

ANC 2B August 14th Draft Motions Packet

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

New:

Dreams Wellness LLC- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer to be located at 1829 M Street NW (ABRA-127574) (2B05) (10 min)

To be determined

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public space application for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1837 M Street NW (DDOT-11071713) (2B05) (5 mins)

WHEREAS, Dog Haus (“Dog Haus”, “Applicant”) has applied for use of a sidewalk café space at 1837 M Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has a standard guideline that a minimum of 10 feet of sidewalk be maintained between the outer edge of a sidewalk seating area and the nearer of the curb, or a fixed object including tree boxes, parking meters, bike racks, lampposts;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B does consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis where a proposed seating area is next to a staircase, stoop, or is consistent other DDOT-permitted sidewalk occupancy on the block, provided pedestrians (including those using wheelchairs, baby carriages, wheeled luggage, personal shopping carts) are able to safely pass;

WHEREAS, the applicant’s submitted plan extends beyond the existing stairways, leaving a 5 feet or less of clearance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant’s submitted plan includes no accommodation for the trash and recycling cans currently stored against the building; and

WHEREAS, the only supportable configuration of the café seating would be small tables placed against the building and parallel to the front so the seating area would remain entirely within the envelope of the stairway. Perpendicular seating would not be acceptable as it would interfere with pedestrian use of the sidewalk;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B and other District Government agency reviewers requested the applicant submit new plans to address our consistent concerns however no revised plans have been submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B OPPOSES the Public Space Permit Application # 11071713 by Dog Haus Restaurant for use of public space for a sidewalk café at 1837 M Street NW.

General Agenda (15 mins)

Consideration of a resolution concerning the 17th Street High Heel Race (5 min)

The 36th Annual 17th Street High Heel Race is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, and the ANC fully supports this event and urges HSEMA, DDOT, MOLGBTQA, MPD, and ABCA to:

- Schedule a meeting by the end of August 2024, to take place within the first two weeks of September 2024, with representatives of the 17th Street Businesses, the Historic DuPont Circle Main Streets and the DuPont BID concerning event plans
- Implement traffic and safety plans from the Capital Pride Block Party as a model for this event
- Expand those traffic plans to include closing S Street NW between NH and 16th Streets; and, also 17th St between NH and S St. This is a necessary addition to coincide with the DC Council-funded historical marker being placed at the S Street Dog Park in honor of William Dorsey Swann, the formerly enslaved Black Drag Queen after whom Swann Street has been rededicated. We anticipate heightened foot traffic at these blocks, expecting hundreds of revelers at the park, and urge all traffic be diverted from the area
- Plan for the consideration and permission of food trucks along the 1600 Block of Corcoran St NW and the 1700 Block of Church St NW.
- Provide for the temporary suspension of open container laws and the extension of liquor licenses for outside and to-go service and sales for all businesses and public spaces located between 16th St and NH Ave, between P and S Streets
- Increase the use of wayfinding signs to assist revelers towards public transportation, including and especially the Farragut Square Orange/Blue/Silver Station and the U Street Green Station.
- To present plans at the October convening of ANC 2B, scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024; and,
- To prepare an after-action report on the event to be submitted to the ANC 2B by the end of calendar year 2024.

Consideration of a resolution regarding pending legislation on [Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage](#) and [General Contractor Licensing](#) (5 min)

Whereas the Department of Buildings is working to improve residential construction permit application, oversight and enforcement

Whereas such reform is urgent and necessary due to ongoing concerns about building construction safety practices and increasing incidents of building collapses, and structural damage to adjacent and adjoining properties

Whereas the Committee of the Whole is considering Bill B25-0654 – *Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Amendment Act of 2024* which proposes reforms that address some of the concerns expressed by property owners who have been adversely affected by construction activities resulting from inadequate licensing and permitting requirements in the District of Columbia.

Whereas the Committee of the Whole has raised questions regarding deficiencies in the proposed Bill that will not achieve the stated goals; specifically, to enable affected adjacent property owners to make direct claims for damage with the insurer of the project. Also, to ensure that general contractors are properly credentialed and are in full compliance with DC laws, including employment laws.

Whereas the Committee of the Whole is now engaging with some of the stakeholders affected by this legislation, however, engagement with affected adjacent property owners and their ANC representatives has yet to take place.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole staff schedule meeting(s) with hearing witnesses and their representatives, to obtain additional perspectives from affected property owners and to ensure that these proposals achieve their stated goals.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 that expressly requires that adjacent property owners are designated as additional insureds on developer/contractor project liability insurance policies.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 to require meaningful qualification and accountability processes for general contractors undertaking residential construction projects in the District of Columbia, that are consistent with those in adjacent jurisdictions.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 to require that any general contractor seeking a license be required to certify and substantiate compliance with applicable requirements of DC employment and labor laws.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's regular [July 2024 meeting minutes](#) (2 min)

Approval of the ANC's [FY 2024 Quarter 3 financial report](#) (2 min)