



# **2024 Annual Report of ANC 2B**



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

The regular January 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:01 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), Zach Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

**Election of 2024 Commission Officers**

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Roggensack to serve as the ANC's Chair for 2024. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Adams to serve as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Adams nominated Commissioner Slatt to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2024. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt nominated Commissioner Franklin to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The nominees were voted on and Commissioner Franklin was declared the winner (VOTES: 1 vote for Commissioner Slatt, 7 votes for Commissioner Franklin).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Adams nominated Commissioner Slatt to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2024. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion. The nominees were voted on and Commissioner Slatt was declared the winner (VOTES: 8 votes for Commissioner Slatt, 0 votes for Commissioner Davis).

**Adoption of the Agenda**

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

## **Announcements and Public Comments**

### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto gave an update regarding her work on the DC Council.

### Reports from DC Government Representatives

Captain Sharde Harris and Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; Grace Reeder, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Harold Davis, a Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW); and Christophe Wassmer, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave DC Government reports.

### Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Johnson gave commissioner announcements.

### Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), and Commissioner Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), gave committee updates.

### Update Regarding DC Statehood as Part of the 50th Anniversary of the Start of ANCs

Noah Wills, a representative for the D.C. Statehood Pledge, gave an update regarding DC statehood as part of the 50th anniversary of the start of ANCs.

### Update Regarding AARP's Outreach Work and Age-Friendly Advocacy Efforts

Laura Dominguez, a Community Outreach Volunteer for AARP's DC State Office, gave an update regarding AARP's outreach work and age-friendly advocacy efforts.

### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA); Nick DelleDonne, the President of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA); and two local residents gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

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

### Embers – Application for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1821 18th Street NW

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was then withdrawn.

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

ANC 2B supports Embers' application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1821 18th Street NW.

Doobie District – Application for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1526 U Street NW

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

ANC 2B supports Doobie District's application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1526 U Street NW.

**Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public Space Application for Streetscape Improvements, Including New Sidewalk, New Street Trees, New Retaining Walls, Relocation of a Capital Bikeshare Station, and New Bike Racks, at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW

*Commissioner Davis recused himself from voting on this matter.*

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports the public space application for streetscape improvements, including the relocation of a Capital Bikeshare station, at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

**General Agenda**

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study to Replace the L Street NW and M Street NW Bike Lanes with a Two-Way Cycletrack on M Street NW

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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 L Street NW and M Street NW bike lane couplet provides well-used east-west bicycle connections between 12th Street NW and 25th Street NW (L Street NW, eastbound) and 14th Street NW and 27th Street NW (M Street NW, westbound),

WHEREAS, the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes were upgraded to protected lanes approximately 10 years ago to improve safety,

WHEREAS, there remain many locations along the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes that are dangerous to cyclists due to design issues or other conditions that cannot be easily remedied,

WHEREAS, the L Street NW bike lane has sourced many complaints due to its placement on the “left” side of the road, traveling in the same direction as traffic and the inevitable conflicts arising from the confusing orchestration of vehicles making left turns across the bike lane, as well as vehicles traveling northbound having sightline issues, especially at Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the best description of the M Street NW bike lane is “chaotic” arising from its frequently weaving across right-turn movements, pedestrians stepping off the curb without looking, poor sightlines created by parked vehicles, and the problematic intersections at Connecticut Avenue and 21st Street/New Hampshire Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, drivers on both L Street NW and M Street NW have poor comprehension of how they are supposed to turn across the bike lanes by merging in advance of the intersection, and as a result frequently turn from the through lane and hook cyclists,

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of wrong-way cyclists along M Street NW, and due to the nature of the mixing/crossover zones, this increases the risk of head-on crashes between cyclists and drivers,

WHEREAS, forcing cyclists to mix with turning drivers does not create a low-stress or comfortable environment for cyclists and means that the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes do not fall into the eight-to-eighty type of bikeway that is comfortable for all users,

WHEREAS, cyclists heading east from the Key Bridge and M Street NW in Georgetown must traverse two blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue NW where the street widens to eight lanes and must turn left from the leftmost of a double left turn lane to access the L Street NW bike lane,

WHEREAS, the M Street NW bike lane does provide access to Georgetown, but only for westbound cyclists and not eastbound cyclists,

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, Nijad Huseynov was struck in the L Street NW bike lane at 12:44 am by a vehicle traveling northbound on Connecticut Avenue NW and succumbed to his injuries on October 21, 2023,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero Fatal Crash Follow Up Memo D23-41 cited signal timing and sightlines along Connecticut Avenue NW as contributing factors and recommended adjustment to the length

of the all-red phase and landscaping changes to improve visibility, which are consistent with the concerns that have been raised about that intersection,

WHEREAS, there is growing demand for safe crosstown bicycle travel in the Central Business District, as evidenced by the great enthusiasm for bike lanes as part of the now indefinitely-delayed K Street Transitway,

WHEREAS, in the past decade, the state of design for low-stress bikeways has evolved and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has begun using strategies such as bike signals, protected intersections, and more resilient barriers to separate bicyclists from traffic, which have been developed since the construction of the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes, and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to improve safety of the L Street NW and M Street NW corridor, provide greater capacity, and lay the groundwork for eventual extension eastward to the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) and westward into Georgetown.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT conducts a study of the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes, including safety improvements, especially at the aforementioned challenging intersections; possibly moving the L Street NW bike lane to the south side of the street for all or part of its route; converting the M Street NW bike lane into a two-way cycletrack along its current route (potentially replacing the L Street NW bike lane); devise options for extending a two-way M Street NW cycletrack eastward across Thomas Circle to the MBT via M Street NW; and implement state-of-the practice design treatments such as bike signals, protected intersections, and resilient barriers to these corridors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as DDOT has stated that it is developing a strategic plan for future bike lane development, ANC 2B requests that this study be included as an extremely high priority for upgrading and modernizing existing facilities to enhance safety and utility.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study to Replace the N Street NW Bike Lane Segments with a Contiguous Contraflow Eastbound Lane

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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 street grid in Dupont Circle is challenging to cyclists wishing to travel east and west in the area north of downtown, with no continuous streets with bike facilities permitting eastbound travel between L Street NW and Q Street NW,

WHEREAS, L Street NW carries high traffic volumes and has a bike lane with an outdated design that does not provide a low-stress bike facility,

WHEREAS, M Street NW and its bike facility is one-way westbound; O Street NW is discontinuous through the Dupont Circle neighborhood; P Street NW is a busy minor arterial lacking bike facilities and is interrupted by the difficult-to-navigate Dupont Circle and Logan Circle, and Massachusetts Avenue NW is a busy minor arterial that neither has bike facilities nor is a likely candidate for such,

WHEREAS, N Street NW is variously two-way (25th Street NW to 22nd Street NW, 17th Street NW to Bataan Street NW, and Corregidor Street NW to 15th Street NW), one-way westbound (22nd Street NW to 18th Street NW), and one-way eastbound (18th Street NW to 17th Street NW), and

WHEREAS, the installation of an eastbound bike lane on N Street NW between 22nd Street NW and Bataan Street NW should not require any major infrastructure construction or cause adverse impacts upon parking or other roadway uses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) replaces the existing bike lane facilities on N Street NW between 22nd Street NW and Bataan Street NW with a continuous eastbound bike lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that special attention be given to the safety of cyclists traversing the intersection with Connecticut Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT includes this project in its FY 2025 plans.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study and Alternatives for Improving Curbside Management and Public Parking in ANC 2B

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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, in 2014 the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a broad curbside management study that included the Dupont Circle neighborhood,

WHEREAS, in early 2018 DDOT requested ANC 2B's input for improving parking and curbside management and the ANC issued our recommendations that July,

WHEREAS, key recommendations included a pilot that multiple ANCs could participate in with smaller Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zones; replacing the existing concept of RPP with all public spaces converted to pay-to-use at all times for anyone without a valid resident or other permit; implement flex parking spaces based on the time of day/day of week uses; implement variable parking rates to discourage overstaying by raising the fee the longer one stays; centralize all permits in an online system that works with license plate readers and

pay-by-phone/pay-by-plate services in real time; identify locations for more commercial loading and nightlife parking; improve signage and wayfinding with “at-a-glance” and other visuals; and consistent and timely enforcement,

WHEREAS, it was recognized that DC Council and executive action would be required to authorize such changes and provide funding,

WHEREAS, due to organizational changes at DDOT the curbside pilot program did not take place,

WHEREAS, the decennial redistricting in 2022 and 2023 moved former ANC 2B areas south of M Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW to ANC 2C; ANC 2B no longer has primarily commercial areas, allowing concentration on the curbside needs of our residential and mixed-use core,

WHEREAS, changes in habits for shopping, food delivery, and commuting, underway before the pandemic became firmly established and since, created considerable changes to curbside utilization and priorities in ANC 2B and citywide, and

WHEREAS, in January 2024 ANC 2B and DDOT initiated a fresh and productive discussion of curbside management needs in Dupont Circle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT works with the ANC to study and develop solutions for the ANC’s curbside management needs, building upon the 2018 recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that among the needs identified, accommodation for short-term parking for delivery drop-offs, restaurant takeout pick-ups, commercial delivery vehicles, and passenger pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) are a relatively high priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solutions are needed to improve the parking experience for businesses along 17th Street NW between P Street and S Street NW, 18th Street NW between R Street and U Street NW, and P Street NW between 20th Street and 22nd Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solutions are needed to improve the ADA parking experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that study is needed regarding whether current and projected traffic volume coming into and leaving the Central Business District may reduce or eliminate the need to continue rush hour parking restrictions along streets that do not have bus lanes or are not designated bus priority.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Study and Alternatives for Improving 17th Street NW Between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW



Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution to expand the number of blocks on 17th Street NW that the ANC is asking DDOT to study. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 3-4-1). The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2019 ANC 2B and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) agreed upon the reconfiguration of 17th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW to accommodate a two-way protected cycletrack,

WHEREAS, the configuration was to be (west to east): two-way cycletrack, three-foot buffer, non-commercial vehicle parking, parking lane, curbside lane hosting flexible spaces for commercial loading zones and pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) zones, and general parking that would vary based upon time of day or day of the week,

WHEREAS, the east curb lane was to have been one of the pilot sites for DDOT's "One Side of the Street Only Loading" that required all delivery vehicles to only park and load and unload in designated spaces with additional flex loading spaces allocated on the side streets of P Street NW, Q Street NW, Corcoran Street NW, and R Street NW, flanking 17th Street NW, that were to be for vehicles such as moving vans and commercial package deliveries (UPS, FedEx, etc.),

WHEREAS, organizational changes at DDOT and then the COVID pandemic resulted in the delay of the project,

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020 DDOT presented a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the 17th Street NW project, with a significantly altered configuration that split the bike facility on both sides of the street (southbound sharrows in the travel lane; protected contraflow northbound on the east curb); with delivery truck parking on the outside of the northbound lane; a subsequent revision included accommodation for streater parklets for several restaurants,

WHEREAS, while the current configuration has resulted in slowing traffic, it is frequently criticized as being confusing and dangerous for pedestrians (having to cross two bike lanes, frequently with obstructed sightlines and cyclists going the wrong way in either lane); cyclists (delivery drivers frequently place goods in the northbound bike lane); drivers (difficult to tell what are legal parking spaces, where to make turns, and bikes going both ways in the lanes); inadequate signage (directing pedestrians to look both ways at the bike lanes, cyclists to yield to pedestrians, and obey traffic signals at crosswalks and intersections),

WHEREAS, some residents have questioned the need for streater parklets to continue operating as indoor dining has been back since 2022 and most of the establishments with streateries also have their own sidewalk café dining spaces, and they feel that the space should be returned for a better streetscape experience,

WHEREAS, the design arrived at by DDOT and ANC 2B in 2019 provided a configuration that is easy to understand by all users, placing pedestrians, bicycles, parking, travel lane, and loading zones in predictable and consistent locations, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 design offers two options for community use of the street for events: from the buffer at the cycletrack to the east curb line (allowing the cycletrack to remain in use while an event is taking place) or full curb-to-curb with the cycletrack temporarily out of service by DDOT removing the separators before and restoring them after an event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT implements the 2019 design plan for the 17th Street NW protected cycletrack between Massachusetts Avenue NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW along the west curb, one-side-only commercial loading, short term customer parking at the hardware store, flex purpose parking spaces on the east side of the street, and truck spaces where feasible flanking 17th Street NW at P Street NW, Q Street NW, Corcoran Street NW, and R Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT coordinates the reconfiguration of 17th Street NW with Safe Routes to School improvements at the intersection with R Street NW in order to provide a unified safety experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT prioritizes this project for FY 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT explores ways of improving the parking experience in the corridor for employees and customers of the many businesses along 17th Street NW as part of an ANC-wide curbside management project in Dupont Circle.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding LGBT+ Senior Housing Options

Chair Roggensack 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, the DC Government has established a task force to advise and help oversee the establishment of a senior wellness center in Ward 2 and another in Ward 3, the only wards without such centers,

WHEREAS, the task force has commenced its work by beginning the process of considering site selection and scope, with a charge to imagine various locations and services and to “think outside the box,”

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the largest percentage of LGBT+ households in the nation, and yet does not have any dedicated LGBT+ affirming senior housing – not a single bed at this time,

WHEREAS, both Ward 2 and Ward 3 have multiple locations with excellent mass transit options, nearby medical facilities, and neighborhoods with welcoming safe spaces for LGBT+ seniors from all over the District,

WHEREAS, some of those locations include buildings where a senior wellness center could be co-located with senior housing that welcomes our LGBT+ community, and

WHEREAS, other major cities have successfully co-located an LGBT+ affirming senior house in wellness centers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B wishes the Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) and the task force every success in your work and the ANC urges you to consider seeking and exploring options that might address the need to provide safe and affirming housing for our LGBT+ seniors as part of at least one of the new senior wellness centers.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's 2024 Meeting Calendar**

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's 2024 meeting calendar. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The 2024 meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular August Meeting: Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

#### **Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

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

Chair Roggensack moved to approve the addition of new ANC officers as signatories for the ANC's checking account. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Discussion of ANC Committees for 2024 and Appointment of Committee Chairs

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Rueckgauer to serve as the Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC) for 2024. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the Chair of ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC) for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Rueckgauer nominated Commissioner Johnson to serve as the Chair of ANC's Complex Applications (CAPP) Working Group for 2024. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's Regular December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC's regular December 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of Technical Corrections to the ANC's FY 2024 Budget

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve technical corrections to the ANC's FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 10:19 pm.



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

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

The regular February 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:03 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), 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

#### Update from the ANC's Executive Director

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Executive Director, gave an update.

#### 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; Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; and Harold Davis, a Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave DC Government reports.

#### Commissioner Announcements

Chair Roggensack and Commissioner Franklin 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.

#### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID), and Susan Volman, the President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA), gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

### Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Tokyo Pearl – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW

Commissioner Stein 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:

ANC 2B supports Tokyo Pearl’s application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW.

**Land Use Agenda**

1901 18th Street NW – Concept / Partial Third Floor Addition Behind Existing False Mansard Roof

Commissioner Adams 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 1901 18th Street NW has filed an application with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval of plans for renovation,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B’s Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly noticed monthly meeting held February 6, 2024 and heard testimony from the owner and the architect,

WHEREAS, the building is located in single member district (SMD) 2B08 and is a contributing structure in the Strivers’ Section Historic District, and

WHEREAS, the renovation plans include a partial addition to the third floor behind an existing false mansard roof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the HPRB application by the owner and commends the architect's suggestion to add a fence to screen the parking from the street.

1900-1902 16th Street NW – Concept / Partial Demolition and Renovation Into Single Family Residence (1900); Partial Demolition and Renovation Into Two Family Residence

Commissioner Davis 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:

WHEREAS, the owner of 1900 and 1902 16th Street NW has filed an application with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval of plans for renovation,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly noticed monthly meeting held February 6, 2024 and heard testimony from the owner and neighbors,

WHEREAS, the buildings are located in single member district (SMD) 2B09 and are contributing structures in the Sixteenth Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the properties were constructed in 1879 and predate most of the buildings in the historic district; at the time of their construction and during most of the following decades the census tract was majority Black,

WHEREAS, the ground floor of 1900 16th Street NW has served several commercial retail uses continuously since at least 1887 and is now the only remaining retail storefront on the six-mile stretch of 16th Street NW from K Street NW to Silver Spring, Maryland,

WHEREAS, in 2008 the zoning for the site was changed to RA-2/DC, making the historic footprint incompatible with the new lot occupancy requirements. The proposed design includes demolishing a portion of the rear of the historic building at 1900 16th Street NW in order to bring the footprint into line with the current zoning,

WHEREAS, the site is in convenient walking distance to a large surrounding neighborhood and is located on a well-served bus route. No parking is required for the zone and adding four off-street parking spaces is incompatible with the District's mode shift, Vision Zero, and carbon neutrality goals, and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the T Street NW south-facing wall of 1900 16th Street NW collapsed and the building is being structurally supported by temporary scaffolding while awaiting renovation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the HPRB application, in part, for the expeditious renovation of 1902 16th Street NW and any work needed to stabilize 1900 16th Street NW in order to protect public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the applicant and HPRB follow-up with the Office of Zoning on the plans for 1900 16th Street NW in order to allow the retention of the historic building footprint and to minimize demolition as much as possible. ANC 2B would also support a zoning variance or special exemption to allow the ground floor use to remain retail.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public Space Application by Swingers for the Installation of Four Awnings with Signage and a New Planter at 1333 New Hampshire 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 Swingers' public space application for the installation of four awnings with signage and a new planter at 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's Regular January 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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

#### **Appointment of the Members of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC)**

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

- Beverly Schwartz
- Kyle Mulhall
- Jane Scinta

#### **Appointment of the Members of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC)**

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to appoint the members of the ANC's Mobility Committee. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The members of the ANC's Mobility Committee are as follows:

- Paul Cadario
- Sarah Dillard
- Ana Karimi
- Rudi Riet
- Giancarlo Valdetaro

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.



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



## **March 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular March 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:01 pm.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

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### **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

### **Announcements and Public Comments**

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

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Grace Reeder a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; Christophe Wassmer, Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave government reports.

#### **Committee Updates**

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), Chris Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), and Commissioner Johnson, Chair of the ANC's Complex Applications Task Force (CAAP), gave updates.

#### **Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items**

Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID), Annie Blackwell, the Executive Director of Dupont Main Streets, and Presley Nelson and Gordon Andrew-Fletcher of the Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. gave other public announcements and general comments or future agenda items.

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

The Commission took no action on the following applications:

- Application by District Taco for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class D restaurant license at 1919 M Street NW (ABCA-099379)
- Application by Prego Again for a new Retailer's Class B Beer and Wine license at 1617 17th Street NW (ABCA 127561)
- Application by Wiseguy Pizza for a new Retailer's Class D Restaurant license at 1205 19th Street NW (ABCA 127479)

AU LAIT DC - Application for a new Retailer's Class D Restaurant license at 1608 17th Street NW (ABCA 127508)

Buddha Plug - Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 2018 Florida Avenue NW (ABCA 127248)

Chair Roggensack moved to protest both applications on the grounds of peace, order and quiet concerns pending ABCA's acceptance of Settlement Agreements now being negotiated between the parties, at which time the ANC will withdraw the protests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed. (VOTES 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B protests Au Lait DC's application for a new Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license at 1608 17th Street NW and Buddha Plug's application for a new medical cannabis retailer license at 2018 Florida Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory Settlement Agreement is executed by the ANC and the Applicant and approved by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

NOTE: The resolution submitted to ABCA did not include Buddha Plug because the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board had voted earlier that day to accept a Settlement Agreement.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public space application by the Embassy of Peru to install a statue of Cesar Vallejo on public land at 1700 Massachusetts Avenue NW (DDOT 437075)

Commissioner Stein moved to adopt a resolution supporting the installation. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson proposed an amendment to the resolution conditioning approval on compliance with any applicable Americans with Disabilities Act considerations, which Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded, and the Commission passed. (VOTES: 7-0-1). The final resolution, including the amendment, passed. (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B supports the Embassy of Peru's public space application for the installation of a sculpture at 1700 Massachusetts Avenue NW, provided that the sculpture is compliant with any applicable Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

### **Update and discussion regarding public restroom facility pilot near Dupont Circle**

Jess Heinzelman, Co-Founder and COO of Throne Labs shared an update including website information and a request for public input on location.

## **General Agenda**

### **Consideration of a resolution in support of Capital Pride Alliance and the 2024 festival**

Sahand Miraminy of Capital Pride Alliance gave an overview of the 2024 parade route, block party, beer garden, and family area plan. Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution supporting the 2024 Festival. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which passed (VOTES: 8-0-0.) It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle has hosted the annual Capital Pride Celebration since its founding as Gay Pride Day in 1975,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival are among Washington, DC's largest community events and carry extra significance to the LGBTQI+ community due to their location in the nation's capital,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Alliance, the sponsor and producer of the annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival, plans this year's 2024 Parade, Block party, and Festival, scheduled for June 8, 2024, and June 9, 2024, respectively,

WHEREAS the 2024 Capital Pride Parade will honor the event's history with a route beginning on 14th Street and ending on Penn Ave NW and complementary venues, while looking to its future – WorldPride Washington, DC, a 50th celebration in 2025,

WHEREAS these venues will include review areas along the route and a closure of 17th Street NW from R Street NW to P Street NW in order to enable a block party event during June 8, 2024, as approved by the Mayor's Special Event Task Group, and

WHEREAS, this year's Capital Pride Parade is the 49th annual and is a critical building block toward WorldPride Washington, DC, on the occasion of the 50th celebration in one year and will benefit from strong advanced community and business engagement to ensure awareness, support, and appropriate logistical preparations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B welcomes the return of the annual Capital Pride Parade, Block Party, and Capital Pride Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Mayor's Office elevates the profile of the Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival, facilitating and prioritizing necessary permits, approvals, arrangements, and requisite support from District of Columbia authorities, agencies, and departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B pledges to support the Capital Pride Alliance and the LGBTQI+ community in outreach and associated activities in order to contribute to the successful return of this event to our neighborhood.

## **Administrative Matters**

### **Addition of Oliva Brown to the Land Use Committee**

Commissioner Davis moved to add Olivia Brown to the Land Use Committee. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which passed. (VOTES: 8-0-0)

### Approval of the ANC's February meeting minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC's regular February 2024 Minutes. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. (VOTES: 8-0-0)

### Approval of Administrative Assistant

Chair Roggensack made a motion to approve Anna Noakes as incoming administrative assistant for ANC 2B. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion which passed. (VOTES: 6-1-1)

### Adjournment

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm.



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

### **April 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular March 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Meg Roggensack at 7:01 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), Libby Franklin (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**

### **Reports from 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; Lieutenant Bobbette Forrest, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District provided updates.

### Commissioner Updates

Chair Roggensack announced an event on June 18th at the TraRon Center for the Jeremy Black Scholarship Fund. Commissioner Slatt announced an event on May 17th at Lafayette Square for the Rainbow History Projects Reenactment of the first national gay rights picket.

### Committee Updates

Commissioner Rueckgauer, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), Christopher Davis, Chair of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC), gave updates.

### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Chair Roggensack read announcements on behalf of Bill McLeod, the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID). 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 and Cannabis Board Agenda

*The Commission did not take any action regarding the below matters.*

- Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, DC, Inc. – Application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license at 1529 16th Street, NW
- Chocolate City Wellness- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License to be located at 1723 Connecticut Ave NW
- Rosebud Liquor Inc. - Application for renewal for of the establishment's Type "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1711 17th Street NW
- Cairo Liquor Store- Application for renewal for of the establishment's Type "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1618 17th Street NW
- Benmoll Liquors- Application for renewal for of the establishment's Type "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1700 U Street NW
- Spirits & Spice- Application for renewal for of the establishment's Type "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 1700 Connecticut Avenue NW
- 1 West Dupont Circle Wine & Liquors- Application for renewal for of the establishment's Type "A" Retail Liquor Store license at 2012 P Street NW
- National Holistic Healing Center- Application for the renewal of their Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1636 Connecticut Avenue NW

## **Public Space Committee Agenda**

### **Public space application for Throne public restroom located in Dupont Circle (DDOT-443767) (2B02)**

Terryl Monroe, employee at Throne Labs, shared an update on Throne public restrooms proposal for Dupont Circle. Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, access to safe, clean, and free restrooms is a vital necessity for public health and individual dignity, and has been deemed a human right by the United Nations,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a dearth of public restrooms, and private businesses increasingly restrict their restrooms to paying customers only,

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors to Dupont Circle have need to use a restroom when not at home or somewhere where one is not readily available,

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle welcomes over 5,000 visitors for events such as the Circle Concert Series, Farmer's Market, Art Walk Dupont, and much more,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B previously supported public restrooms in Dupont Circle,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, through the D.C. Public Restroom Pilot Program, has contracted Throne Labs to temporarily provide and service portable, smart restrooms as a feasible means to provide free public restrooms and collect usage data,

WHEREAS, time is of the essence because the best time to collect usage and safety data is between April to September; as the District has the most visitors enjoying the outdoors during the popular spring and summer months,

WHEREAS, the D.C. Council identified Dupont Circle as a priority location for a Throne,

WHEREAS, Throne identified, with input from ANC 2B, DDOT, and community stakeholders, one location on the east side of Dupont Circle, and

WHEREAS, there are traffic and safety plans for the location, and the Throne will be serviced in off-peak hours to avoid exacerbating traffic congestion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B renews its support for a public restroom pilot in Dupont Circle,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B specifically supports the Throne location on the southeast “bump” of Dupont Circle on land controlled by DDOT, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recognizes that time is of the essence to maximize the benefit of free public restrooms, and waives the 45-day comment period for the District Department of Transportation Public Space Hearing.

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a resolution supporting The DC Public Service Commission's request for an investigation of Project Pipes Phase 3**

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

WHEREAS, Washington Gas owns, operates, and maintains the natural gas delivery infrastructure in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas infrastructure is aging and in need of ever more frequent repairs to prevent dangerous or deadly failures from occurring in the dense urban environment; and

WHEREAS, Consumer-quality natural gas used in homes and businesses is up to 95% methane. When methane leaks, as it does regularly from gas drilling, fracking, and distribution, as well as from household appliances, it adds to global warming at more than 80 times the rate of carbon dioxide in the 20 years after emission. Natural gas combustion in gas-powered appliances produces toxic air pollutants including nitrogen oxides, formaldehyde, benzene, and black carbon particulates, as well as carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Washington Gas initiated a 40-year program to replace all of the delivery pipes and service lines in the District, concluding in 2054; and

WHEREAS, the DCPSC approved phase one of the project for June 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019 for total of \$110 million with a substantial package of annual compliance reporting requirements (subsequently extended through December 2020 for a total of \$141 million); the second phase in December 2020 for 3 years to run from January 2021 through December 2023 for a total of \$150 million with additional compliance reporting and an audit of WGL’s implementation Project Pipes; and February 2024 extension of Phase 2 for 12 months with an additional surcharge-eligible \$50 million spend; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, effective March 22, 2019 (D.C. Law 22- 257; 66 DCR 1344), requires the Public Service Commission consider the “effects on global climate change and the District's public climate commitments” in supervising and regulating energy utility companies in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022, effective September 21, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-176; 69 DCR 9919), includes a public climate commitment; specifically, section 2

of the law requires the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from both public and private sources to achieve “a level consistent with carbon neutrality by 2045, and in each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated completion of Project Pipes is a decade *after* the District’s carbon neutrality target; and

WHEREAS, February 2024, the Council informed the PSC to that Project Pipes is incompatible with the District’s statutory mandates regarding reduction of GHG emissions, does not align with the fossil-free future charted for the District, and that the ultimate price tag of \$4.5 billion (\$672 million for the next 5 years) will not be borne evenly by a declining base of District ratepayers –disproportionately impacting those who lack the resources or ability to join the electrification program.

WHEREAS, in February 2024, the District’s Office of The People’s Counsel filed a petition with the PSC, requesting a formal investigation be initiated to study Washington Gas’ infrastructure, leak mitigation practices, and an evaluation of Project Pipes including performance improvements from Project Pipes phases 1 and 2.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports OPC-DC’s request for a pause and thorough investigation of Project Pipes, focusing on concerns about increases in Class 1 leak occurrences, reducing the environmental impacts of leaks, reevaluating near and long-term financial impacts on District ratepayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests Washington Gas, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of the People’s Counsel improve transparency and timely updates to the public regarding progress, delays, with particular regard to the number, distribution and severity classification of leaks by Ward on at least a quarterly basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests Washington Gas develop alternative or contingency efforts to ensure safety of pipe and service lines should the ratepayer base decline and jeopardize funding more quickly than projected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests the Council of the District of Columbia support and authorize actions facilitating conversion from fossil fuels to electric alternatives, including resources for residential buildings, the food service and hospitality sectors, and economically disadvantaged District residents and businesses.

Consideration of a resolution opposing the Initiative Amendment Act

Commissioner Rueckgauer gave an overview of the matter.. Commissioner Reuckgaur moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0.) It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.101 defines the term “initiative” as the process by which the electors of the District of Columbia may propose laws (except laws appropriating funds) and



present such proposed laws directly to the registered qualified electors of the District of Columbia for their approval or disapproval; and

WHEREAS, initiatives are an integral and vital part of the legislative process, specified in the Home Rule Act, that put matters that the Council may not want to address or opposes in the hands of the District's voters to democratically decide; and

WHEREAS, efforts to undermine and weaken ballot measures nationwide have been increasing since the 2016 election in response to progressive wins and people-powered democracy at the ballot box. In 2023 legislative sessions, 139 bills were introduced in 35 states that would impact the ballot initiative process, 58 of which would restrict or undermine the process; and

WHEREAS, in various states, politicians, powerful individuals, and special interests, are trying to make it harder for voters to propose and pass ballot initiatives under the cover of so-called "reforms." These attacks are increasingly more nuanced, sophisticated, and would have deeper impacts on the initiative process. These restrictive measures take a variety of forms, but they all serve the same function: to undermine the will of the people and diminish their decision-making power; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2023, the District Board of Elections reviewed a proposed initiative regarding Ranked Choice Voting and determined that it would, if enacted as written, violate a prohibition on initiatives that would intrude upon the discretion of the Council to appropriate funds. The proposer submitted a revised version which was deemed acceptable by the Board of Elections as it left funding to the discretion and action of the Council to provide a requisite budget; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2023, Council Chair Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Anita Bonds introduced Bill 23-0475, the "Initiative Amendment Act of 2023" in direct response to the Board of Elections decision, stating: "the proponents of an Initiative crafted a novel approach to circumvent the prohibition: make the Initiative subject to appropriations. No matter how costly a proposal may be, simply make the Initiative "subject to appropriations." The Board of Elections went along with this argument, reversing longstanding practice of rejecting proposals that would have a fiscal cost; and

WHEREAS, the Bill's introduction continues with emphasis that "without this bill, the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023, it is possible that the floodgates will open to all kinds of good, but expensive proposals, and policymaking by the Council will become reactive to the Initiative process"; and

WHEREAS, examples are cited of citizen lawmaking that do not require an appropriation include: legalizing some forms of gambling (Initiative #6); limiting campaign contributions (#41); legalizing recreational cannabis (#71); and eliminating the tipped minimum wage (#82); and

WHEREAS, the argument of Chair Mendelson and Councilmember Bonds avoids mention of the reality that *all legislation actually does require funding* – whether it is a direct budget line item or

an increase or reprogramming of agency funds to provide the requisite implementation, staffing, management, and oversight; and

WHEREAS, in practice and in line with the statement that the Council would become reactive to Initiatives, the need for indirect funding could be claimed to be an imposition of a requirement obligating the District to a “fiscal cost” which the Council could then use as justification to nullify an Initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support Bill 23-0475, the “Initiative Amendment Act of 2023” on the basis that it is undemocratic on its face; not in the spirit of the Initiative process provided for in the Home Rule Charter; and not in the best interest of the District of Columbia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B respectfully requests Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Councilmember Matt Frumin, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George, Councilmember Trayon White, Councilmember Christina Henderson, Councilmember Robert White, Councilmember Christina Henderson, Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Councilmember Vincent Gray, Councilmember Zachary Parker, and Councilmember Charles Allen, to stand for the voice of District residents and vote against Bill 23-0475.

Consideration of a resolution supporting DDOT’s Notice of Intent to reduce the speed limit of 16th Street NW to 25 MPH

Commissioner Rueckguaer gave an overview of the matter. Commissioner Reuckgaur moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0.) It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) has issued Notice of Intent (“NOI”) 24-104-TESD, reducing the speed limit on 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Eastern Avenue NW and K Street NW from 30 mph to 25 mph; effective in the summer of 2024; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has long advocated for action to reduce the dangerous conditions that every day threaten the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and other street users, created by speed limits that favor throughput of vehicles.

WHEREAS, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 30 mph has a 70% greater risk of fatality than being struck at 25mph.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports NOI #24-104-TESD, reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Eastern Avenue NW and K Street NW; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests the timing of traffic signals be adjusted on 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW and the crossing streets to match the new speed limit which will improve flow of traffic in all directions, as well as help reduce speeding, red light running, and other aggressive driving behaviors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests DDOT review and adjust pedestrian crossing timers to afford sufficient time for people to safely complete crossing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests automated traffic enforcement (“ATE”) along 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW be expanded to also include illegal travel, speeding or stopping in the bus lanes, illegal turns, and failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks at all times of day.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC’s March meeting minutes**

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to approve the ANC’s regular March 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### **Approval of Financial Report**

Commissioner Slatt made a motion to approve ANC 2B 2024 Q1 financial report. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.



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

### **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.



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

### **June 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular June 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Roggensack at 7:01 PM.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Meg Roggensack (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), 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**

Announcement from Metro DC DSA and DC for Democracy on the social housing Council bill

John Qua made an announcement from METRO DC DSA and DC for Democracy on the social housing bill in Council.

#### DDOT presentation on the Dupont Tree Plaza Concept Design

Annie Tkacik presented on behalf of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on the Dupont Tree Plaza Concept Design.

#### Reports from Government Representatives

Christopher Powell, Ward 2 Liason from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; and Captain Harris and Lt Forrest, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, provided updates.

#### Commissioner Updates

Chair Roggensack, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Rueckgauer, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Slatt 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) gave updates.

#### Other Public Announcements and General Comments or Future Agenda Items

Bill McLeod, Executive Director of the Dupont Business Improvement District, gave an announcement.

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

Bell Wine & Liquor- Application for renewal of a Class "A" Retail Liquor Store License located at 1821 M Street NW (ABRA-095984) (2B05) (1 min)

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Press Club Cocktail Bar- Application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1506 19th Street NW (ABRA-128025) (2B02)



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

WHEREAS, Press Club Cocktail Bar, LLC trading as Press Club Cocktail Bar (“Press Club”) has applied for a new Class “C” Tavern Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-128025) at 1506 19th Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B02;

WHEREAS, Press Club’s placard states the establishment has an interior occupancy of 40 persons with seating for 20; and

WHEREAS, Press Club’s placard states they have applied for the following hours of operation:

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption, Inside the Premises

Sunday through Saturday – 11:00AM – 1:00AM

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption, Outside the Premises (with valid endorsement, Public Space permit by the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”), and subject to conditions of Settlement Agreement)

Sunday through Saturday – 11:00AM – 1:00AM

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

WHEREAS, the placarded outside operating hours exceed ANC 2B’s guidelines of 11:00 PM Sundays through Thursdays, and 12:00 Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. However, the 1500 block of 19th Street NW is commercial in nature and becomes deserted by 10:00PM. Supporting the requested hours may bring desirable activity that enlivens the area;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B reached out the Dupont Circle Citizens Association to learn if they had any concerns about the application but no response was received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the application of Press Club Cocktail Lounge as placarded, pursuant to DDOT issuing a Public Space permit for outdoor use, and a Settlement Agreement that establishes 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.

Firetuned- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer located at 1342 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA-128026) (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, DSB, LLC trading as Firtuned (“Firtuned”, “Applicant”) has applied for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License (ABCA-128026) at 1341 Connecticut Avenue NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, the nature of operation states the facility has approximately 1,500 square feet of space and will vend cannabis flowers, cannabis concentrates, and a line of edible products, an on-premises Safe Use Treatment facility, and home delivery services to registered patients in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, Firtuned has applied for the following License Endorsements:

- Delivery
- Safe-Use Treatment Facility
- Cannabis Summer Garden

WHEREAS, Firtuned’s placard states they have applied for the following hours of operation:

Hours of Operation for Retailer

Sunday – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Monday through Friday – 10:00AM – 8:00PM

Saturday – 10:00AM – 9:00PM

Hours of Retailer Sales Open to the Public

Sunday – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Monday through Friday – 10:00AM – 8:00PM

Saturday – 10:00AM – 9:00PM

Hours of Safe-Use Treatment Facility

Sunday – Saturday 12:00 Noon – 6:00PM

Hours of Cannabis Summer Garden

Sunday – Saturday 12:00 Noon – 6:00PM

WHEREAS, Firtuned currently operates a Cannabis Manufacturer at this same address and is in good standing;

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

WHEREAS, Firetuned has agreed to enter into a Cannabis Settlement Agreement with ANC 2B governing the retail operation;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has discussed the delivery service and is satisfied that it should not pose problems for the neighborhood, and that should delivery service increase such that it may impact traffic flow, Firetuned will work with ANC 2B and DDOT to arrive at an agreeable solution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Cannabis Retailer License application of Firetuned as placarded, pursuant a Cannabis Settlement Agreement that establishes 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 Cannabis Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

Nice Guys 2- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer located at 1215 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA-127919) (2B05)

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

ANC 2B Cannabis Resolution: Application by Power of Plants LLC for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1215 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 4A (ABCA-127919)

WHEREAS, Power of Plants LLC trading as Mr. Nice Guys 2 (“Nice Guys 2”, “Applicant”) has applied for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License (ABCA-127919) at 1215 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 4A, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, the nature of operation states the facility has approximately 1,160 square feet of space and will vend cannabis flowers, cannabis concentrates, and a line of edible products, and home delivery services to registered patients in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, Nice Guys 2 has applied for the following License Endorsements:

- Delivery

WHEREAS, Nice Guys 2’s placard states they have applied for the following hours of operation:

Hours of Operation for Retailer

Sunday through Saturday – 10:00AM – 9:00PM

Hours of Retailer Sales Open to the Public

Sunday through Saturday – 11:00AM – 8:00PM

WHEREAS, Nice Guys 2 has a location at 1470 Church Street NW in ANC 2F, Single Member District 2F03, which is operating with a Cannabis Settlement Agreement and is in good standing;

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

WHEREAS, Nice Guys 2 has agreed to enter into a Cannabis Settlement Agreement with ANC 2B;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has discussed the delivery service and is satisfied that it should not pose problems for the neighborhood, and that should delivery service increase such that it may impact traffic flow, Nice Guys 2 will work with ANC 2B and DDOT to arrive at an agreeable solution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Cannabis Retailer License application of Mr. Nice Guys 2 as placarded, pursuant a Cannabis

Settlement Agreement that establishes 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 Cannabis Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

Nero- Application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1207 19th Street NW (ABRA-128597) (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, Nero 1207, Inc. trading as Nero (“Nero”) has applied for a new Class “C” Tavern Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-128597) at 1207 19th Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, the nature of operation is stated as a restaurant and wine bar serving Italian cuisine;

WHEREAS, Nero’s placard states the establishment has an interior occupancy of 180 persons with seating for 180 inside; the outside capacity is 50 persons with 45 seats;

WHEREAS, Nero has applied for the following License Endorsements:

- Entertainment with Dancing and Cover Charge inside the premises only.
- Sidewalk Café
- Carry-out and Delivery.
- Holiday Extension of Hours.

WHEREAS, Nero’s placard states they have applied for the following hours of operation:

Inside the Premises

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

Friday and Saturday – 8:00AM – 3:00AM

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption, Inside the Premises

Sunday – 10:00AM – 2:00AM

Monday through Thursday – 11:00AM – 2:00AM

Friday – 11:00 AM – 3:00AM

Saturday – 10:00AM – 3:00AM

Outside the Premises (with valid endorsement, Public Space permit by the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”), and subject to conditions of Settlement Agreement)

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

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption, Outside the Premises

Sunday – 10:00AM – 1:00AM

Monday through Friday – 11:00AM – 1:00AM

Saturday – 10:00AM – 1:00AM

Live Entertainment, Inside the Premises (with valid endorsement, subject to conditions of Settlement Agreement)

Sunday through Thursday – 12:00 Noon – 2:00AM

Friday and Saturday – 12:00 Noon – 3:00AM

Carry-Out and Delivery (with valid endorsement)

ABCA’s standard hours, currently 6:00AM – 1:00AM daily

Extended Holiday Hours (with valid endorsement, subject to conditions of Settlement Agreement)

May sell and serve alcohol up to 4:00 a.m. and operate 24-hours on select days in conjunction with select District Government and federal holidays.

Hours of alcohol service are automatically extended for licensees during daylight saving changes.

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

WHEREAS, the placarded outside operating hours exceed ANC 2B’s guidelines of 11:00PM Sundays through Thursdays, and 12:00 Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. However, the 1200 block of 19th Street NW is commercial in nature and, historically, establishments in the vicinity have been allowed similar hours and not adversely affected the Peace, Order, and Quiet of the area;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B reached out to Commissioner Rebecca Strauss of ANC 2C (2C02) whose district is across M Street from the applicant’s establishment. Commissioner Strauss did not express any objections to the requested outside hours;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B reached out to residents of the Jefferson Row condominium to learn if they have any concerns about the application but no response was received;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B reached out the Dupont Circle Citizens Association to learn if they had any concerns about the application but no response was received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the application of Nero as placarded, pursuant to DDOT issuing a Public Space permit for outdoor use, and a Settlement Agreement that establishes 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.

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

ANC 2B supports Nero's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public space application for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1207 19th Street NW (DDOT-11067897) (2B05) (5 mins)**

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

WHEREAS, Nero 1207, Inc. trading as Nero ("Nero", "Applicant") has applied for use of a sidewalk café space at 1207 19th Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, the sidewalk café space is extant and been used by predecessor establishments at this location;

WHEREAS, the Applicant has applied for an endorsement to its ABCA license permitting outdoor seating and serving, subject to approved hours of operation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Public Space Permit Application #11067897 for a sidewalk café at 1207 19th Street NW.

#### **Public space application has been filed for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1641 R Street NW (DDOT-11074854) (2B03) (5 mins)**

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

ANC 2B supports Public Space Permit Application #11074854 for a sidewalk café at 1641 R St NW.

#### **Public space application for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1837 M Street NW (DDOT-11071713) (2B05) (5 mins)**

Chair Roggensack moved to withdraw the proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

### **Land Use Agenda**

#### **1536 U Street NW- Historic designation application for Youth Pride, Inc. (HPRB- #TBD) (2B09) (10 mins)**

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

The Center for Community Change Action and the D.C. Preservation League have applied to the Historic Preservation Review Board for historic designation of 1536 U Street NW, located in ANC district 2B09;

ANC 2B's Land Use Committee reviewed the application and heard a presentation by the applicant at its duly noticed monthly meeting held on June 4th, 2024;

The building was constructed in 1920 with a third floor added in 1930, and is a contributing structure in the Sixteenth Street Historic District;

The applicant is nominating the property for local designation under criterion A for its association "with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history";

From 1968 to 1981 the building was the headquarters of Pride Inc., an organization that provided job training, self-help, and business development programs for Black youth. It was central to Marion Barry's rise to mayor, inspiration for his signature Summer Youth Employment Program and Mayor's Youth Leadership Program, and more broadly an important facet of the Black Power Movement in DC.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports the nomination and agrees that the building qualifies for local historic designation under criterion A.

### **General Agenda**

#### **Consideration of a resolution regarding WMATA's proposed 2025 Better Bus Network (5 mins)**

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt an amendment to the proposed resolution by adding "and incorporate Circulator service into WMATA regular bus service at the same frequency and span levels as currently exist." Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and passed (6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) released the Better Bus Visionary Network service transformation plan, followed by a Revised

Visionary Network plan; representing the most ambitious update of bus service in the District and the region in over a century;

WHEREAS, unfavorable financial conditions affecting WMATA and the supporting jurisdictions in Fiscal Year 2025 and the foreseeable future, compelled a substantial scaling-back of the Visionary Network to a what can be accomplished with current resources, resulting in the May 2024, Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network;

WHEREAS, ABC 2B's June Mobility Committee held a public discussion of the Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network and its potential effects on the Dupont Circle area;

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle is a major activity center with substantial destinations for business, domestic and international tourism, hospitality; art, dining, nightlife, and depends heavily upon the availability of Metrorail and Metrobus service;

WHEREAS, for almost 50 years, Dupont Circle provides a convenient, heavily utilized transfer between Metrobus routes and the Red Line, serving thousands of people every day including many who don't live near Metrorail;

WHEREAS, the proposed plan replaces all existing routes with new ones that preserve some aspects of current service patterns but shorten routes, alter destinations, reconfigure or eliminate existing service, in order to achieve more frequent service system wide;

WHEREAS, while many "long" routes traversing downtown have been shortened to reduce the all-too-common delays from traffic and the resulting "bunching" of buses, some of those eliminations (42/43 to Kennedy Center, D6 to Metro Center/Cap Hill; G2 Georgetown-Howard University) adversely impact many residents and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, eliminating one seat service between Dupont and Kennedy Center (current 42/43), and Metro Center and Capitol Hill (current D6), is inconsistent with the District's plans for increasing activity in Downtown DC. Transfers, even if from one high-frequency route to another, is objectionable among seniors, those with young children, or having mobility issues;

WHEREAS, the proposed replacements serving Connecticut Avenue, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, Columbia Heights, result in too much weekday service in the short stretch between Dupont Circle and Farragut;

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement of Massachusetts Avenue (N2/N4/N6) service west of Dupont may be a wash along Mass, it will create a transit desert in far northwest DC in the Western Avenue vicinity that isn't merely "a slightly longer walk" to a new route;

WHEREAS, the proposed addition of Massachusetts Avenue service east of Dupont to the Convention Center has potential but that stretch of Mass is frequently congested between 17th Street, Scott Circle, 15th Street, Thomas Circle, Mount Vernon Square and the intersection of Mass and New York. There is skepticism whether the eastern section will be able to meet frequency and travel time expectations;



WHEREAS, the proposed plan eliminates the only direct transit connection between Howard University and Central Dupont Circle (the current G2 route), leaving only a route stopping at 18th & U Streets NW or continuing to Woodley Park and transferring to the Red Line;

WHEREAS, the proposed plan does not include an urgently needed (and long promised by DDOT) direct connection between Dupont and the U Street corridor. Such a route was in the Visionary Network (but as a 30-minute service). Such a route has been identified as critical for transit equity for lower-income residents in the U Street corridor, economic sustainability of the commercial and nightlife centers along the route, and success of the U Street Bus Priority project through reducing the number of private cars on the street;

WHEREAS, there is skepticism that the D74 (Farragut-RI Ave Metro) will be able to meet frequency and travel time expectations because of its long route through multiple heavily congested areas;

WHEREAS, changes to 14th Street routes will likely result in a considerable service reduction;

WHEREAS, most routes serving Dupont cease operating at midnight with only the Connecticut Avenue line running until 2AM. This discourages workers and patrons from using transit to the many nightlife offerings in and near Dupont, U Street, or Downtown, resulting in people driving or taking costly for-hire conveyances. There also is no overnight route serving Central Dupont; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to development of the proposed plan, the District announced that DC Circulator service will be eliminated in the spring of 2025, potentially forcing that those who have come to depend on Circulator to resort to costly automobile conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the 1500 block of Connecticut Ave NW between Q St and Dupont Circle will be transformed into a shared-street plaza, with construction expected to commence later in 2024 and taking approximately 27 months. When completed, there may be reduced capacity in that block which could affect bus service; and

WHEREAS, while the route identification scheme makes sense to planners and those who are particularly savvy about the system, it doesn't convey to the general public "at a glance" recognition of which route will take them where they want to go.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B generally supports WMATA's Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B offers these recommendations for the 2025 Better Bus Network:

- Implement a Dupont-U Street-LeDroit-Howard U route with headways of 10-15 minutes. This can be the route from the Visionary Network; or implement the proposed extension of the Georgetown Circulator

- Consider changes to the Connecticut Avenue routes between Dupont and Farragut to not “over serve” that segment.
- Consider one-seat daytime “Mall Museum and Monument” service serving Dupont and key stops in the monument and tourism core, Capitol Hill.
- Consider a “Late Last Run” on the Connecticut Avenue line departing the termini 30 minutes after bar closing time so nightlife patrons and workers can get home on transit; or, add Connecticut Avenue to the 24 hour network to eliminate the gap between 16th Street and Wisconsin Avenue.
- Work with DDOT to ensure adequate capacity on Connecticut Avenue at Dupont Circle.
- Conduct more public outreach regarding more relevant route naming, especially for visitors and occasional users. Consider carrying-over as many existing route names as possible for launch of Better Bus if a final naming convention has not been selected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that WMATA work with DDOT to sustain Circulator service without interruption of service, and incorporate Circulator service into WMATA regular bus service at the same frequency and span levels as currently exist.

**Approval of the ANC’s May Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the ANC’s regular May 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

**Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.



**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.

17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

### **August 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular August 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission

(Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Roggensack at 7:01.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Meg Roggensack (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), 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**

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office; Lieutenant Forrest, representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District; and Randi Thorpe, Community Relations Specialist from Department of Public Works (DPW), provided updates.

#### **Commissioner Updates**

There were no Commissioner updates.

#### **Committee Updates**

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

#### **Public Announcements and General Comments**

Bill McLeod, Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District, provided an update. Anne Blackwell, President of Historic Dupont Main Street, provided an update.

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

#### **Dreams Wellness LLC- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer to be located at 1829 M Street NW (ABRA-127574) (2B05) (10 min)**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dreams Wellness LLC ("Dreams Wellness", "Applicant") has applied for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License (ABCA-127574) at 1829 M Street NW, Washington DC, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

**WHEREAS**, the nature of operation states the facility has approximately 1,000 square feet of space and will vend cannabis flowers, cannabis concentrates, and a line of edible products, and home delivery services to registered patients in Washington DC; and

**WHEREAS**, Dreams Wellness has applied for the following License Endorsements:

- Delivery

**WHEREAS**, Dreams Wellness' placard states they have applied for the following hours of operation:

**Hours of Operation for Retailer**

Sunday – Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Hours of Retailer Sales Open to the Public**

Sunday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**WHEREAS**, promoting and maintaining good relationships between residents and ABCA licensed establishments is a responsibility and priority of ANC 2B;

**WHEREAS**, Dreams Wellness has agreed to enter into a Cannabis Settlement Agreement with ANC 2B;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B has discussed the delivery service and is satisfied that it should not pose problems for the neighborhood, and that should delivery service increase such that it may impact traffic flow, Dreams Wellness will work with ANC 2B and DDOT to arrive at an agreeable solution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B **supports the Cannabis Retailer License application of Dreams Wellness as placarded**, pursuant a Cannabis Settlement Agreement that establishes 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 Cannabis Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

**Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public space application for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1837 M Street NW (DDOT-11071713) (2B05) (5 mins)

Chair Roggensack 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**, Dog Haus (“Dog Haus”, “Applicant”) has applied for use of a sidewalk café space at 1837 M Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has a standard guideline that a minimum of 10 feet of sidewalk be maintained between the outer edge of a sidewalk seating area and the nearer of the curb, or a fixed object including tree boxes, parking meters, bike racks, lampposts;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B does consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis where a proposed seating area is next to a staircase, stoop, or is consistent other DDOT-permitted sidewalk occupancy on the block, provided pedestrians (including those using wheelchairs, baby carriages, wheeled luggage, personal shopping carts) are able to safely pass;

WHEREAS, the applicant's submitted plan extends beyond the existing stairways, leaving a 5 feet or less of clearance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's submitted plan includes no accommodation for the trash and recycling cans currently stored against the building; and

WHEREAS, the only supportable configuration of the café seating would be small tables placed against the building and parallel to the front so the seating area would remain entirely within the envelope of the stairway. Perpendicular seating would not be acceptable as it would interfere with pedestrian use of the sidewalk;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B and other District Government agency reviewers requested the applicant submit new plans to address our consistent concerns however no revised plans have been submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B OPPOSES the Public Space Permit Application # 11071713 by Dog Haus Restaurant for use of public space for a sidewalk café at 1837 M Street NW.

### **General Agenda (15 mins)**

#### **Consideration of a resolution concerning the 17th Street High Heel Race (5 min)**

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

The 36th Annual 17th Street High Heel Race is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, and the ANC fully supports this event and urges HSEMA, DDOT, MOLGBTQA, MPD, and ABCA to:

- Schedule a meeting by the end of August 2024, to take place within the first two weeks of September 2024, with representatives of the 17th Street Businesses, the Historic DuPont Circle Main Streets and the DuPont BID concerning event plans
- Implement traffic and safety plans from the Capital Pride Block Party as a model for this event
- Expand those traffic plans to include closing S Street NW between NH and 16th Streets; and, also 17th St between NH and S St. This is a necessary addition to



coincide with the DC Council-funded historical marker being placed at the S Street Dog Park in honor of William Dorsey Swann, the formerly enslaved Black Drag Queen after whom Swann Street has been rededicated. We anticipate heightened foot traffic at these blocks, expecting hundreds of revelers at the park, and urge all traffic be diverted from the area

- Plan for the consideration and permission of food trucks along the 1600 Block of Corcoran St NW and the 1700 Block of Church St NW.
- Provide for the temporary suspension of open container laws and the extension of liquor licenses for outside and to-go service and sales for all businesses and public spaces located between 16th St and NH Ave, between P and S Streets
- Increase the use of wayfinding signs to assist revelers towards public transportation, including and especially the Farragut Square Orange/Blue/Silver Station and the U Street Green Station.
- To present plans at the October convening of ANC 2B, scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024; and,
- To prepare an after-action report on the event to be submitted to the ANC 2B by the end of calendar year 2024.

[Consideration of a resolution regarding pending legislation on \*Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage\* and \*General Contractor Licensing\* \(5 min\)](#)

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

Whereas the Department of Buildings is working to improve residential construction permit application, oversight and enforcement

Whereas such reform is urgent and necessary due to ongoing concerns about building construction safety practices and increasing incidents of building collapses, and structural damage to adjacent and adjoining properties

Whereas the Committee of the Whole is considering Bill B25-0654 – *Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Amendment Act of 2024* which proposes reforms that address some of the concerns expressed by property owners who have been adversely affected by construction activities resulting from inadequate licensing and permitting requirements in the District of Columbia.

Whereas the Committee of the Whole has raised questions regarding deficiencies in the proposed Bill that will not achieve the stated goals; specifically, to enable affected adjacent property owners to make direct claims for damage with the insurer of the project. Also, to ensure that general contractors are properly credentialed and are in full compliance with DC laws, including employment laws.

Whereas the Committee of the Whole is now engaging with some of the stakeholders affected by this legislation, however, engagement with affected adjacent property owners and their ANC representatives has yet to take place.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole staff schedule meeting(s) with hearing witnesses and their representatives, to obtain additional perspectives from affected property owners and to ensure that these proposals achieve their stated goals.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 that expressly requires that adjacent property owners are designated as additional insureds on developer/contractor project liability insurance policies.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 to require meaningful qualification and accountability processes for general contractors undertaking residential construction projects in the District of Columbia, that are consistent with those in adjacent jurisdictions.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the Committee of the Whole includes language in B25-0654 to require that any general contractor seeking a license be required to certify and substantiate compliance with applicable requirements of DC employment and labor laws.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's regular [July 2024 meeting minutes](#) (2 min)**

Commissioner Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's [FY 2024 Quarter 3 financial report](#) (2 min)**

Commissioner Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Stein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

#### **Referring Budget to CAPP (2 min)**

Commissioner Roggensack proposed a motion to refer the ANC's FY 25 Budget to the Complex Application Working Group Committee. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.



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

**September 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

The regular September 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Vice Chair Adams at 7:01.

**Introduction of Commissioners**

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Z Stein (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zachary Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Vice Chair Adams moved to amend the agenda to add 1509 Carolina St to the Land Use Agenda. Vice Chair Adams adopted the ANC's meeting agenda by unanimous consent.

**Announcements and Public Comments**

**Reports from Government Representatives**

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

**Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Johnson provided an update.

**Public Announcements and General Comments**

Bill McLeod, Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District, provided an update.

**Public Space Committee Agenda**

Public space application for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed located at 1837 M Street NW (DDOT-11071713) (2B05) (10 mins)

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

**WHEREAS**, Dog Haus (“Dog Haus”, “Applicant”) has applied for use of a sidewalk café space at 1837 M Street NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B has a standard guideline that a minimum of 10 feet of sidewalk be maintained between the outer edge of a sidewalk seating area and the nearer of the curb, or fixed object(s) including tree boxes, parking meters, bike racks, lampposts;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B may consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis where a proposed seating area is next to a staircase, stoop, or is consistent other DDOT-permitted sidewalk occupancy on the block, provided pedestrians (including those using wheelchairs, baby carriages, wheeled luggage, personal shopping carts) are able to safely pass the entire proposed seating area;

**WHEREAS**, the sidewalk on the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW (where the Applicant’s restaurant is located) is quite narrow and many buildings have stairs that make it even narrower at points, creating challenges for pedestrians, especially those using wheelchairs or carriages for children;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant’s previous plan submission extended beyond the stairway line, leaving 5 (“five”) feet or less of clearance, and also did not accommodate existing trash and recycling storage;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B and other agency reviewers stated the only supportable configuration of the café would be few small tables seating 2 persons, placed against and parallel to the building front to remain within the envelope created by the stairways;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B and other District Government agency reviewers requested the Applicant submit new plans to address our consistent concerns;

**WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2024, the Applicant submitted new plans that conform with the requested changes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **ANC 2B SUPPORTS WITH CONDITIONS Public Space Permit Application # 11071713** by Dog Haus Restaurant for use of public space for a sidewalk café at 1837 M Street NW.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC requests that the permit specify the seating plan shall remain as presented in the plans and that the café area shall at no time extend beyond the stairway line.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) and Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

## **Land Use Agenda**

### **2121 Ward Place NW- Office to residential conversion (2B06) (10 mins)**

The Commission took no action.

### **1509 Caroline Street NW- Project Concept (HPA 24-433)**

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

ANC 2B supports plans as presented pertaining to 1509 Caroline Street NW, HPA 24-433.

Commissioner Davis ([2B09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B09@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

## **General Agenda**

### **Consideration of a resolution concerning Council Bill B25-0922, the "Strategic Parking Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2024" (10 min)**

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

**WHEREAS**, parking in the District is in short supply and frequently is subject to high contention by competing needs. This condition is especially acute in high-density neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle with significant commingled interests of residential, commercial, hospitality, entertainment, and nightlife uses.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works ("DPW") perennially is deprived of adequate financial and human resources, and strategic planning, to adequately and effectively provide Parking Enforcement services beyond regular business hours, beyond certain priority areas.

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT"), engaged with ANC 2B to identify needs and priorities for improving our parking and curbside management needs. ANC 2B presented a resolution containing our recommendations, which had been crafted so as to be scalable to similar neighborhoods. DDOT had indicated several pilots in the ANC would be advanced. Necessary Mayoral and Council actions were not executed, which prevented DDOT from proceeding, and then the pandemic put everything on hold.

**WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, parking enforcement was largely suspended. In addition, a number of societal changes altered the uses and needs for parking and curbside management, and attitudes towards parking regulations.

**WHEREAS**, Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, recognizing the need for action to address the need for increased parking enforcement action, has introduced Council Bill B25-0922, the “Strategic Parking Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2024” (“SPE”) to implement a reimbursable enforcement officer program for specific service assignments based upon MPD’s Reimbursable Detail Officer (“RDO”) program used by many ABCA-licensed establishments.

**WHEREAS**, SPE would only provide citation issuance, not booting or towing, out of state scofflaws are unlikely to improve compliance with our parking regulations.

**WHEREAS**, it is not yet known how many officers would be available for the program or how many requests for SPE could be satisfied on a continuing basis.

**WHEREAS**, it has not yet been determined if the cost of overtime pay will be an effective use of limited funds versus compared to increasing Parking Enforcement staff and operating hours.

**WHEREAS**, SPE would accept requests for specific enforcement assignments by a business, group of businesses, a promoter or organizer of a licensed special event, a Business Improvement District, a DC Main Streets Program, and other entities designated by the Mayor, and utilize off-duty parking enforcement officers working overtime for enforcement.

**WHEREAS**, SPE presumably will be focused on prominent commercial and mixed-use zones during peak times of parking demand. It is not clear how areas not having a BID or Main Streets organization representing them, such as smaller commercial strips or residential areas, could benefit.

**WHEREAS**, it has not yet been defined how SPE and Parking Enforcement support of Nightlife Task Forces would be structured and maintained.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B appreciates and supports Councilmember Nadeau’s leadership on improving parking enforcement and offering this Bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B recommends careful consideration of the cost benefit for SPE compared to investing in strategic growth of the Parking Enforcement staff, operating hours, and coverage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B recommends adding ANC review of SPE requests, as well as ANCs to the list of those who may request SPE assignments for their area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B recommends coordination of SPE and the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture (“MONC”) focus areas for the most effective and supporting uses of resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B recommends SPE assignments cover the entire block where deployed, including cross streets. This can identify additional violations often associated with the principal focus locations.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) and Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

## **Administrative Matters**

### **Approval of the ANC's regular August [2024 meeting minutes](#) (2 min)**

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the August 2024 ANC 2B regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgaur seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Approval of the ANC's [FY 25 Budget](#) (2 min)**

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt the proposed ANC 2B FY 25 budget. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

## **Committee Updates**

Commissioner Rueckgaur, Chair of the ANC's Mobility Committee (MC), provided updates.

## **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.



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

### **October 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 9, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular October 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Roggensack at 7:01.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Meg Roggensack (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgaur (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 Abila, Ward 2 Liason from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, Lieutenant Sakulich, representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, and Inspector Davis, Department of Public Works, provided updates.

### Update on High Heel Race

Japer Bowles, Director of Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, provided an update on the High Heel Race. Japer answered questions from the Commissioners.

### Update on Throne Public Bathroom Pilot Program

Jess Heinzelman provided an update on the Throne Public Bathroom Pilot Program in Dupont Circle.

### Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Johnson provided an update.

### Committee Announcements

Commissioner Rueckgauer provided an update on the Mobility Committee.

### Public Announcements and General Comments

Bill McLeod, Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District, provided an update.

### **Public Space Committee Agenda**

#### **Public space application valet staging zone at 1739 N Street NW (DDOT- 11096101) (2B05) (5 mins)**

Commissioner Stein 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**, Sun Service, Inc. ("Applicant") has applied for a valet parking zone utilizing 4 public metered parking spaces to serve Tabard Inn at 1739 N Street NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05.

**WHEREAS**, the valet parking zone will be active during the hours of 7:00 AM through 3:00 AM, Sundays through Saturdays.



**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B has previously supported a valet parking zone for this location in 2009; however, it was canceled due to construction projects in the block and Applicant has been operating with monthly temporary valet permits.

**WHEREAS**, the Valet Parking zone is consistent with the characteristics of the block and may further contribute to late night peace and safety with the increased activity of arriving and departing vehicles.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B supports the valet parking permit request by Sun Service, Inc. for the Tabard Inn at 1739 N Street NW.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B asks the Applicant to consider consolidating this valet parking zone with the one serving the Marriott hotel several doors east to more efficiently manage the space.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B asks DDOT to consider on-street markings to clearly delineate the valet parking zone for drivers.

### **Land Use Agenda**

#### **1825 S Street NW- proposed renovations for a 3 story and cellar townhome (HPA 24-482) (2B01) (5 mins)**

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

ANC 2B supports plans as presented pertaining to 1825 S Street NW (HPA 24-482).

### **General Agenda**

#### **Resolution regarding DDOT Notice of Intent for Safety Improvements in 23rd Street NW (5 mins)**

Commissioner 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:

**WHEREAS**, the 2 block stretch of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW between P and N Streets has, for decades, held the nicknames “Indy 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Raceway” or “23<sup>rd</sup> Street Freeway” because of its 3 travel lane width and lack of an all-way stop at O Street that encourages drivers to speed, as well as not yielding to pedestrians trying to cross at O Street.

**WHEREAS**, vehicle and bicycle conflicts occur on the south side of P and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street several times a year.

**WHEREAS**, the condo building on the northside of O Street between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets obstructs the views of drivers and pedestrians nearing the intersection from both approaches, increasing the potential of a crash, injury, or worse.

**WHEREAS**, since at least the 1990s, residents and ANC 2B have regularly requested that DDOT install an All-Way Stop sign and address the lack of an unobstructed sightline at the 23<sup>rd</sup> and O Street intersection.

**WHEREAS**, DDOT is proposing NOI 24-272-TESD for redesign of the 23rd Street roadway between P and N Streets NW, consisting of a 2-way protected cycletrack along the west curb (abutting the “P Street Beach” section of Rock Creek Park); the center lane serving as off-peak parking/peak hours vehicle travel lane; and the east lane as a travel lane at all times.

**WHEREAS**, DDOT’s proposal reduces the travel lanes and the incentives to speed, and also improves the pedestrian and cyclist experiences by encouraging bicycles off the sidewalk and out of vehicle lanes.

**WHEREAS**, DDOT’s proposal lacks a solution to provide visibility and safe movements of pedestrians and vehicles at the 23<sup>rd</sup> and O Street intersection.

**WHEREAS**, DDOT’s proposal does not include an additional crosswalk on the south side of O Street or installation of sidewalk along the east side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between O and N Streets.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cycletrack ending at N Street does not provide connectivity to the bike lanes in M and L Streets.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B appreciates and supports the safety improvements for 23rd Street NW between P and N Streets proposed in NOI 24-272-TESD.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that DDOT upgrade the pedestrian crossing signs at the 23<sup>rd</sup> and O intersection to All-Way Stops, with mirrors that eliminate the blind spots for drivers on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and O Street, created by the Dumbarton Place condo building (1414 22<sup>nd</sup> Street NW).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that DDOT investigate and report on the feasibility of providing a crosswalk across 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW on the south side of O Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that DDOT investigate and report on the feasibility of installing a complete sidewalk on the east side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW between O and N Streets.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that DDOT retain the Speed Limit and digital speed display south of the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> and O Streets NW as part of the Safe Routes To School walkshed for the J. Francis campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that DDOT provide a firm commitment to extend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street cycletrack south to junctions with the M Street and L Street protected bike lanes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B again requests that DDOT upgrade the adjacent intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and O Street NW to an All-Way Stop as drivers continue to disregard the “Pedestrian Crossing” and crosswalks at that location and doing so would create a consistent safety experience at both of these intersections.

Resolution requesting the DC Council introduce and pass legislation establishing a Return-Refund-Recycle (“3R”) program (5 mins)

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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:

**WHEREAS**, more than 617 million covered beverage containers are sold in the District of Columbia each year, but less than one quarter, or 152 million, of these containers, are recycled. *Almost 464.5 million beverage containers sold annually in the District are not recycled.*

**WHEREAS**, of the more than 617 million beverage containers sold in the District, approximately 345 million (over 55 percent) are plastic bottles; more than 180 million (nearly 30 percent) are aluminum cans, and nearly 92 million (almost 15%) are glass bottles.

**WHEREAS**, more than 255 million of the covered bottles and cans sold annually in the District are for water.

**WHEREAS**, of the 464.5 million containers that are not recycled, most are disposed of in public trash receptacles because there is no large-scale, convenient, public space recycling program.

**WHEREAS**, most on-street trash receptacles provided by the District, National Park Service, and other entities, are of limited capacity, do not support recyclable items, are not emptied frequently enough, resulting in unsightly overflow onto sidewalks, roadways, grassy areas. Many containers along with other trash wind up being carried into antiquated storm drains that discharge into waterways.

**WHEREAS**, plastic bottles collected in trash pickups and community-led cleanups are often too contaminated to be recycled. They wind up in landfills or are incinerated, which contributes to air pollution and climate change.

**WHEREAS**, beverage container litter and dumping is found in all neighborhoods in the District, it disproportionately affects residents of Wards 5, 7 and 8, all of which border the Anacostia River.

**WHEREAS**, a proven solution to beverage container litter is a Beverage Container Deposit Return (“Bottle Bill”) law. Bottle Bills reduce trash and boost recycling rates because of the deposit return incentive.

**WHEREAS**, deposit return was created over a century ago by bottle, can, and beverage, manufacturers in order to reduce their costs by repeatedly reusing already manufactured bottles and steel cans. For decades there were no specific laws compelling participation; however, the

economic conditions of the Great Depression followed by wartime rationing provided a natural incentive for consumers to return their empties for the deposit refund.

**WHEREAS**, the arrival of plastic bottles and lightweight aluminum cans for beverages in the post-WWII years, heavily promoting and seducing consumers with their wasteful “no deposit, no return, just toss it when empty” philosophy, resulted in unsustainable levels of resource consumption, litter, waste, and pollution.

**WHEREAS**, by the 1970s it became apparent to environmental groups and governments that the tsunami of litter and pollution had to be reduced. Whereas earlier in the century it was the manufacturers leading the charge and consumer participation could be obtained with patriotic appeals, manufacturers opposed returning to the previous way of doing things (and still do), bottle deposit return laws began to appear out of necessity.

**WHEREAS**, the 10 states currently having Bottle Bill laws, including California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York and Oregon, account for 27% of the US population, yet account for over 50% of all bottles recycled in the United States.

**WHEREAS**, realizing significant reduction of beverage bottle and can litter in the District requires a consistent, convenient, ubiquitous recycling option. An effective, equitable Bottle Deposit Return law can help accomplish this.

**WHEREAS**, with a Bottle Bill consumers would pay 10 cents per qualified beverage container at the time of purchase. The fee would be refunded in full when the empties are returned to participating merchants, kiosks, or other redemption points. The form of repayment should be selectable by the consumer.

**WHEREAS**, a Bottle Bill must ensure that coverage and siting of redemption points is uniform and convenient, especially for residents in communities historically underserved by supermarkets and other food retailers.

**WHEREAS**, a Bottle Bill must have adequate safeguards, administrative controls, and oversight, to detect and prevent abuse, fraud, or new or novel types of crimes.

**WHEREAS**, the District’s 5 cent bag fee was heavily opposed when proposed. Dire predictions of consumers refusing to switch to reusable bags, businesses being ruined and the District blacklisted for retail and dining siting. Instead, none of those scenarios materialized. Most important, the fee succeeded at dramatically reducing the number of plastic bags polluting our streets and waterways.

**WHEREAS**, not all refunds will be collected for various reasons. The law must specify that unclaimed refunds shall only be moved into a dedicated, restricted account that supports environmental programs for the benefit communities and the District. Uncollected refund shall not be placed into the General Fund.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests that the Council of the District of Columbia initiate the legislative process to establish a meaningful, equitable, and durable, Beverage Container Deposit-Return (Bottle Bill) Law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2B requests there be multiple opportunities for public discussion and input from stakeholders citywide to ensure the legislation identifies and addresses concerns and will provide the intended outcome.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### Approval of the ANC's regular September [2024 meeting minutes](#) (2 min)

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to adopt the September 2024 ANC 2B regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

#### Approval of the ANC's Q4 QFR 2024 (2 min)

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt the proposed Q4 2024 QFR. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.



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

### **November 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024; 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order**

The regular October 2024 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Roggensack at 7:01 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 proposed to modify the agenda to move “Update from Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education, and Melanie Mayhew, Ross Parent Teacher Association President” to the top of “Announcements and Public Comments” and “Budget Authorization for Resource Center Repairs” to the top of “General Agenda.” The agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.

### **Announcements and Public Comments**

#### Update from Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education, and Melanie Mayhew, Ross Parent Teacher Association President

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education, and Melanie Mayhew, Ross Parent Teacher Association President provided an update.

#### Reports from Government Representatives

Ty Abila, Ward 2 Liason from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, and Lieutenant Sakulich, representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, provided updates.

#### Recap of High Heel Race from Neighborhood

Representatives were unable to attend, the update has been postponed to next month.

#### Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Johnson provided an update.

#### Committee Announcements

Commissioner Rueckgauer provided an update on the Mobility Committee.

#### Public Announcements and General Comments

Bill McLeod, Director of the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District, provided an update.

### **General Agenda:**

#### Budget authorization for [resource center repairs](#)

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution to authorize up to \$4500 for resource center repairs the matter, Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). Chair Roggensack proposed a resolution to approve an additional \$650, Commissioner Reuckgaur seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Land Use Agenda**

#### Resolution regarding the [Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024](#)

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0)

**WHEREAS**, The District of Columbia includes over 3,500 vacant or blighted properties, with approximately 900 (26%) sitting vacant for over 5 years and ANC 2B includes several such properties;

**WHEREAS**, Vacant and blighted properties often provide cover for illegal and criminal activity, contribute to lower property values, remove potential housing units from the market, and create unsafe and unsanitary conditions for neighboring buildings and the community;

**WHEREAS**, Vacant and blighted properties along commercial corridors impede neighborhood economic sustainability and growth potential, significantly limiting some areas from attracting and maintaining businesses;

**WHEREAS**, Current enforcement mechanisms and tax penalties have proven insufficient to motivate property owners to rehabilitate blighted properties, occupy vacant properties, or sell properties to responsible owners;

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Phil Mendelson introduced the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024 ("the Act"), which would comprehensively reform how the District prevents, identifies, and addresses vacant and blighted properties.

**WHEREAS**, While the Act represents a significant step forward in addressing vacant and blighted properties, there remain opportunities to strengthen the legislation, particularly regarding properties that pose immediate public health hazards, the unique challenges of commercial properties and corridors, the tax rate structure for the most egregious and long-standing vacant properties, and ensuring tax sale properties become opportunities for sustainable homeownership rather than corporate investment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, ANC 2 B strongly supports the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024 and urges the Council of the District of Columbia to pass this legislation with recommended improvements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, ANC 2 B strongly supports the Act's following provisions:

1. The creation of a vacant property receivership program, which will finally give the District an effective mechanism to acquire and rehabilitate long-term vacant properties;
2. The creation of new tax sale process for Class 3 and Class 4 properties, which will provide the District with clear authority to foreclose on chronically vacant properties and transfer them to responsible owners;
3. The financial incentives and assistance programs, including the expanded single-family home rehabilitation program, the new vacant and blighted home revitalization tax credit program, and the tax abatement for redevelopment of vacant and blighted commercial properties, recognizing these tools as essential for both preventing properties from becoming vacant and encouraging investment in the rehabilitation of long-term vacant properties;
4. The requirement for a comprehensive strategic plan every three years, recognizing that addressing vacant properties requires sustained coordination across multiple District agencies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** While strongly supporting the legislation overall, ANC 2 B urges the Council to consider the following improvements to further strengthen the Act's effectiveness:

1. Enhance the Office of Attorney General's authority to address rat-infested vacant properties without requiring a warrant, recognizing that these properties present an immediate public health threat requiring swift intervention;
2. Modify the graduated tax rate structure, as the proposed structure may inadvertently reduce pressure on property owners to act: a. Maintain stronger economic pressure in the early years of vacancy, as current tax rates have proven insufficient to motivate rehabilitation or sale b. Accelerate the timeline for reaching maximum rates rather than waiting until year five c. Increase maximum rates beyond current levels for properties vacant more than five years to create meaningful economic consequences for the most egregious cases of long-term vacancy;
3. Expand provisions specifically addressing commercial vacancies, recognizing that vacant properties in commercial areas are particularly devastating to neighborhood economic vitality, through: a. Establishing a commercial property land bank to facilitate property acquisition and rehabilitation b. Creating matching grants for commercial property improvements c. Designating priority commercial vacancy zones with enhanced incentives and enforcement d. Integrating these tools into the receivership program with specialized requirements for commercial properties e. Aligning efforts with the Great Streets program for comprehensive commercial corridor revitalization.
4. Establish homeownership preference requirements for tax sale properties to ensure vacant properties become opportunities for sustainable homeownership rather than corporate investment vehicles by: a. Creating a "first look" period where only prospective owner-occupants can bid on residential properties b. Providing priority to first-time homebuyers and current District residents c. Setting affordability requirements to create homeownership opportunities for moderate-income residents d. Limiting the percentage of properties that can be purchased by corporate entities or LLCs in any tax sale.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT,** The Commission authorizes Chair Meg Roggensack and Commissioner Christopher Davis to communicate this resolution to, and represent the Commission before, the Council of the District of Columbia and other District agencies. Commissioner Sherman shall be the point of contact for further information on this matter for the Commission.

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2 B,** at a properly noticed regular meeting of the Commission on November 13, 2024, with a quorum present, voted YEAS 7, NAYS 0, ABSTENTIONS 0, to approve this resolution and direct its transmittal to the Council.

**General Agenda Continued:**

**Consideration of a resolution regarding DDOT's proposed permanent streatory guidelines**

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



**WHEREAS**, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) created the Streatery program in 2020 to help restaurants survive the business downturn created by the restrictions necessary to curtail transmission of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, the urgency of launching the Streatery program necessitated suspension of the typical design and public review processes, which resulted in a large number of streateries that now are inconsistent with public space occupancy regulations and community sentiment.

**WHEREAS**, DDOT has issued proposed permanent Streatery Regulations that bring to the program standard guidelines and requirements such as:

- Uniform design, construction, and footprint standards
- Identifying the establishment a Streatery belongs to
- Street occupancy limited to an establishment’s street frontage without written permission from adjoining property owners to extend into their space.
- ADA accessibility
- Pedestrian and traffic safety
- Identification and access to in-street utilities
- Unobstructed gutters and other water and snow melt drainage pathways
- Clear definition of permitted and prohibited uses of a Streatery
- Required upkeep and maintenance of structures by establishments
- Notice to establishments that their use of public space may be rescinded for any reason including repurposing of the space’s use by DDOT or other agency

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Streatery Regulations resolve most of the concerns and issues associated with the existing Streatery program, however there are some issues that ANC 2B believes must be addressed:

- The Annual Public Space Rental Fee for Sidewalk Cafés is \$5 per square foot (\$10 for an enclosed café). For a Streatery, it is \$20 per square foot. This explicitly declares that an automobile right of way has greater value than a pedestrian right of way. It also specifies that automobile right of way is of greater value to the District than an annual resident parking permit (\$55) that is valid throughout its specified Zone.

Streateries provide significant value to the community. They are inherently traffic-calming which improves safety at practically zero cost to DDOT or the District government. They invite patrons to neighborhood dining establishments which sustain those businesses and encourage new ones to open. Ultimately, they provide tax revenue to the District, which benefits all residents.

The annual space rental fee for Streateries should be commensurate with the Sidewalk Café program to encourage them.

- In the Sidewalk Café program there is a requirement that outdoor seating must be counted in satisfying restroom requirements for the business, including but not limited to, quantity, access, and location (DCMR 24, § 314.7); and that it affects the establishment’s Certificate of Occupancy with the Department of Buildings (DOB). There is no comparable requirement for Streateries. Patrons in the streatery are also likely to use a restroom so this should be consistent between programs.

- The regulations should incorporate a “use it or lose it” provision that requires a streatery be actively used by its patrons at least during warm months or its permit is canceled.
- The regulations must include procedures for reporting, identifying, and prompt disposition of, streateries that violate the regulations or that are abandoned; not a process that drags on for months or years.
- Consider a design requirement that “extended” streateries must be modular and that excess occupancy can be easily removed on 24 hours’ notice.
- Specify that permission to extend into another property’s space may be rescinded by the property owner at any time and for any reason with 30 days’ notice to quit.

**WHEREAS**, existing Streateries may continue to operate under the existing program rules through July 31, 2025, and all existing streateries must be permanently removed by that date.

**WHEREAS**, qualifying establishments may begin submitting applications with designs that conform to the new regulations beginning in December, 2024.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B supports DDOT’s proposed Permanent Streatery Regulations subject to addressing and resolving these points:

- Reduce the Public Space Rental fee for Streateries for better alignment with the Sidewalk Café program, and not discourage establishments from operating Streateries
- Create parity with the Sidewalk Café with respect to restroom and occupancy requirements
- Consider a “use it or lose it” condition that Streateries must be utilized or lose the permit.
- Include a concise and timely process for non-compliant, unused or abandoned Streateries to be reported, reviewed, and removed.
- Include a design requirement that Streateries extending into other properties must be of a modular design and that extensions must be easily removed.
- Include in the regulations a provision that adjoining property owners may rescind their permission to use their space at any time and for any reason.

[Consideration of a resolution regarding DDOT 16th St NW bus stop consolidation and shelter relocations \(NOI # 24-291-CPD\)](#)

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0)

**WHEREAS**, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) has issued Notice of Intent NOI# 24-291-CPD for the consolidation and relocation of certain WMATA bus stops along 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

**WHEREAS**, these relocations and consolidations were initially proposed in 2017 while the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Lanes project was being developed to better balance stops along the corridor and speed up bus service.

**WHEREAS**, one of the stops proposed for removal (stop # 1001511) is a standalone northbound stop at 16<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets NW, in ANC 2B, and primarily serves the Jewish Community Center (“JCC”).

**WHEREAS**, the criteria justifying consolidation of the 16<sup>th</sup> and Q stop are the stop does not have a corresponding southbound “pair” stop; and current boardings and alightings indicate the stop is very lightly used.

**WHEREAS**, there are nearby bus stops approximately 700 feet away at either P Street or R Street.

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B previously voted in 2017 to oppose elimination of the stop at 16<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets NW, based on concern raised by JCC for seniors and children attending activities and arriving or departing by bus.

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B conducted public outreach, and sought public comment at a duly noticed meeting of its Mobility Committee on November 4, 2024.

**WHEREAS**, JCC responded that they have no objection at this time and ANC 2B has received no objections or opposition from the public.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B supports DDOT’s NOI 24-291-CPD to remove bus stop #1001511.

[Consideration of a resolution regarding installation of diplomatic parking zone along the 2100 blk of Q Street NW \(NOI # 24-283- TOA\)](#)

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

**WHEREAS**, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) has issued Notice of Intent NOI# 24-283-TOA provide and reconfigure diplomatic parking spaces in the 2100 block of Q Street NW for the Embassy of India.

**WHEREAS**, the current parking configuration in the area consists of:

- 4 exclusive spaces in front of the Embassy of India (2107 Q);
- 2 general diplomatic spaces at the western end of the 2000 block of Q Street (adjacent to the south side of Embassy of Morocco);
- 1-2 general diplomatic spaces on the eastern (on the 1500 block of 21<sup>st</sup> Street) side of Gandhi Memorial
- 1 general metered space north of the Embassy of India, adjacent to the Phillips Collection
- 5 general metered spaces on the north side of the Gandhi Memorial

**WHEREAS**, the proposed configuration would consolidate the diplomatic spaces:

- 4 exclusive spaces in front of the Embassy of India (2107 Q) remain.
- Convert the 5 general metered spaces on the north side of the Gandhi Memorial to diplomatic use.
- Convert the 1-2 general diplomatic spaces on the east side of the Gandhi Memorial to general metered spaces.

- Convert the 2 general diplomatic spaces in the 2000 block of Q Street to general metered spaces.

**WHEREAS**, the hours for diplomatic use of spaces will be between 9:30AM and 7:00PM Mondays through Fridays, and will be available for public use at all other times.

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B conducted public outreach, and also sought public comment at a duly noticed meeting of its Mobility Committee on November 4, 2024.

**WHEREAS**, ANC 2B has received no objections or opposition from the public.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B supports DDOT's NOI 24-283-TOA to provide and reconfigure diplomatic parking in the 2100 block of Q Street NW for the Embassy of India.

### **Administrative Matters**

Approval of the ANC's regular October [2024 meeting minutes](#) (2 min)

Chair Roggensack moved to adopt the October 2024 ANC 2B regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roggensack adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.