



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

**March 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

**Call to Order**

The regular March 2025 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Adams at 6:31 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), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zachary Adams (2B08), and Christopher Davis (2B09).

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Adams moved to place Councilmember Pinto's update to later in the agenda to accommodate her schedule. Chair Adams moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda as amended. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous consent (VOTES: 7-0-0).

**Announcements and Public Comments**

**Public Announcements and General Comments**

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

**Commissioner Announcements**

Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Slatt, and Commissioner Adams provided updates.

**Update from PEPCO**

Linda Mary Greenan, Pepco External Relations Manager, Rob Spelman, Senior Manager for Underground Construction Maintenance at Pepco, and Andrew Dean, Pepco Manager of Standards, provided an update.

**Reports from DC Government representatives**

Ty Abilla, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update. Lt

Sakulich, the DC Metropolitan Police Department 2D, provided an update

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

#### **H3- Application for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 1613 17th Street NW (ABRA-129096) (2B04)**

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) has issued a Notice of Public Hearing for a Cannabis retailer at 1613 17th Street NW

WHEREAS The proposed location is in a residential neighborhood surrounded by apartments, two restaurants, a sidewalk cafe, a streatory, and additional apartments across the street.

WHEREAS The business operation may cause a reduction in the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests the application for a cannabis retailer at 1613 17th Street NW and will seek a Settlement Agreement with the applicant.

### **Transportation and Public Space Agenda**

#### **Resolution Regarding DDOT Notice of Intent NOI-25-22-CPD – Support for WMATA Better Bus Service Changes (SMD 2B05, 2A06)**

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

WHEREAS, DDOT has issued Notice of Intent NOI-25-22-CPD, “Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Redesign in ANC 2B” which proposes:

- Conversion of the 2 metered parking spaces on the northside of Massachusetts Ave NW between the stop bar at Dupont Circle to the driveway of 1801 Massachusetts Ave NW (the Sulgrave Club) to a new bus stop for new WMATA route D90, northbound.
- Conversion of 5 metered parking spaces on the south side of Massachusetts Ave NW between the stop bar at 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 100 feet to the northwest fronting 1800 Massachusetts Ave NW (the SEIU building) to a new bus stop for new WMATA route D90, southbound.
- Rebranding the former DC Circulator bus stop in the 1400 block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW (between N Street NW and Sunderland Place) as a bus stop for new WMATA route D96, southbound.

- Rebranding the former DC Circulator bus stops in New Hampshire Ave NW at M Street NW (just across the ANC 2A/2B boundary on the 2A side) as stops for new WMATA route D74, north and southbound.

WHEREAS, public discussion of NOI-25-22-CPD was conducted at ANC 2B's Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting on March 3, 2025.

WHEREAS, no concerns or objections were raised regarding rebranding the former DC Circulator stops as WMATA stops.

WHEREAS, the following concerns were raised about the proposed northbound D90 stop on the north side of the 1800 block of Massachusetts Ave NW:

- One of the metered spaces is a "red top" meter, designating it as reserved for vehicles with DMV-issued handicapped tags or placards.
- Events at the Sulgrave Club occasionally have a large volume of vehicles entering and exiting the driveway, which could result in some conflicts with buses berthing at the stop.

WHEREAS, the following concerns were raised about the proposed southbound D90 stop on the south side of the 1800 block of Massachusetts Ave NW:

- Federal law requires bus stops be fully ADA accessible.
- At the stop bar before the crosswalk at 18<sup>th</sup> Street, a verge with pavers, grass, and trees is present between the curb and the sidewalk, which would have to be altered or eliminated in order to satisfy ADA requirements.
- Bike racks are installed near the curb northwest of the verge

WHEREAS, neither of the "D90" bus stops incorporate a shelter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT NOI-22-25-CPD pursuant to DDOT addressing and resolving these concerns:

- Relocation/installation of a handicapped metered parking space at a location in proximity to the one being removed on the north side of the 1800 block of Massachusetts Ave NW.
- Working with the Sulgrave Club (1801 Massachusetts Ave NW) to identify and remediate potential conflicts between northbound "D90" buses using the bus stop and vehicles entering or leaving their driveway, especially for events at the club.
- Design a solution for the southbound "D90" bus stop on the south side of the 1800 block of Massachusetts Ave NW that provides for the required ADA accessibility and does not require disturbing the existing trees.
- Study whether shelters can be installed for the "D90" stops.

### **Announcements and Public Comments Continued**

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto provided an update.

### **Transportation and Public Space Agenda Continued**

#### **Resolution Regarding June 6-8 World Pride Block Party in 17th Street (SMD 2B03, 2B04, 2B07)**

Commissioner Slatt moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Dupont Circle is proud to host key activities during WorldPride 2025, a historic celebration of LGBTQ+ culture and rights. With an expected 1.5 billion dollars of economic activity, and an expected 3 million revelers, we are expecting extraordinary global interest in our neighborhood. Collaboration with MPD, DDOT, HSEMA, ABCA and other agencies is essential to develop a robust safety plan that addresses crowd management and emergency preparedness.

This letter outlines requests to ensure public safety, accessibility, and successful event execution. We request a response in the form of an in-person briefing before the commission at its next public meeting: April 9, 2025, 630 pm, Stead Park Recreation Center.

#### *Street Closures and Traffic Restrictions*

To create a safe, inclusive, and economically robust environment, we propose restricting Dupont Circle to thru traffic by motorists from the period of May 30 through June 9th. Specifically, we want to hear your plans in respect to these requests:

1. Rerouting of automobile traffic around the perimeter of the area enclosed by 16th Street, U St, Florida Avenue, Connecticut Ave., and Massachusetts Ave. To include, at least:
  - a. The closing of both minor arterials Q and R streets to motorists
  - b. Not using S Street nor T Street to divert that traffic
  - c. A strategy for 18th Street
2. Geofencing along 17th Street including consistent hours for the time period and an outreach and communications plan for the weeks prior to the period
3. A plan for 17th Street to be completely closed to all traffic for the days June 6-8.
4. A staffing and enforcement plan that relies mostly on physical barriers and signs and not live staffing
5. Placement of additional bike share stations and valets

#### *Public Space Permits and Streeteries*

We urge you to expedite public space permits and approvals for businesses and vendors to effectively accommodate festivities with minimum costs to the businesses. Specifically, we ask you to respond to these:

1. The extension of streetery permits and liquor licenses by restaurants and bars to cover the area to the opposite sidewalk and permission of restaurants to serve in public spaces along 17th Street between P and R Streets.

2. A plan to allow alcohol sales along the corridor without the requirement of fencing and bike racks to be rented by the businesses nor organizers.
3. Establishment of a temporary Special Entertainment Zone.
4. Your recommendation on the optimal positioning of a multi-day beverage garden hosted by Capital Pride Alliance between the options of:
  - a. 1700-block of R St;
  - b. 1600-block of Corcoran St; or,
  - c. 1700-block of Church St.

#### *Permissions for Liquor Sales and Public Consumption*

Given the scale of the event, and the economic impact of alcohol consumption, we request guidance on creative measures to allow liquor sales throughout the festivities that is not a compliance-burden for locally-owned businesses. The plan should address, at minimum:

1. That businesses are not responsible for the consumption of product off-premises
2. That many revelers bring their own alcohol and/or purchase it at various stores along 17th street.
3. That the entire corridor be considered a special entertainment zone
4. That holiday hours be extended for the festivities
5. A recognition that the gun scare in Dupont Circle Park during the June 8, 2019 Capital Pride parade resulted in a stampede with multiple minor injuries; and, that, fencing used for beverage gardens could heighten concerns around a potential gun-related incident.
6. That any costs for implementing this plan be covered by city government via waiving of fees or providing its staff without compensation by the organizers

#### *Placemaking Installations: Art in the Right-of-Way, Flags, and Banners*

Permanent and temporary art installations will play a vital role in enhancing the cultural atmosphere through placemaking and benefits to the residents of DuPont Circle. We request support in facilitating permits and installation for the following activities:

1. The painting of parking spaces, bike lanes, and other spaces to include:
  - a. The 15th Street bike lane between P and NH Ave
  - b. NH Ave from 15th to 17th
  - c. 17th Street from NH to P
2. Coordination with the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs to waive fees and provide street closures during the installation dates; the weekend of May 3/4, with a rain date of May 10/11;
3. The installation of Rainbow Flags along the Taft Bridge;
4. The installation of rainbow-themed light pole banners along Lauzun's Legion Bridge;
5. The installation of rainbow-themed light pole banners along 17th Street from New Hampshire Ave to H Street.

#### Dupont BID Request for World Pride Programming Support

Commissioner Slatt moved to provide the Dupont Business Improvement District with \$5,000 via check to support porta-potties for World Pride. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion,

which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0).

Public Space Permit application #465386 for Fixture: Bollard(s) (Exception), Fixture: Wall (Exception over 42") at 1528 O Street NW (2B04)

No action was taken.

Public Space Permit application #11116509 filed for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed at 1601 Connecticut Avenue NW (2B01)

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

WHEREAS, Daily Provisions has applied for a public space occupancy permit for a sidewalk café at 1601 Connecticut Ave NW, which is in Single Member District 2B01.

WHEREAS, there has been a sidewalk café for different operators at this location for over 20 years, which establishes the suitability of the location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Daily Provisions' public space application for a sidewalk café at 1601 Connecticut Ave NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requires the café's construction comply with DDOT's regulations that sidewalk occupancy be completely removable within 24 hours, and there be nothing drilled into or otherwise anchored or affixed to the sidewalk without written authorization by DDOT.

### **Land Use Agenda**

1825 S Street NW - To construct a third story, and convert to principal dwelling unit, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, flat in the RA-2/DC Zone. (BZA #21261) (2B01)

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

ANC 2B supports BZA application #21261 as presented.

1337 Connecticut Avenue NW- To modify Board of Zoning Adjustment Order Numbers 18906, 18906-A, 18906-B, and to allow addition of a pergola roof to the already-approved rooftop restaurant. (BZA #18906C)

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

ANC 2B supports BZA application #18906C as presented.

1217 Connecticut Avenue NW- To construct a new restaurant bar lounge on the third, fourth,

and roof level of an existing building (TBD) (2B05)

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

ANC 2B supports HPA application at 1217 Connecticut Avenue NW as presented.

1916 18th Street NW- TBD

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

ANC 2B supports BZA application at 1916 18th St NW as presented.

### **Administrative Matters**

Approval of the ANC's regular February 2025 meeting minutes

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

Website Redesign Application for the OANC's Technical Assistance Fund

The Commission decided to discuss this further at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Meeting Refreshments

Commissioner Slatt moved to authorize spending up to \$100 per meeting for refreshments via direct purchase on the ANC's debit card to benefit the residents. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0)

### **Adjournment**

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.