

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

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Re: Application for public space sidewalk cafe at 1629 16th St N.W., Chopt Restaurant, DDOT Tracking Number 59659. Hours of Operation Mon-Fri. 10:30am to 8pm, Sat. 11 am-5pm.

Dear Ms. Harrison:

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2011, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With nine of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission took no action. However, we were extremely disappointed in the manner this application was handled by DDOT. We received notice of the application, with 30 business days to respond. However, prior to this deadline, this item was put on the DDOT public space agenda and approved. Therefore, the ANC did not have an opportunity to weigh in. The SMD Commissioner, Victor Wexler, was going to recommend that we make no objection to this particular application, because of its location and hours, but we did not even have that opportunity here.

Victor Wexler (<u>victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net</u>), Commissioner Mike Feldstein (<u>mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) and myself (<u>will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives on this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

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