



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

September 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

Call to Order

The regular September 2025 meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission of ANC 2B) was called to order by Chair Adams at 6:32 pm.

Introduction of Commissioners

The Commissioners identified their single member districts (SMDs). Present were Andrew DeFrank (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), Alex Marshall (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07) and Zach Adams (2B08).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Adams moved to adopt the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous consent (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Public announcements and general comments or future agenda items

A community member provided an update.

Commissioner announcements

Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Rueckgauer provided announcements.

Reports from DC Government representatives

Lieutenant Sakulich and Commander Savoy of the Metropolitan Police Department provided an update on crime statistics in ANC 2B. Hannah Ames, Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Community Relations Director, provided an update. Adriana Macedonio, Ward 2 Manager for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

SM Quest Industries, Inc- Application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1829 M Street NW (ABRA-128882) (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, SM Quest Industries, Inc (“SM Quest Industries, Inc ”, “Applicant”) has applied for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License (ABRA-128882) with a Delivery Endorsement at 1829 M St NW, which is located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05;

WHEREAS, SM Quest Industries placard states the following hours of operation:

Hours of Operation for Retailer: Sunday- Saturday 9 am- 10 pm

Hours of Retailer Sales Open to the Public: Sunday- Saturday 10 am- 10 pm

Hours of Delivery for Retailer: Sunday- Saturday 9 am- 10 pm

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has discussed the delivery service and is satisfied that it should not pose problems for the neighborhood; should delivery service increase such that it produces impacts on parking or traffic flow, SM Quest Industries will work with ANC 2B and DDOT to arrive at an agreeable solution.

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B **supports the Cannabis Retailer License application of SM Quest Industries, Inc as placarded**, pursuant to 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.

Heist Group LLC- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Nightclub license at 1216 18th St NW (ABRA-105012) (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, Height Group LLC has applied to renew their Class “C” Nightclub Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-105012) at 1216 18th St NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05.

WHEREAS, Heist’s placard states the establishment has inside seating capacity for 120.

WHEREAS, Heist’s placard includes endorsements for Sports Wagering.

WHEREAS, Heist’s placard hours are as follows:

CURRENT HOURS OF OPERATION: Sunday through Thursday 11am – 3am, Friday and Saturday 11am – 4am

CURRENT HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION: Sunday through Thursday 11am – 2am, Friday and Saturday 11am – 3am

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2B requires Settlement Agreements with ABCA-licensed establishments having endorsements for Sidewalk Cafe, Summer Garden, Streatery, Live Entertainment, Games of Skill, or Sports Wagering,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B had a Settlement Agreement with the previous ABCA-licensed establishment at the location to address community concerns about Peace, Order, and Quiet, those conditions have been conveyed to a new proposed Settlement Agreement.

WHEREAS, it is believed that Heist’s operation combined with a Settlement Agreement should result in an operation that is in character and harmonious with the neighborhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports Heist’s renewal application, subject to establishing a Settlement Agreement between the Establishment and ANC 2B.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest of the renewal 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.

Onyx Rooftop Lounge- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1813-1815 M St NW (ABRA-130390) (2B05)

Commissioner Rueckgauer 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, Skybox, LLC t/a Onyx Rooftop Lounge (“Onyx”) has applied to renew their Class “C” Tavern Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-130390) at 1813-1815 M Street NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05.

WHEREAS, Onyx’s placard states the establishment has inside seating capacity for 130 plus 110 persons in a Summer Garden for total occupancy of 245 persons.

WHEREAS, Onyx’s placard includes endorsements for Summer Garden, and Live Entertainment.

WHEREAS, Onyx’s placard hours are as follows:

Hours of Operation Inside Premises and Summer Garden

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

Friday and Saturday– 11:00 AM – 4:00 AM

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises and Summer Garden

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

Friday and Saturday– 11:00 AM – 3:00 AM

Live Entertainment Inside Premises and Summer Garden

Sunday through Thursday– 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Friday and Saturday– 6:00 PM – 3:00 AM

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WHEREAS, ANC 2B requires Settlement Agreements with ABCA-licensed establishments having endorsements for Sidewalk Cafe, Summer Garden, Streatery, Live Entertainment, Games of Skill, or Sports Wagering,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B had a Settlement Agreement with the previous ABCA-licensed establishment at the location to address community concerns about Peace, Order, and Quiet, those conditions have been conveyed to a new proposed Settlement Agreement.

WHEREAS, it is believed that Onyx’s operation combined with a Settlement Agreement should result in an operation that is in character and harmonious with the neighborhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports Onyx’s renewal application, subject to establishing a Settlement Agreement between the Establishment and ANC 2B.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest of the renewal 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.

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Transportation and Public Space Agenda

2025 Dupont Circle Holiday Market

Commissioner Rueckgauer provided an update on the 2025 Dupont Circle Holiday Market.

Land Use Agenda (20 min)

BZA Case #21354- Application by the National Bankers Association to construct a third story with penthouse and roof deck, to an existing, attached, two-story plus cellar commercial building in the RA-2 zone at 1513 P Street NW (2B04)

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

WHEREAS

- 1513 P Street is a two-story, non-residential property owned by the non-profit National Bankers Association since 1999.
- The property lies within the 14th Street Historic District but is not a historic building.
- The Association desires to improve its property by adding a third floor; rooftop patio; penthouse to allow access to the patio and roof; and an access ramp.
- The Association desires environmental improvements that include the addition of permeable pavers to the parking lot and a green roof.
- The Association requests a zoning special exception to permit the use of the existing residential building by a nonprofit organization for its organizational purposes.
- The Association requests a zoning area variance from the requirement that the gross floor area of the building exceed 10,000 square feet.
- The ANC previously supported Historic Preservation Application 25-329 for this property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Board of Zoning Adjustments Application 21354.

HPA Case #25-383 - Application by Jon Stickman and Hina Shaikh to replace and repair the existing retaining wall at 1720 Q St NW (2B07)

Commissioner Franklin 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:

The Commission supports the application as presented as the applicants have received many letters of support from neighbors and the style is consistent with other retaining walls in the area.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's regular August 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the August 2025 ANC 2B regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's September Special 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Adams moved to amend the agenda to include approval of the ANC Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the amendment. Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the September Special Meeting Minutes 2025 ANC 2B meeting minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

ANC 2B 2026 budget

Commissioner Slatt moved to pass the ANC 2B 2026 budget. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Prepared by: ANC 2B

Approved on: October 8th, 2025

Attested by: Libby Franklin

Signature: 
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