



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

July 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular July 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair 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), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zachary Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Reports from Government Representatives

Ty Abilla, Ward 2 Manager from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Captain Harris, representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, and Inspector Davis, representative from Department of Public Works (DPW), provided updates.

Report from Allister Chang, Ward 2 State Board of Education Member

Allister Change, the Ward 2 State Board of Education Member, provided an update.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Slatt and Commissioner Johnson provided updates.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), Christopher Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), and Matt Johnson, Chair of the Complex Application Committee (CAPP) provided updates.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Dupont Italian Kitchen- Application for a Substantial Change to their Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1637 17th Street NW (ABRA-008949) (2B03) (10 min)

The commission took no action.

Ruben’s- Application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1323 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA- 129036) (2B05) (10 min)

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Rubens DC, LLC trading as Ruben’s (“Rubens”) has applied for a new Class “C” Restaurant Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-129036) at 1323 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, Ruben’s placard states the establishment has seating capacity and total occupancy of 78 persons;

WHEREAS, Ruben’s application requests endorsements for Holiday Hours Extension, Alcohol Carry-Out and Delivery, Entertainment with Live Entertainment and Dancing, and Cover Charge;

WHEREAS, Ruben’s placard hours are as follows:

Hours of Operation

Sunday through Saturday – 8:00 AM – 4:00 AM

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, Consumption, and Live Entertainment

Sunday through Thursday – 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Friday and Saturday – 8:00 AM – 3:00 AM

Alcoholic Beverage Carry-Out and Delivery

Sunday through Saturday – 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM

WHEREAS, promoting and maintaining good relationships between residents and nightlife establishments is a responsibility and priority of ANC 2B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B **supports the application of Ruben's as placarded.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B guidelines for establishments offering entertainment, dancing, and cover charge, seek a Settlement Agreement establishing the expected conduct of the business and relationship with the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest of the application on the basis of Peace, Order, and Quiet, which will be withdrawn upon approval of the Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

Land Use Agenda

1752 U Street NW- To construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, three-story with cellar apartment house in the RA-2 zone (BZA #21155) (2B08) (5 min)

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

ANC 2B supports BZA application #21155 to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, three-story cellar apartment house in the RA-2 zone.

1201 Connecticut Avenue NW- Office to residential conversion, facade renovation in Dupont Circle Historic District (HPA 24-379) (2B05) (5 min)

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports HPA 24-379 pertaining to 1201 Connecticut Avenue NW to convert the office building to residential use and the facade renovation.

17th Street- Proposed mural by Lisa Marie Thalhammer (2B03/2B07) (5 min)

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

ANC 2B moves to send a letter of support for the application by Lisa Marie Thalhammer for a Lesbian Advocacy History Mural Project on 17th Street.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's June Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Reuckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular June 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Appointment of a member of the ANC's Land Use Committee

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint a member of the ANC's Land Use Committee, Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The new member of ANC's Land Use Committee is as follows:

- Michael Lee Beidler

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.