



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

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 30th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The special March 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).

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Other Public Announcements and General Comments

There were not any other public announcements and general comments.

Alcoholic Beverage Control 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 a 90-day extension of the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The amended resolution was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone is set to expire on April 10, 2023,
and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B may submit a request to continue the moratorium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B respectfully requests a 90-day extension of the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone, beyond its scheduled expiration on April 10, 2023, so that the ABC Board may conduct its public comment period and review process.

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding a 5-year extension of the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 9-0-0). Commissioner Slatt moved to table the matter. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion to table the matter, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-3-1).

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Reduced DC Circulator Service Proposed in the Mayor's FY 2024 Budget

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, Mayor Bowser's FY 2024 "Comeback Plan" budget includes elimination of DC Circulator bus service for the Rosslyn-Dupont Circle (RS-DP), Woodley Park-Adams Morgan to McPherson Square Metro (WP-AM), and Eastern Market-L'Enfant Plaza (EM-LP) routes,

WHEREAS, availability of affordable and efficient public transportation is a fundamental right of all residents, including working-class communities, and should be prioritized over profit-driven motives or budgetary considerations that disproportionately burden those with the least resources,

WHEREAS, public transportation is critical to the vitality, success, and very existence of the District's business and tourism engines,

WHEREAS, many of the District's most popular activity centers, tourism destinations, and nightlife destinations are served by the DC Circulator routes and extensions nominated for elimination,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B, along with other ANCs, believes that the Mayor's requested DC Circulator service eliminations will produce the exact opposite effect of a "comeback" for the residents and businesses in the District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is an ardent supporter of the DC Circulator, especially the RS-DP route and its planned extension to U Street NW, since the beginning of the service,

WHEREAS, the RS-DP route provides a convenient connection between the Dupont Circle Metrorail station and Rosslyn via M Street NW through the hearts of the West End and Georgetown,

WHEREAS, the RS-DP route reduces the number of personal vehicles, and thus traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, by providing an efficient public transportation option for thousands of residents and visitors,

WHEREAS, plans to extend the RS-DP route to U Street NW, LeDroit Park, and Howard University have been in development for over a decade and it has been anticipated that FY 2024 would at long last actualize the plan,

WHEREAS, extension of RS-DP to U Street NW, LeDroit Park, and Howard University via 18th Street NW will make it easier for residents and visitors to travel to employment, retail, dining, and entertainment destinations across multiple neighborhoods and activity centers, encouraging and supporting economic opportunity and post-pandemic business recovery,

WHEREAS, extension of RS-DP to U Street NW, LeDroit Park, and Howard University will improve transit equity for a significant population of minority and lower-income residents with a low-cost, convenient service, directly connecting multiple activity centers and transfers to other DC Circulator, Metrobus, and Metrorail routes,

WHEREAS, extension of RS-DP has the potential to replace hundreds of private vehicle trips within the route corridor, thus increasing bus utilization and further supporting DDOT's planned U Street NW Bus Priority Project,

WHEREAS, the EM-LP route provides connections to Metrorail and Metrobus, along with transit access to the Wharf and Audi Field, encouraging fewer personal vehicle trips to those destinations,

WHEREAS, conversion of the DC Circulator bus fleet to all-electric buses can be reprogrammed to better align with capital funding availability, and

WHEREAS, the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment will now conduct budget hearings and prepare a committee report that will include final recommendations for funding of DC Circulator lines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment to recognize and prioritize the importance of DC Circulator bus service to the District's economic recovery and well-being, Vision Zero, and established environmental and transportation equity objectives, and to recommend

that the DC Council provides full funding for DC Circulator operations in the FY 2024 budget and following years to prevent service reductions or eliminations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment to recognize the importance and necessity of extending the DC Circulator's Rosslyn-Dupont Circle route to U Street NW, LeDroit Park, and Howard University in FY 2024, and to recommend to the DC Council to provide the necessary funding for this and other service improvements in the FY 2024 budget and following years.

Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.