

## **May 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular May 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Commissioner Franklin at 7:01 pm.

Motion for Secretary Franklin to chair the ANC 2B May meeting due to Chair Roggensack and Vice Chair Adams absence. Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the motion. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Commissioner Franklin adopted the ANC's meeting agenda by unanimous consent.

### **Announcements and Public Comments**

#### **Presentation regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY 2025 Budget**

Brian Hanlon, DC Director of the Department of Buildings, presented on the Mayor's proposed FY 2025 budget.

#### **Reports from Government Representatives**

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, provided updates.

#### **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Johnson provided an update on WMATA's proposed Better Bus plan. Commissioner Slatt provided an update on testifying on behalf of the Rainbow Caucus to the DC Council.

#### **Committee Updates**

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC) and Christopher

Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), gave updates.

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda**

Lifted Shop-Dispensary & Weed Delivery DC– Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1919-1921 18th Street NW (ABRA-127123) (2B08)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Arekay Liquor– Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1500 U Street NW (ABRA-123646) (2B09)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Universal Wine and Liquors– Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 2018 Florida Avenue NW (ABRA-127473) (2B01)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

State Liquors– Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 2159 P Street NW (ABRA-088025) (2B02)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Connecticut Avenue Wine & Liquor– Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1529 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-076507) (2B02)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Barrel Cartel – Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Internet license at 1341 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-125712) (2B05)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Virginia Market– Application for renewal of the establishment's Class "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1776 U Street NW (ABRA-119980) (2B08)

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

### **Land Use Agenda**

1641 R Street NW – To construct a rear addition to an existing, semi-detached, four-story with basement, mixed use building in the MU-5A/DC zone (BZA #21132) (2B03)

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Marwick Associates, LLC, owner of 1641 R Street NW, has filed case 21132 with the Board of Zoning Adjustment for approval of special exemptions from rear yard and lot occupancy requirements to accommodate balconies on the 2nd through 4th floors, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted plans and photos at its duly noticed monthly meeting held May 1, 2024 and heard testimony from the owner and neighbor, and

WHEREAS, the existing first floor already covered the site to the extents requested, the balconies on the 2nd through 4th floors have already been constructed, the neighbor to the north has plans to construct a wall on the property line that will block the 2nd floor and part of the 3rd floor balcony, and the owner has stated that they can modify their interior plans to accommodate the neighbor's addition;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the requested special exceptions, and requests that the owner and neighbor coordinate to resolve questions about the property line and any constructability issues with the neighbor's addition.

1314 21st Street NW – To change use from art gallery to art gallery with prepared food shop and retail (BZA TBD) (2B06)

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Three Tables, The LLC, owner of 1314 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW, has filed with the Board of Zoning Adjustment for approval of a special exception for Ching Ching Cha tea shop and gallery; and

WHEREAS, the property is located in the RA-2/DC zone and the request is to amend the existing nonconforming art gallery use to add other nonconforming uses "prepared food shop" and "retail use" to allow the shop to serve and sell tea; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed plans and photos at its duly noticed monthly meeting held May 1, 2024 and heard testimony from the owner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the requested special exception.

## **Public Space Committee Agenda**

### **Public space application for Publisher Box Occupancy located at 1536 16th Street NW (DDOT-11053115) (2B07)**

Commissioner Franklin moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Reuckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, this publisher box has been in place for many years at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets and

WHEREAS the footprint of the box does not impede pedestrian traffic on the west side of 16<sup>th</sup> St NW and

WHEREAS ANC 2B knows of no community objections to the box,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the approval of DDOT application #11053115, which will bring a longstanding fixture of the intersection into compliance with DDOT regulations.

## **General Agenda**

### **Approval of the ANC's April meeting minutes**

Commissioner Reuckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular April 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

### **Approval of Financial Report**

Commissioner Slatt made a motion to approve ANC 2B 2024 Q2 financial report. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### **June Meeting Date**

Commissioner Franklin reminded residents that the June meeting will take place on June 12th.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.