

Monthly Report from ANC 2B Re-Districting Task Force
September 1, 2011

General Status Report

The 2B Task Force has held 3 meetings and created a proposal for re-drawn Single Member District boundary lines. The Task Force will now prepare the final report and proposal, including legal descriptions, for endorsement by the ANC at ANC 2B's September 14, 2011 public meeting and subsequent submission to the Council.

Action Items and Activities since August 1, 2011 Report

In the time since the August 1, 2011 report was filed, the Task Force has done the following:

- August 4, 2011 – Published a description of the Task Force's plan of action and distributed the information on-line, using social media, blog, and group forum notices. *See* enclosed "News" posting dated August 4, 2011 (2 pages).
- August 9, 2011 – Held a working session to derive an initial proposal for discussion of new boundary lines. *See* enclosed Google map for detail of initial proposal (1 page).
- August 10, 2011 – Published the initial proposal online, with a complete description, using social media, blog, and group forum notices. Announced a community forum on August 31st to discuss the initial proposal. *See* enclosed "News" posting dated August 10, 2011 (2 pages).
- August 31, 2011 – Held a community forum to discuss the initial proposal and any potential adjustments. No adjustments were suggested at the meeting, and to date no comments have been posted online.



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NEWS: Dupont Circle political redistricting task force sets plan for crafting a 2B proposal

Posted on 04. Aug, 2011 by will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net in [Dupont Circle ANC News / Blog](#), [Meetings](#), [Redistricting](#), [Single Member District](#)

As part of the decennial redistricting process, each Ward Council Member is responsible for creating a ward-wide “subcommittee” to propose re-drawing Single Member District (SMD) and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) boundaries within the Ward based on new census data. In general, each SMD should be home to between 1900 and 2100 residents, though variations are acceptable for certain reasons, such as maintaining neighborhood cohesiveness or adhering to natural boundaries. Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans’ office has for several months invited any interested Ward 2 residents to join the Ward 2 Subcommittee for 2011 redistricting. The kickoff meeting of the Ward 2 Subcommittee was Wednesday, July 13th at the Wilson Building.

The Ward 2 Subcommittee is further broken down into “task forces” for each ANC in Ward 2. Each Task Force is responsible for providing a recommendation for the re-drawing of SMD lines — and, if warranted, recommendations on any changes to ANC external boundaries. The Task Force for the Dupont Circle ANC (2B) currently includes all 9 ANC 2B Commissioners (Will Stephens, Mike Feldstein, Mike Silverstein, Phil Carney, Kevin O’Connor, Bob Meehan, Jack Jacobson, Victor Wexler, Ramon Estrada), along with the 2B resident community representatives that volunteered to Jack Evans’ office (Debbie Hanrahan, Ed Grandis, and Phyllis Klein).

The 2B Task Force had an initial meeting on Tuesday, July 26th at the Dupont Resource Center to set in motion a plan for submitting a proposal for 2B political boundaries with community input, prior to the Council’s final deadline of Oct. 1st. After discussing the process and being briefed by Ward 2 Subcommittee Chair Tim Birch of the Georgetown ANC, the Task Force came up with the following plan:

The 2B Task Force will meet Tuesday, Aug. 9th to draw up an initial proposal for SMD boundaries. This initial draft will be posted on this News/Blog page and elsewhere, and the 2B Task Force will solicit comments for just over three weeks. There will be a community forum on **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30pm (location TBA)** to further discuss the plan. **Please save the date for this important discussion!** The 2B Task Force will thereafter meet again to make changes based on the comments received and the community forum. Subsequent meetings/discussions will be announced by the end of the month. The goal is for the 2B Task Force to create a final 2B boundary plan that can be endorsed by the ANC and community by mid-September.

For more information on redistricting — including census data, maps, and relevant rules — please follow this link to redistricting information from the D.C. Council:
<https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/redistricting/>.

Note: If you are interested in joining the Ward 2 Subcommittee — whether you live in the Dupont area or not — please contact Andrew Huff at Jack Evans' office (ahuff@dccouncil.us) and Ward 2 Subcommittee Chair Tom Birch (bircht@earthlink.net).

2 Responses to “NEWS: Dupont Circle political redistricting task force sets plan for crafting a 2B proposal”

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Mike Silverstein 5 August 2011 at 8:38 am #

It is important to note that the boundaries of the Dupont Circle ANC will remain the same, and, since our population numbers have increased by only 1.4%, we will still have nine SMDs.

Two SMD's have had population increases that put them well beyond the 2100 maximum. Those are 2B02 and 2B06. Two other SMDs 2B01 and 2B09, have had population declines that place them below the 1900 minimum.

Though the Subcommittee has the legal authority to redraw SMD boundaries any way it chooses within the guidelines, the population changes have been minimal and no new districts will be created and no existing districts will be eliminated. It is possible the new boundaries could be drawn with only slight modifications to most SMD's.

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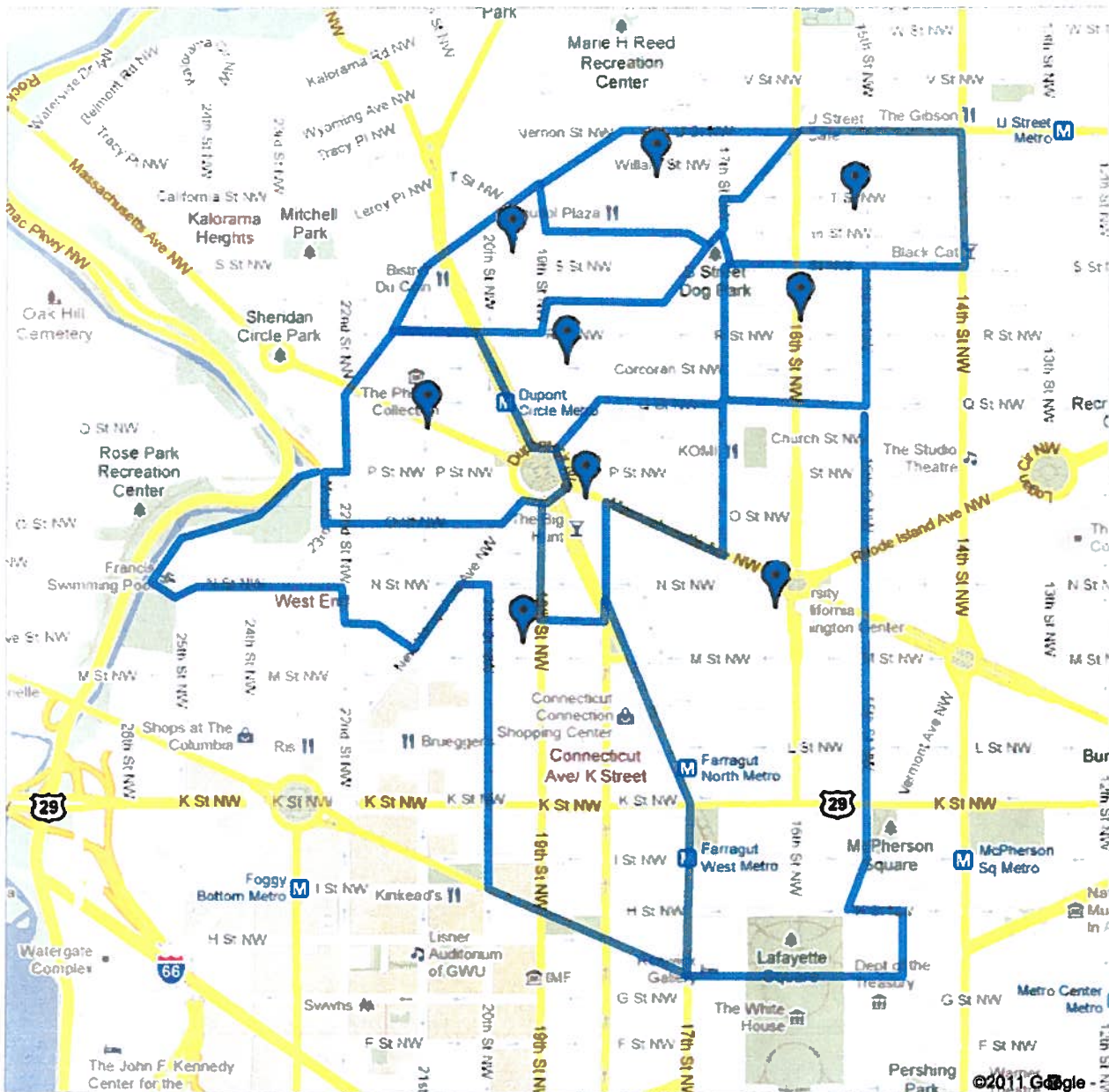
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Proposed ANC2B SMD Boundaries (2010 Census)

The proposed boundaries for the single member districts of ANC2B as directed by the figures from the 2010 Census.

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NEWS: 2B Re-districting Task Force Creates Initial Proposal for Discussion – Meeting 8/31/11

Posted on 10. Aug, 2011 by will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net in [Dupont Circle ANC News / Blog](#), [Redistricting](#), [Single Member District](#)

The 2B Re-districting Task Force has released its initial proposal for public discussion for re-drawing the SMD boundaries of ANC 2B. For background information on re-districting and the 2B Task Force, please see our prior post here: <http://www.dupontcircleanc.net/2011/08/04/dupont-circle-political-redistricting-task-force-sets-plan-for-crafting-a-2b-proposal/>. There are also documents listed below which you can use to play around with re-drawing the boundaries.

The Task Force's proposal is available at the following link: <http://bit.ly/ocgxN2>. (Note: Thanks to Commissioner Kevin O'Connor for creating the easy-to-read Google map.)

The Task Force aimed to address the following issues:

- Districts 2B02 and 2B06 have populations that currently exceed the preferred range (over 2100), while 2B01 and 2B09 have populations that fall below the preferred range (under 1900).
- Where changes are needed, the resulting districts should be compact, reflect neighborhood cohesion, and be within the preferred range 1900-2100.
- Where possible given the population data, boundary changes should more equitably distribute business district areas (i.e., liquor licenses), which are currently distributed heavily in 2B02, 2B05, and 2B06.
- Where changes are needed, it makes sense for multiple districts to be adjacent Dupont Circle park.

The Task Force took the following specific steps in forming the proposal:

- Census block 55.5002 moves from 2B06 to 2B02. This better unifies the P Street “Restaurant Row” corridor and brings 2B06 within the preferred population range.
- Census block 55.2000 moves from 2B06 to 2B02. This unifies the P Street “Restaurant Row” into one SMD. After the below changes are incorporated, this change leaves 2B02 with about a dozen people more than the upper limit of the preferred range (2100), but it also results in more compact districts and reflects cohesive neighborhoods. This change is preferable but not necessary.
- Census block 107.2005 moves from 2B02 to 2B06. This creates more compact districts and brings 2B06 adjacent to the Circle.
- Census blocks 55.1001 and 55.1002 move from 2B02 to 2B01. This brings 2B01 within the preferred population range.
- Census block 42.02.1006 moves from 2B02 to 2B03. This brings 2B03 over to Conn. Ave. NW, including the business district.
- The area south of Q Street down to the Circle, between Conn. Ave. NW and NH Ave. NW, go into 2B03. This brings 2B03 adjacent to the Circle.
- Census block 42.01.1006 moves from 2B03 to 2B09. This leaves 2B03 in the preferred population range.
- Census block 42.01.1005 moves from 2B08 to 2B09. This leaves 2B09 in the preferred population range.
- The area south of the Circle, between 19th St. NW and Conn. Ave. NW, down to Jefferson Pl. NW, go into 2B07. This creates more compact districts and better distributes business district areas.
- No changes to 2B04 or 2B05.

The following documents are useful in assisting with the current re-districting process:

- 2B map with census blocks and population figures ([MS Word](#))
- 2B map with census blocks only ([MS Word](#))
- 2B population change from 2000-2010 by SMD ([MS Excel](#))
- 2B population deviation by SMD (showing current deviation from the ideal 2000 residents per SMD) ([MS Excel](#))
- 2B complete population data by SMD only ([MS Excel](#))
- 2B complete population data by census block only ([MS Excel](#))
- 2B complete population data by SMD and census block ([MS Excel](#))
- “Two Scenarios” (showing the steps to crafting a proposal, as well as other boundary options the Task Force considered) ([MS Word](#))

Feel free to comment below, or contact your ANC Commissioner, or contact anyone on the Task Force. The members of the Task Force are listed in the [link](#) shared above, and ANC contact information is on our [Commissioners](#) page. In addition, there will be a public forum on the Task Force’s proposal on **Wednesday, August 31st from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Washington Hilton** (T Street between Conn. Ave. NW and Florida Ave. NW).

We look forward to your comments. Please also remember that anyone who resides in 2B may volunteer for the Ward 2 Subcommittee, and thus be a member of the 2B Task Force, by contacting Jack Evans’ office through Andrew Huff (ahuff@dccouncil.us).

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