

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

The regular January 2024 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), Vincent Slatt (2B03), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zach Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

**Election of 2024 Commission Officers**

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Roggensack to serve as the ANC's Chair for 2024. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Adams to serve as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Adams nominated Commissioner Slatt to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2024. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Franklin to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The nominees were voted on and Commissioner Franklin was declared the winner (VOTES: 1 vote for Commissioner Slatt, 7 votes for Commissioner Franklin).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Adams nominated Commissioner Slatt to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2024. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion. The nominees were voted on and Commissioner Slatt was declared the winner (VOTES: 8 votes for Commissioner Slatt, 0 votes for Commissioner Davis).

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Roggensack adopted the ANC's meeting agenda by unanimous consent.

**Announcements and Public Comments**

**Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto**

Councilmember Brooke Pinto gave an update regarding her work on the DC Council.

**Reports from DC Government Representatives**

Captain Sharde Harris and Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; Grace Reeder, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Harold Davis, a Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW); and Christophe Wassmer, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave DC Government reports.

## Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Johnson gave commissioner announcements.

## Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), and Commissioner Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), gave committee updates.

## Update Regarding DC Statehood as Part of the 50th Anniversary of the Start of ANCs

Noah Wills, a representative for the D.C. Statehood Pledge, gave an update regarding DC statehood as part of the 50th anniversary of the start of ANCs.

## Update Regarding AARP's Outreach Work and Age-Friendly Advocacy Efforts

Laura Dominguez, a Community Outreach Volunteer for AARP's DC State Office, gave an update regarding AARP's outreach work and age-friendly advocacy efforts.

## 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 two local residents gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

## **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda**

### Embers – Application for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1821 18th Street NW

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was then withdrawn.

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

ANC 2B supports Embers' application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1821 18th Street NW.

### Doobie District – Application for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1526 U Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Doobie District's application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1526 U Street NW.

## **Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public Space Application for Streetscape Improvements, Including New Sidewalk, New Street Trees, New Retaining Walls, Relocation of a Capital Bikeshare Station, and New Bike Racks, at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW

*Commissioner Davis recused himself from voting on this matter.*

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

ANC 2B supports the public space application for streetscape improvements, including the relocation of a Capital Bikeshare station, at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

## **General Agenda**

### **Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study to Replace the L Street NW and M Street NW Bike Lanes with a Two-Way Cycletrack on M Street NW**

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

WHEREAS, the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lane couplet provides well-used east-west bicycle connections between 12th Street NW and 25th Street NW (L Street NW, eastbound) and 14th Street NW and 27th Street NW (M Street NW, westbound),

WHEREAS, the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes were upgraded to protected lanes approximately 10 years ago to improve safety,

WHEREAS, there remain many locations along the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes that are dangerous to cyclists due to design issues or other conditions that cannot be easily remedied,

WHEREAS, the L Street NW bike lane has sourced many complaints due to its placement on the "left" side of the road, traveling in the same direction as traffic and the inevitable conflicts arising from the confusing orchestration of vehicles making left turns across the bike lane, as well as vehicles traveling northbound having sightline issues, especially at Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the best description of the M Street NW bike lane is "chaotic" arising from its frequently weaving across right-turn movements, pedestrians stepping off the curb without looking, poor sightlines created by parked vehicles, and the problematic intersections at Connecticut Avenue and 21st Street/New Hampshire Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, drivers on both L Street NW and M Street NW have poor comprehension of how they are supposed to turn across the bike lanes by merging in advance of the intersection, and as a result frequently turn from the through lane and hook cyclists,

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of wrong-way cyclists along M Street NW, and due to the nature of the mixing/crossover zones, this increases the risk of head-on crashes between cyclists and drivers,

WHEREAS, forcing cyclists to mix with turning drivers does not create a low-stress or comfortable environment for cyclists and means that the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes do not fall into the eight-to-eighty type of bikeway that is comfortable for all users,

WHEREAS, cyclists heading east from the Key Bridge and M Street NW in Georgetown must traverse two blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue NW where the street widens to eight lanes and must turn left from the leftmost of a double left turn lane to access the L Street NW bike lane,

WHEREAS, the M Street NW bike lane does provide access to Georgetown, but only for westbound cyclists and not eastbound cyclists,

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, Nijad Huseynov was struck in the L Street NW bike lane at 12:44 am by a vehicle traveling northbound on Connecticut Avenue NW and succumbed to his injuries on October 21, 2023,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero Fatal Crash Follow Up Memo D23-41 cited signal timing and sightlines along Connecticut Avenue NW as contributing factors and recommended adjustment to the length of the all-red phase and landscaping changes to improve visibility, which are consistent with the concerns that have been raised about that intersection,

WHEREAS, there is growing demand for safe crosstown bicycle travel in the Central Business District, as evidenced by the great enthusiasm for bike lanes as part of the now indefinitely-delayed K Street Transitway,

WHEREAS, in the past decade, the state of design for low-stress bikeways has evolved and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has begun using strategies such as bike signals, protected intersections, and more resilient barriers to separate bicyclists from traffic, which have been developed since the construction of the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes, and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to improve safety of the L Street NW and M Street NW corridor, provide greater capacity, and lay the groundwork for eventual extension eastward to the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) and westward into Georgetown.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT conducts a study of the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes, including safety improvements, especially at the aforementioned challenging intersections; possibly moving the L Street NW bike lane to the south side of the street for all or part of its route; converting the M Street NW bike lane into a two-way cycletrack along its current route (potentially replacing the L Street NW bike lane); devise options for extending a two-way M Street NW cycletrack eastward across Thomas Circle to the MBT via M Street NW; and implement state-of-the practice design treatments such as bike signals, protected intersections, and resilient barriers to these corridors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as DDOT has stated that it is developing a strategic plan for future bike lane development, ANC 2B requests that this study be included as an extremely high priority for upgrading and modernizing existing facilities to enhance safety and utility.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study to Replace the N Street NW Bike Lane Segments with a Contiguous Contraflow Eastbound Lane

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

WHEREAS, the street grid in Dupont Circle is challenging to cyclists wishing to travel east and west in the area north of downtown, with no continuous streets with bike facilities permitting eastbound travel between L Street NW and Q Street NW,

WHEREAS, L Street NW carries high traffic volumes and has a bike lane with an outdated design that does not provide a low-stress bike facility,

WHEREAS, M Street NW and its bike facility is one-way westbound; O Street NW is discontinuous through the Dupont Circle neighborhood; P Street NW is a busy minor arterial lacking bike facilities and is interrupted by the difficult-to-navigate Dupont Circle and Logan Circle, and Massachusetts Avenue NW is a busy minor arterial that neither has bike facilities nor is a likely candidate for such,

WHEREAS, N Street NW is variously two-way (25th Street NW to 22nd Street NW, 17th Street NW to Bataan Street NW, and Corregidor Street NW to 15th Street NW), one-way westbound (22nd Street NW to 18th Street NW), and one-way eastbound (18th Street NW to 17th Street NW), and

WHEREAS, the installation of an eastbound bike lane on N Street NW between 22nd Street NW and Bataan Street NW should not require any major infrastructure construction or cause adverse impacts upon parking or other roadway uses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) replaces the existing bike lane facilities on N Street NW between 22nd Street NW and Bataan Street NW with a continuous eastbound bike lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that special attention be given to the safety of cyclists traversing the intersection with Connecticut Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT includes this project in its FY 2025 plans.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study and Alternatives for Improving Curbside Management and Public Parking in ANC 2B

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

WHEREAS, in 2014 the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a broad curbside management study that included the Dupont Circle neighborhood,

WHEREAS, in early 2018 DDOT requested ANC 2B's input for improving parking and curbside management and the ANC issued our recommendations that July,

WHEREAS, key recommendations included a pilot that multiple ANCs could participate in with smaller Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zones; replacing the existing concept of RPP with all public spaces converted to pay-to-use at all times for anyone without a valid resident or other permit; implement flex parking spaces based on the time of day/day of week uses; implement variable parking rates to discourage overstaying by raising the fee the longer one stays; centralize all permits in an online system that works with license plate readers and pay-by-phone/pay-by-plate services in real time; identify locations for more commercial loading and nightlife parking; improve signage and wayfinding with "at-a-glance" and other visuals; and consistent and timely enforcement,

WHEREAS, it was recognized that DC Council and executive action would be required to authorize such changes and provide funding,

WHEREAS, due to organizational changes at DDOT the curbside pilot program did not take place,

WHEREAS, the decennial redistricting in 2022 and 2023 moved former ANC 2B areas south of M Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW to ANC 2C; ANC 2B no longer has primarily commercial areas, allowing concentration on the curbside needs of our residential and mixed-use core,

WHEREAS, changes in habits for shopping, food delivery, and commuting, underway before the pandemic became firmly established and since, created considerable changes to curbside utilization and priorities in ANC 2B and citywide, and

WHEREAS, in January 2024 ANC 2B and DDOT initiated a fresh and productive discussion of curbside management needs in Dupont Circle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT works with the ANC to study and develop solutions for the ANC's curbside management needs, building upon the 2018 recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that among the needs identified, accommodation for short-term parking for delivery drop-offs, restaurant takeout pick-ups, commercial delivery vehicles, and passenger pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) are a relatively high priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solutions are needed to improve the parking experience for businesses along 17th Street NW between P Street and S Street NW, 18th Street NW between R Street and U Street NW, and P Street NW between 20th Street and 22nd Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solutions are needed to improve the ADA parking experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that study is needed regarding whether current and projected traffic volume coming into and leaving the Central Business District may reduce or eliminate the need to continue rush hour parking restrictions along streets that do not have bus lanes or are not designated bus priority.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study and Alternatives for Improving 17th Street NW Between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution to expand the number of blocks on 17th Street NW that the ANC is asking DDOT to study. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 3-4-1). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2019 ANC 2B and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) agreed upon the reconfiguration of 17th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW to accommodate a two-way protected cycletrack,

WHEREAS, the configuration was to be (west to east): two-way cycletrack, three-foot buffer, non-commercial vehicle parking, parking lane, curbside lane hosting flexible spaces for commercial loading zones and pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) zones, and general parking that would vary based upon time of day or day of the week,

WHEREAS, the east curb lane was to have been one of the pilot sites for DDOT's "One Side of the Street Only Loading" that required all delivery vehicles to only park and load and unload in designated spaces with additional flex loading spaces allocated on the side streets of P Street NW, Q Street NW, Corcoran Street NW, and R Street NW, flanking 17th Street NW, that were to be for vehicles such as moving vans and commercial package deliveries (UPS, FedEx, etc.),

WHEREAS, organizational changes at DDOT and then the COVID pandemic resulted in the delay of the project,

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020 DDOT presented a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the 17th Street NW project, with a significantly altered configuration that split the bike facility on both sides of the street (southbound sharrow in the travel lane; protected contraflow northbound on the east curb); with delivery truck parking on the outside of the northbound lane; a subsequent revision included accommodation for streaterly parklets for several restaurants,

WHEREAS, while the current configuration has resulted in slowing traffic, it is frequently criticized as being confusing and dangerous for pedestrians (having to cross two bike lanes, frequently with obstructed sightlines and cyclists going the wrong way in either lane); cyclists (delivery drivers frequently place goods in the northbound bike lane); drivers (difficult to tell what are legal parking spaces, where to make turns, and bikes going both ways in the lanes); inadequate signage (directing pedestrians to look both ways at the bike lanes, cyclists to yield to pedestrians, and obey traffic signals at crosswalks and intersections),

WHEREAS, some residents have questioned the need for streaterly parklets to continue operating as indoor dining has been back since 2022 and most of the establishments with streateries also have their own sidewalk café dining spaces, and they feel that the space should be returned for a better streetscape experience,

WHEREAS, the design arrived at by DDOT and ANC 2B in 2019 provided a configuration that is easy to understand by all users, placing pedestrians, bicycles, parking, travel lane, and loading zones in predictable and consistent locations, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 design offers two options for community use of the street for events: from the buffer at the cycletrack to the east curb line (allowing the cycletrack to remain in use while an event is taking place) or full curb-to-curb with the cycletrack temporarily out of service by DDOT removing the separators before and restoring them after an event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT implements the 2019 design plan for the 17th Street NW protected cycletrack between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW along the west curb, one-side-only commercial loading, short term customer parking at the hardware store, flex purpose parking spaces on the east side of the street, and truck spaces where feasible flanking 17th Street NW at P Street NW, Q Street NW, Corcoran Street NW, and R Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT coordinates the reconfiguration of 17th Street NW with Safe Routes to School improvements at the intersection with R Street NW in order to provide a unified safety experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT prioritizes this project for FY 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT explores ways of improving the parking experience in the corridor for employees and customers of the many businesses along 17th Street NW as part of an ANC-wide curbside management project in Dupont Circle.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Councilmember Brooke Pinto's FY 2025 Budget Priorities

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

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#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding LGBT+ Senior Housing Options

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:

WHEREAS, the DC Government has established a task force to advise and help oversee the establishment of a senior wellness center in Ward 2 and another in Ward 3, the only wards without such centers,

WHEREAS, the task force has commenced its work by beginning the process of considering site selection and scope, with a charge to imagine various locations and services and to “think outside the box,”

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the largest percentage of LGBT+ households in the nation, and yet does not have any dedicated LGBT+ affirming senior housing – not a single bed at this time,

WHEREAS, both Ward 2 and Ward 3 have multiple locations with excellent mass transit options, nearby medical facilities, and neighborhoods with welcoming safe spaces for LGBT+ seniors from all over the District,

WHEREAS, some of those locations include buildings where a senior wellness center could be co-located with senior housing that welcomes our LGBT+ community, and

WHEREAS, other major cities have successfully co-located an LGBT+ affirming senior house in wellness centers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B wishes the Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) and the task force every success in your work and the ANC urges you to consider seeking and exploring options that might address the need to provide safe and affirming housing for our LGBT+ seniors as part of at least one of the new senior wellness centers.

#### **Administrative Matters**

##### Approval of the ANC's 2024 Meeting Calendar



Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's 2024 meeting calendar. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The 2024 meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular August Meeting: Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

#### Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Approval of the Addition of New ANC Officers as Signatories for the ANC's Checking Account

Chair Roggensack moved to approve the addition of new ANC officers as signatories for the ANC's checking account. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Discussion of ANC Committees for 2024 and Appointment of Committee Chairs

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Rueckgauer to serve as the Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC) for 2024. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the Chair of ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC) for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Johnson to serve as the Chair of ANC's Complex Applications (CAPP) Working Group for 2024. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's Regular December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular December 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Approval of Technical Corrections to the ANC's FY 2024 Budget

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve technical corrections to the ANC's FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

## **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 10:19 pm.