



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular January 2023 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:02 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).

Election of 2023 Commission Officers

Commissioner Adams nominated Commissioner Roggensack to serve as the ANC's Chair for 2023. Commissioner Roggensack accepted the nomination. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Adams to serve as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2023. Commissioner Adams accepted the nomination. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Bencivenga to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2023. Commissioner Bencivenga accepted the nomination. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Dickerson to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2023. Commissioner Dickerson accepted the nomination. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Update from Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education (SBOE), gave an update regarding his SBOE work.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners Adams, Slatt, Bencivenga, Stein, Johnson, Dickerson, Rueckgauer, and Davis gave commission announcements.

Committee Updates

The Commission removed this matter from the ANC's meeting agenda.

Reports from DC Government Representatives

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Lieutenant Timothy Beirne, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; Kent Boese, the Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC); and Victoria Casarrubias, the Scheduler and Office Assistant for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave DC Government reports.

Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID); Robert Meins, the Executive Director of Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS); Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); and a local resident gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Komi / Happy Gyro / Happy Ice Cream – Application for a New Retailer's Class "B" Beer and Wine Store License at 1509-1511 17th Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Komi / Happy Gyro / Happy Ice Cream's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a new Retailer's Class "B" Beer and Wine Store license at 1509-1511 17th Street NW.

Saul Urban Host – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 15 Dupont Circle NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Land Use Agenda

1720 Q Street NW – Concept / Rear 2-Story Plus Cellar Addition for Expanded Living Space and Bedrooms with New Rear Stoop, Exterior Roof Deck with Access from 3rd Floor

Commissioner Bencivenga moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-2). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports the Historic Preservation Review Board concept application for 1720 Q Street NW, provided that the applicant continues to engage with neighbors regarding concerns identified by neighbors.

Public Space Committee Agenda

Public Space Application for the Installation of Streetlight Facilities at 1732 15th Street NW

Commissioner Davis 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:

ANC 2B supports the public space application for the installation of streetlight facilities at 1732 15th Street NW.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Zorba's Café's Charitable Contributions to Individuals Experiencing Homelessness via the Open Table Program

Commissioner Slatt 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:

WHEREAS, Zorba's Cafe at 1612 20th Street NW has been a popular, locally-owned and operated, Greek café in Dupont Circle since 1984,

WHEREAS, the Church of the Pilgrims at 2201 P Street NW, an LGBTQ-affirming Presbyterian church in Dupont Circle, has provided meals and sack lunches to those in need since 1981 through its Open Table program,

WHEREAS, in partnership since 2015, Zorba's Cafe has provided over 1,000 meals to individuals experiencing homelessness via the Open Table program at the Church of the Pilgrims, and

WHEREAS, food insecurity and homelessness are serious concerns that affect residents of Dupont Circle and the District of Columbia, and ANC 2B urges collaboration between government, private business, and social welfare organizations to provide relief for these problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B commends Zorba's Cafe for its charitable contributions to individuals experiencing homelessness via the Open Table program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages all restaurants, cafes, and food stores in Dupont Circle to emulate Zorba's Cafe in its efforts to ease hunger amongst individuals experiencing homelessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges groups like Food Rescue US and the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington (RAMW) to work with the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID) and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS) to assist restaurants, cafes, and other businesses to strengthen their commitments and efforts to combat hunger among individuals experiencing homelessness and others experiencing food insecurity in our neighborhood and the District of Columbia.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's 2023 Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's 2023 meeting calendar. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The 2023 meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular August Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2023 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2023 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Bencivenga seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

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

Commissioner Dickerson moved to approve the addition of the new ANC officers as signatories for the ANC's checking account. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Discussion of ANC Committees for 2023 and Appointment of Committee Chairs

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to establish the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC) and Mobility Committee (MC) and to put on hiatus the ANC's Education and Parks Working Group and COVID-19 Emergency Response Task Force for 2023. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Rueckgauer to serve as Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC) for 2023. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the Chair of ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC) for 2023. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's Regular December 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular December 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm.