



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular August 2023 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:03 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were: Meg Roggensack (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), China Dickerson (2B04), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Patricia Bencivenga (2B07), Zach Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Chair Roggensack seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

Announcements and Public Comments

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Roggensack and Commissioner Adams gave commissioner announcements.

Announcement Regarding ANC 2B's Capital Pride Town Hall on Thursday, Aug 10th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas' Parish at 1517 18th Street NW

Commissioner Slatt gave an announcement regarding ANC 2B's Capital Pride Town Hall on Thursday, Aug 10th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas' Parish at 1517 18th Street NW.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), and Commissioner Johnson, Chair of the ANC's Complex Applications (CAPP) Task Force, gave committee updates.

Reports from DC Government Representatives

Christopher Powell, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Victoria Casarrubias, the Scheduler and Office Assistant for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office; and Sergeant Reinaldo Otero, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, 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), and Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Bread Furst – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1600 21st 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: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Bread Furst has applied for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license, with summer garden and carry-out and delivery endorsements, for a restaurant at 1600 21st Street NW, which is located in single member district 2B02 of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the establishment will be a restaurant serving pastries, sandwiches, soup, salads, and bowls with an occupancy load inside the premises of 42 and seating for 29, a summer garden with 35 seats, and a total occupancy of 77,

WHEREAS, the restaurant will be located wholly within the footprint of the Phillips Collection museum and will only serve patrons visiting the museum with no direct access from the street by the general public,

WHEREAS, the operating hours requested are 9:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, with serving hours of 10:00 am to 9:00 pm daily. The museum’s daily hours generally are 11:00 am to 6:00 pm (later for certain events), which limit the actual hours that the restaurant may operate,

WHEREAS, Bread Furst has requested that ANC 2B supports a stipulated license to commence service immediately, and

WHEREAS, Bread Furst’s operation is such that a settlement agreement is not deemed necessary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Bread Furst’s application and requests that the ABC Board grants a stipulated license so that the establishment may commence operation.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by Residents DC for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 19 Tables and 48 Seats at 1306 18th Street NW

Commissioner Stein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Residents DC’s public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 48 seats at 1306 18th Street NW.

Public Space Application by Panera for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 2 Tables, 8 Seats, and 1 Umbrella at 1528 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Panera has applied for a public space permit for an un-enclosed sidewalk café in front of 1528 Connecticut Avenue NW, which is located in single member district 2B02 of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk café will consist of 2 tables having 8 seats, an umbrella, and a trash can and tray return,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has public space guidelines that seek to maintain a minimum clearance of 10 feet between the exterior side of a sidewalk café and the nearer of the curb or fixed emplacements such as tree boxes, hydrants, parking meters, or bike racks,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk at this location may not provide the desired clearance; however, it may be compatible with ANC 2B’s guideline recognizing existing narrower clearance conditions, provided at least the ADA-minimum clearance of 3 feet exists between the nearest permanent emplacement or the curb and the proposed footprint of the seating area,

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted architectural drawings with the original application, depicting the seating area not extending beyond the stairway of the neighboring property without the distance to the curb or features, and has not yet submitted the requested revised drawings that include the curb line or other features, and

WHEREAS, the applicant was made aware of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project, expected to begin in late 2023/early 2024 and scheduled to last 27 months, which will prevent operation of the sidewalk seating area at various times during construction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B will support the application provided that the applicant promptly submits the requested architectural drawings to their application in TOPS that include the details of the distance to the curb and permanent emplacements in relation to the seating area, which should demonstrate that there is 4 feet or greater, but not less than the ADA minimum of 3 feet, of clearance.

Public Space Application by Roasting Plant Coffee for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 5 Tables and 10 Seats at 1211 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Stein moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports Roasting Plant Coffee’s public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats at 1211 Connecticut Avenue NW, provided that the establishment maintains at least 10 feet of sidewalk clearance.

Administrative Matters

Proposed Changes to the ANC’s Bylaws

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt proposed changes to the ANC’s bylaws. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt an amendment to the proposed bylaws to change the language regarding the number of commissioners needed to call a special meeting. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 3-6-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-2).

Approval of the ANC’s Regular July 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of the ANC’s Special July 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bencivenga moved to approve the ANC’s special July 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC’s FY 2023 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Bencivenga moved to approve the ANC’s FY 2023 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of Expenditures for the ANC's Capital Pride Town Hall

Commissioner Slatt moved to approve expenditures up to \$300 for the Capital Pride Town Hall. Commissioner Bencivenga seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-2-2).

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 9:38 pm.