th Street NW

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

Jr's Bar and Grill – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1519 17th 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: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Jr's Bar and Grill's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1519 17th Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC's protest will be automatically dropped when the applicant amends the application to state that the closing hours for the sidewalk café will be 11:00 pm on Monday through Thursday.

The Fireplace – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 2161 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 The Fireplace's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 2161 P Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Public Bar – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1214 A 18th Street NW #A

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

ANC 2B protests Public Bar's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1214 A 18th Street NW #A based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and the adverse impact on real property values.

Assets – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW

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

Signature Lounge – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW

Chair Roggensack 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:

ANC 2B protests Signature Lounge’s application for renewal of the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

**Land Use Agenda**

1322-1326 18th Street NW – Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Yard Requirements and the Matter-of-Right Uses to Construct a Fifth Story and Rear Addition, and Convert to a Lodging Use, an Existing, Attached, 4-Story Commercial Building

Commissioner Herbig 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:

WHEREAS, Immobiliara, LLC, the applicant for Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) application #20841, is seeking special exceptions from the rear yard requirements and the matter-of-right uses to allow for the redevelopment and expansion of the vacant properties at 1322-1326 18th Street NW, zoned MU-15 and located within ANC 2B, for the purpose of a 62 room, limited service “boutique apartment-hotel,”

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 November 2, 2022,

WHEREAS, the committee reviewed the conceptual design for the renovation of the historic structures and the rear addition,

WHEREAS, the committee raised concerns regarding potential impacts to both public safety and transportation imposed by a limited service “boutique apartment-hotel” at this location and was satisfied with the applicant’s efforts to address community concerns,

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks relief via special exception for hospitality/lodging (not a matter-of-right use) pursuant to Subtitle U § 502 and encroachment into the required rear yard for the proposed addition pursuant to Subtitle G § 605, and

WHEREAS, the committee finds the project plans to be harmonious with the intent of Zoning Regulations and considers the project to be a positive contribution to the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports BZA application #20841 at 1322-1326 18th Street NW, pursuant to:

- Continued coordination and communication between the applicant and the Palladium Condominium Association, located opposite of 1322-1326 18th Street NW, with the goal of coordinating construction in a manner that respects the rights of existing residents to peace, order, and quiet. Areas of coordination include, but are not limited to, construction staging and the use of public space with the goal of mitigating disruptions to traffic, access to the Palladium's parking garage and curb cuts, and excessive construction noise.
- Written clarification and commitment of accommodation for off-site parking for maintenance and service employees for the property, off of the public streets, representing a long-term commitment of not less than five years.
- Written clarification of accommodation for pick-up and drop off of patrons, staff, and support services for the property, not in front of the building in the right of way, whether to confirm a long-term commitment from the adjacent property owners in their service drive as mentioned in the applicant's presentation or a reasonable and viable solution elsewhere in a designated service lane, off of the main thoroughfare.

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 action as finally approved by BZA and/or relevant agency staff.

1820 19th Street NW – Concept / Four-Story Rear Addition

Commissioner Herbig 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:

WHEREAS, Tuscan Ventures, LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #23-037 for the renovation of the property at 1820 19th Street NW, zoned RA-08 and located within ANC 2B01, for the purpose of converting a single-family home into a four-unit multi-family residential building,

WHEREAS, 1820 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 held both in-person and via Zoom on November 2, 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-level parking spaces; reshaping the rear extension to be smaller and extending it to the second floor; and adding a fourth floor addition and rooftop deck,

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 #23-037 pursuant to the following:

- Further review of the visual impact of any upper additions, including rooftop mechanicals and required life safety fencing, on the character of surrounding streets, including 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.
- Continued and ongoing coordination and engagement with a designated representative for the neighbors in the vicinity to coordinate the construction schedule and staging to respect the rights of existing residents to reasonable peace, order, and quiet and the protection of adjacent private property.

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.

#### 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW – Concept / Public Space Enclosure on R Street Elevation

Commissioner Herbig 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:

WHEREAS, Meridian 1666 Connecticut LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #23-042 to enclose the existing area of outdoor dining located on the R Street NW side of the restaurant, zoned MU-20 and located within ANC 2B02, for the purpose of year-round dining use,

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 November 2, 2022,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the proposed dining enclosure would maintain operable “guillotine-style windows” with clear vision glass in an effort to maintain the outdoor cafe character and vibrancy along both Connecticut Avenue NW and R Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the proposed dining enclosure would not exceed the existing outdoor dining floor plate and would not alter existing sidewalk clear zone dimensions along R Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the enclosure would require the addition of rooftop mechanicals and screening,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the concept plans appear to be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and zoning maps and will only have a marginal impact on adjacent properties in this context, 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 #23-042.

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 Flixbus for a New Intercity Bus Stop Occupying 5 Non-Meter Parking Spaces at 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW**

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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 Flixbus’ public space application for a new intercity bus stop at 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW.

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Safety Improvements for 15th Street NW**

*The Commission removed this matter from the ANC’s meeting agenda.*

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Annie’s 75th Anniversary**

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:

WHEREAS, since its founding by George Katinas in 1948, Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse has been a Dupont Circle institution, serving our neighborhood for nearly 75 years,

WHEREAS, Annie’s has long been known for its unwavering support for the LGBTQ community, providing a welcoming and loving environment far ahead of its time. That tradition continues today under the leadership of George’s son, Paul Katinas and his family,

WHEREAS, the restaurant, renamed for George Katinas’ sister Annie in the 1960s, earned a coveted James Beard award in 2019 for its “timeless appeal...and quality food that reflects the character of its community,”

WHEREAS, Annie herself was such an iconic figure in the neighborhood and among the LGBTQ community that Mayor Vincent Gray renamed the street in front of the restaurant after Annie when she passed away in 2013,

WHEREAS, in 2023, Annie’s will be celebrating its 75th year in business on 17th Street NW in Dupont Circle and is planning multiple events throughout the year to recognize its history and renew its bonds with our community, and

WHEREAS, Annie’s intends to initiate its anniversary celebrations this holiday season in December.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B extends our congratulations to Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse and the Katinas family on the occasion of their 75th year in business serving the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Annie’s celebration of its history and 75th anniversary during 2023, including related anniversary events that may be held in public space along 17th Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks the cooperation and assistance of the DC Council and District agencies, including the Department of Transportation (DDOT), Department of Public Works (DPW), Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the Mayor’s Office, to help honor this milestone in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests waivers of any fees for the Annie’s anniversary events.

**Administrative Matters**



## Approval of the ANC's Regular October 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular October 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Silverstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

## Proposed Amendments to ANC 2B's Bylaws

Commissioner Mulhall moved to adopt proposed amendments to ANC 2B's bylaws. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The proposed amendments read as follows:

### RULES OF DECORUM

#### DECORUM OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Commissioners shall refrain from private discourse or other acts tending to distract the attention of the Commission from the business before it.
2. In debate, a commissioner shall confine remarks to the pending question and avoid the use of personalities.
3. It is not the person but the measure that is the subject of debate, and it is not allowable to question or impugn the motives of a commissioner, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms.

#### DECORUM OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. During a meeting of the Commission or of any of its committees:
  - a. No person may commit any act tending to distract the attention of the Commission or Committee from the business before it.
  - b. When recognized to speak, individuals shall limit their comments to the item being discussed at that time and shall respect any time limit specified by the Chair.
  - c. No person may engage in loud, threatening, or abusive language, or disruptive conduct in the meeting space or on any virtual platform with the intent or effect of impeding or disrupting the orderly conduct of business.
2. The Chair shall maintain order during a meeting. If the Chair determines that the removal of a person other than a commissioner is necessary to maintain order, after warning the person, the Chair may deny the person further recognition to speak or order the removal of the person should their conduct indicate continued disruption or threat.
3. Unless permitted by the Chair, no person, other than commissioners or Commission staff may enter the area designated as the dais during a meeting of the Commission

4. In any meeting, including in-person, virtual and hybrid, a person recognized to speak must identify themselves with their full proper name and any organization they are representing in an official capacity.

### Proposed Amendments to ANC 2B's Policies and Procedures Manual

Commissioner Mulhall moved to adopt proposed amendments to ANC 2B's Policies and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The proposed amendments read as follows:

1. ANC 2B's Policies & Procedures Manual is amended by adding a new introductory paragraph under Part II, Section III, Subsection D that reads:

The Commission shall conduct and maintain order of meetings in accordance with the Bylaws and as per guidance from the Office of Attorney General, the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the Council.

2. ANC 2B's Policies & Procedures Manual is amended by adding a new Subsection F under Part II, Section III that reads:

F. Public Comments.

In every public meeting of ANC 2B, the public shall be given time to speak on problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area. At the discretion of the chair, comments may be limited to three minutes per individual and five minutes per organization. Comments shall comply with ANC 2B's rules of decorum.

3. ANC 2B's Policies & Procedures Manual is amended by renaming Part II, Section IV, Subsection B under "Public Announcements" to read "Community Announcements."
4. ANC 2B's Policies & Procedures Manual is amended by adding a new introductory paragraph under Part II, Section IV, Subsection B under "Community Announcement" that reads:

Comments are reserved for reports on past community events and announcements of future community events with the District of Columbia of interest to ANC 2B residents. At the discretion of the Chair, each announcement may be limited to three minutes per individual and five minutes per organization.

### Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 10:11 pm.