



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

February 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

The regular February 2025 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Adams at 7:01 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), Lawrence Sprowls (2B04), Alex Marshall (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zachary Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Adams moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda as amended, which passed with unanimous consent (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Public Announcements and General Comments

Annie Blackwell, Director of Dupont Circle Main Streets, provided an update.

Update from Capital Pride Alliance

Kristopher Thompson from the Capital Pride Alliance provided an update on the parade route.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Slatt, Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Rueckgauer, and Commissioner Johnson provided updates.

Reports from Government Representatives

Brian Romanowski, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, provided an update. Ty Abilla, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update. Captain Michael Hamelin, the DC Metropolitan Police Department 2D Sector 3, provided an update.

General Agenda

Main Streets Proposal for Support for World Pride Block Party Programs (Randy Downs and Georgia Katinas)

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B fully supports the WorldPride Programming plans as presented by Dupont Circle Main Streets, including: a special edition of the High Wheel Race; a 50th Anniversary Gay Pride Block Party; and, a Drag Brunch aiming to break the World Record for the Largest Ever Drag Brunch.

With \$1.5B in expected economic activity during WorldPride 2025, we fully recognize the role of alcohol consumption in these finances and activities. We urge innovative tactics to permit these activities including: multi-day exemptions, innovative licensing, and any special or permanent statutory changes to provide relief to our businesses.

Resolution Regarding Permits for Use of DPR's Stead Park for Friends of Stead Park Activities (5 mins)

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

The Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) is pleased to express its full support for the Friends of Stead Park's (FOSP) permit applications for 2025. FOSP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and maintaining Stead Park as a welcoming, accessible, and vibrant community space. Through its programming, FOSP provides free public events that bring together families, children, and residents of Dupont Circle and beyond.

Each year, FOSP hosts a variety of community events, including seasonal festivals, outdoor movie nights, and family-friendly celebrations. The 2025 programming schedule will continue this tradition, ensuring that Stead Park remains an inclusive and engaging space for all. These events, which are always free and open to the public, align with the mission of the Stead Trust to serve the children of the District of Columbia and enrich the local community.

ANC 2B values the longstanding collaboration between the Friends of Stead Park and the Department of Parks and Recreation in making these events possible. We urge the approval of the necessary permits to allow these vital programs to continue, ensuring that Stead Park remains a hub for community engagement and enjoyment.

Event	Proposed Date
Spring Bunny Hop	April 19th
Mothers Day Event	Sat May 10th

Fathers Day Event	Sat June 14th
May Outdoor Movie Night	Sat May 10th
Pride Outdoor Movie	Thur June 5th
World Pride Family Fun Area	Thur June 5th- Sunday June 8th
June Outdoor Movie Night	Sat June 14th
July Outdoor Movie Night	Sat July 12th
Aug Outdoor Movie Night	Sat Aug 9th
Sep Outdoor Movie Night	Sat Sep 13th
Oct Outdoor Movie Night	Sat Oct 11th
Little Goblins Parade and Festival	October 25
Fall Festival - Thanksgiving	Sat Nov 22nd
Winter Festival	December 6th

Resolution Supporting a Placemaking Initiatives in Advance of World Pride

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to add “ANC 2B encourages DDOT to” at the beginning of the resolution. Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2B encourages DDOT to expedite permitting for and waive fees associated with the 17th Street place making efforts to support WorldPride 2025, including: installation of a parklet at 17th and Q Street NW; painting of a street mural; replacing Jersey barriers with paintable planters; and the installation of light pole banners. ANC 2B recognizes these projects will take place as funds become available.

Authorization for Mural Design Consultation (5 min)

Commissioner Slatt moved to authorize funds for a mural design consultation. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Authorization of Funds

- ANC 2B authorizes 10k\$ to hire a consultant to craft a design plan for painting 17th Street and temporary decorations throughout the entirety of ANC 2B. The decorations will be purchased via the ANC debit card, and the artist will be paid via check.
- ANC 2B considers the selection and oversight of the consult to fall within the our view of the chair per current bylaws referencing business operations.

Artistic Consultant (by resolution of Feb 12, 2025)

Overview

The Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B is seeking a qualified consultant to develop a comprehensive design plan for public art installations within the ANC 2B area, with a focus on enhancing placemaking efforts in anticipation of WorldPride 2025. This project aims to beautify the neighborhood, promote community engagement, and support local businesses. This project is authorized by ANC 2B resolution on February 12, 2025.

Project Goals

- Create visually appealing and engaging public art designs that reflect the spirit of Dupont Circle and WorldPride 2025.
- Develop a cohesive design plan that incorporates various locations within ANC 2B, with a focus on 17th Street.
- Enhance neighborhood aesthetics, promote community pride, and contribute to rat abatement and neighborhood clean-up efforts.
- Support local businesses by attracting visitors and creating a vibrant atmosphere. The Consultant works directly with the ANC Chair and Officers.

Scope of Work

The Consultant shall provide the following services:

- Digital Design for 17th Street Pavement Mural: Create a digital design for an 800 sq/ft mural on the 17th Street pavement between Church & Q Streets.
- Updated Jersey Barrier/Planter Designs: Develop full digital designs and concepts for replacing or enhancing Jersey barriers along 17th Street with planters or artistic elements.
- High Heel Mural Designs: Create plans for six additional High Heel murals at the intersection of 17th and R Streets, expanding on the existing theme.
- Mural Wall Location Scouting and Design Plans: Scout out and identify suitable mural wall locations throughout ANC 2B, including at least one identified site somewhere other than 17th Street. Develop color-blocked digital design plans for these locations to support rat abatement and neighborhood clean-up efforts.
- Comprehensive Design Plan Documentation: Compile all designs, concepts, and location plans into a comprehensive digital document for ANC 2B's use.

The Ideal Candidate Shall:

- Possess a proven track record of creating impactful and visually stunning LGBTQ-affirming public art installations inside the District of Columbia.
- Have experience in developing comprehensive design plans for urban environments and implementing government-funded art projects. Demonstrate a strong understanding of community engagement and placemaking principles within the Dupont Circle neighborhood and its unique setting.

Reporting Relationships:

The Consultant will work under the direction of the ANC Chair and Officers, or their designees. Regular communication and progress updates are expected.

Project Timeline:

The project is expected to commence in March 2025 and be completed within 4 weeks of selection. A detailed project timeline, including milestones, will be developed and agreed upon by both parties.

Compensation:

The total compensation for this project is \$10,000. Payments will be made via check according to the following schedule:

- \$1,000: Negotiation of project plan and signing of this Statement of Work.
- \$4,000: Submission of initial design concepts for the 17th Street Pavement Mural and New Jersey Barrier/Planter Designs.
- \$2,500: Submission of design plans for the High Heel Murals and identified mural wall locations.
- \$2,500: Completion and delivery of the comprehensive digital design plan document.

The Consultant will serve as an independent contractor and is responsible for all applicable taxes.

Application Process:

Applicant should include the following in their application:

- Artist name:
- Business name (if applicable):
- Phone number:
- Email address: Examples of relevant work. This can either be a link to a website, an online portfolio, or as attachments to the email the application is submitted in.
- Reference: The name and phone number or email address of one (1) past client who has commissioned work by the consultant.

Please email your application to the officers of ANC 2B:

- Vincent Slatt, Treasurer 2B03@anc.dc.gov,
- Alex Marshall, Vice Chair 2B05@anc.dc.gov,
- Libby Franklin, Secretary 2B07@anc.dc.gov, and
- Zach Adams, Chair 2B08@anc.dc.gov

Application Timeline:

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, starting 7 days after the release of this public notice.

Public Space and Transportation Agenda (5 min)

Public space application by Throne Labs for public bathroom in Dupont Circle (DDOT #462478) (2B02) (5 min)

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

WHEREAS, Throne Labs has applied to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for a permit to continue use of public space in the Dupont Circle park for a public restroom.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is a longtime supporter of increasing public restroom availability in the Dupont Circle neighborhood and downtown DC.

WHEREAS, in April, 2024, ANC 2B unanimously supported Throne's application for the restroom pilot program at the same location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Throne's application to continue providing the restroom at the location on the southeast "bump" of Dupont Circle, on land controlled by DDOT.

Land Use

1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW- New Campus Plan for Indiana University within the existing building on the Property (ZC 24-17) (2B04) (5 min)

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

ANC 2B supports the Campus Plan Application of the Indiana University Foundation for the adaptive reuse of the building located at 1619 Massachusetts Ave NW (Square 181, Lot 850). The Indiana University Foundation is the contract purchaser of this building, presently owned by the Johns Hopkins University (DCOZ 24-17).

1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW- Embassy of the Republic of Poland to convert to a chancery use, an existing, detached, 8-story school building in the MU-1/DC Zone (BZA #21267) (2B05) (5 min)

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

ANC 2B supports BZA application #21267 as presented.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's regular January 2025 meeting minutes (2 min)

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the January 2025 ANC 2B regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

Appointment of the members of the ANC's Land Use Committee (LUC)

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Olivia Brown (2B01), Jane Scinta (2B03), Micheal Lee Beidler (2B07), and Kyle Mulhall (2B09) to the Land Use Committee. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Appointment of the members of the ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPSC).

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to nominate Rudi Riet (2B02) and Giancarlo Valdetero (2B08) to the Transportation and Public Space Committee. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Prepared by: Libby Franklin

Approved on: March 12, 2025

Attested by:

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