



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular June 2023 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:05 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

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Presentation by Heather McGaffin, Director of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), Regarding the Work of the Office

Heather McGaffin, the Director of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), gave a presentation regarding the work of the office.

Presentation by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) Regarding the Work of the Agency

Paul Caswell, an Account Manager for the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), gave a presentation regarding the work of the agency.

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Roggensack and Commissioner Adams gave commissioner announcements.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), and Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), 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); Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; and Harold Davis, a Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), 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), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

Land Use Agenda

2030 P Street NW – Application for a Special Exception from the Matter-of-Right Uses to Permit a Massage Establishment on the First Floor and Cellar of an Existing, Semi-Detached, Three-Story with Cellar, Mixed Use Building

Commissioner Davis 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, Roses LLC (the applicant) has filed application #20930 with the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to allow for a special exception to zoning section U-513.1 (h) for converting the existing use as a cleaners to a massage therapy use at 2030 P Street NW,

WHEREAS, 2030 P Street NW is located in single member district 2B02 within ANC 2B; upon Square 96, Lot 17 in an MU-18 zone,

WHEREAS, the applicant has operated a massage therapy establishment in the basement and first floor of 2028 P Street NW since 2012, and in the District of Columbia for over 30 years,

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks to utilize the basement and first floor of 2030 P Street NW as an effective expansion of the 2028 P Street NW space,

WHEREAS, the applicant does not intend to join the properties together, maintaining them as distinct structures,

WHEREAS, the applicant, through counsel, appeared before ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) at a duly noticed public meeting on June 7, 2023 to discuss the application,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee found no likely objectionable or adverse impacts upon the character of the neighborhood, and the special exception to be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and the MU-18 zone, and

WHEREAS, no members of the public expressed concern or opposition to the application at the committee meeting or to the ANC, however the status of notification and outreach to neighbors was uncertain at the time of the committee meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the application for BZA case #20930 pursuant to the applicant documenting their good faith outreach effort to neighbors and satisfactory resolution of any concerns raised.

1506 Caroline Street NW – Concept / Replace Two-Story Rear Addition, Add Side Bay

Commissioner Davis 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 owner of 1506 Caroline Street NW has filed Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) case #23-360 with HPRB for approval of plans for renovation,

WHEREAS, the rowhouse at 1506 Caroline Street NW is located in ANC 2B09 and is a contributing building to the U Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the renovation plans include the replacement of an existing one-story rear addition with a new two-story addition, replacement of existing rear deck with a new roof deck at the rear of the second floor, addition of a first floor rear deck, window replacement, a new bay window on a side wall, and interior renovations, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly noticed monthly meeting held June 7, 2023 and heard testimony from the owner and architect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the HPRB application submitted by the owner pursuant to the applicant documenting their good faith outreach effort to neighbors and satisfactory resolution of any concerns raised.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by Blank Street Coffee for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 3 Tables and 6 Seats at 1250 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Stein 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:

ANC 2B supports Blank Street Coffee’s public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats at 1250 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Extension of the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 4-5-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

- Chair Roggensack: Yea
- Commissioner Rueckgauer: Yea
- Commissioner Slatt: Nay
- Commissioner Dickerson: Nay
- Commissioner Stein: Yea
- Commissioner Johnson: Yea
- Commissioner Bencivenga: Nay
- Commissioner Adams: Nay
- Commissioner Davis: Nay

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Temporary Construction Reconfiguration of 19th Street NW Between Q Street and R Street NW for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Bencivenga seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to table the matter and to send the matter to the ANC’s Mobility Committee. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion to table the matter, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-3).

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC’s Regular May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the ANC’s regular May 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0).

Approval of the Terms of Reference for an ANC Working Group

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt proposed

amendments to the resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion for amendments, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-3-0). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

The purpose of this ad hoc working group is to provide recommendations to the Commission on matters related to applications for public space permits and establishments seeking permits for alcohol or cannabis sales that require additional input from the public or more discussion from the Commission than can be easily accommodated in a regular meeting of the Commission.

Each Commissioner is encouraged to participate to the greatest extent feasible. When an item from a particular single member district is referred, the commissioner from that district is expected to participate, except in cases where a conflict of interest exists or may exist. When asserting a conflict of interest, a Commissioner should indicate in writing the specific reason or reasons for the conflict of interest.

Persons residing or working within the boundaries of the Commission may also be named to serve on the Working Group by the Chair of the Working Group.

Items can be referred to the Working Group by any Commissioner. When referring an item, the referring Commissioner should indicate in writing the specific issue or issues that warrant referral.

The Working Group will meet as needed on a date and time to be determined by the Chair of the Working Group.

The Working Group will work with neighbors, neighboring businesses, and the applicant to understand the potential impacts to the community and will make recommendations regarding potential mitigations or terms for protests, settlement agreements, or resolutions.

All members of the public are permitted to participate in meetings of the Working Group.

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 10:16 pm.