



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

October 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

Call to Order

The regular October 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 Andrew DeFrank (2B01), Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Vincent Slatt (2B03), Lawrence Spowls, (2B04), 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: 8-0-0).

Announcements and Public Comments

Public announcements and general comments or future agenda items

There were no public announcements, general comments, or future agenda items.

Commissioner announcements

Commissioner Slatt, Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Rueckgauer, Commissioner DeFrank, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Franklin provided announcements.

Update from Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs on the 38th Annual 17th Street High Heel Race

Japer Bowles, Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs provided an update on the 38th Annual 17th Street High Heel Race. Director Bowles answered questions from the community.

Chair Adams introduced a motion to support the 2025 High Heel Race. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rueckgauer, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

Reports from DC Government representatives

Adriana Macedonio, Ward 2 Manager for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update. Diya Mehta, from Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, provided an update.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Astro Zombie Application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1509B 17th Street NW (ABRA-133948) (2B07)

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:

WHEREAS, Astro Zombie ("The Establishment") at 1509B 17th Street NW has applied for a new Class C Tavern, License #ABRA-1333948, with Alcohol Carryout & Delivery Endorsement;

WHEREAS, The Establishment is placarded for the following hours of operation, sales, and alcoholic beverage service:

Sunday – Thursday 11am – 2am, Friday – Saturday 11am – 3am

Hours of operation for carryout and delivery:

Sunday – Saturday 11am – 1am

WHEREAS, to ensure the peace, order, and quiet of our community, ANC 2B requests Settlement Agreements for alcohol-serving establishments along 17th Street;

WHEREAS, promoting 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 Astro Zombie, pursuant to a signed Settlement Agreement that establishes the expected conduct of 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 ABCA’s approval of the aforementioned signed Settlement Agreement.

The Board Room- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1737 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-008106) (2B01)

The commission took no action.

Signature Lounge- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-117485) (2B01)

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

WHEREAS Aberash LLC t/a Signature Lounge (“Signature”, “Establishment”) has applied for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-117485) at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B01.

WHEREAS Signature’s placard hours are as follows:

Hours of Operation Inside Premises

Tuesday through Thursday 7am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 7am – 2am

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises

Tuesday through Thursday 9am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 9am – 2am

Hours of Entertainment inside the premises

Tuesday through Thursday 9am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 7am – 2am

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

WHEREAS Signature’s license has Dancing and Entertainment Endorsements, which ANC 2B policy seeks to enter Settlement Agreements with such establishments to establish expected good neighbor practices.

WHEREAS Signature has operated subject to an ABCA Board Order to the establishment which limits hours to closing at 1am, or 2am on weekends; prohibits live entertainment, cover charges; prohibits events operated by promoters; and requires participation in MPD’s Reimbursable Detail Officer program.

WHEREAS nearby residents have raised concerns and issues with the Establishment that indicates the need for ANC 2B to require the Establishment to enter into a Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports* Signature’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 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.

Sampannee Thai Food- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 2122 P St NW (ABRA-126865) (2B02)

The commission took no action.

Mad Hatter- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1319 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-082646) (2B05)

The commission took no action.

The Manor/Phantom- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1327 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-099536) (2B05)

The commission took no action.

The Mayflower Club/Zebbie’s Garden/Selva Restaurant- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Nightclub license at 1223 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-116450) (2B05)

The commission took no action.

Nero- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 1207 19th St NW (ABRA-128579) (2B05)

The commission took no action.

Twelve After Twelve- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Nightclub license at 1212 18th Street NW (ABRA-117238) (2B05)

The commission took no action.

Saul Urban Host- Application for the renewal of a type “C” Tavern license at 15 Dupont NW (ABRA-103525) (2B07)

The commission took no action.

Jr's Bar and Grill- Application for the renewal of a type "C" Tavern license at 1519 17th St NW (ABRA-009267) (2B07)

The commission took no action.

Transportation and Public Space Agenda

Resolution regarding desired WMATA bus shelters and a request for bus shelters for the D90 Massachusetts Avenue line (2B05)

Commissioner Marshall 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 the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is responsible for placement of bus shelters, conducted by a vendor,

Whereas WMATA launched their Better Bus Network (BBN) on June 29th, including a new bus route, the D90, serving new stops along Massachusetts Avenue between Dupont Circle and Mt. Vernon Square,

Whereas four new stops were installed in ANC 2B along the D90 that lack shelters:

- Westbound:
 - Massachusetts Ave NW at 18th NW St (stop ID 1005000)
 - Massachusetts Ave NW at 17th NW St (stop ID 1005003)
- Eastbound:
 - Massachusetts Ave NW at 18th NW St (stop ID 1005001)
 - Massachusetts Ave NW at 17th NW St (stop ID 1005002)

Whereas three Metrobus stops in 2B05 have shelters that were used before the BBN that now sit unused located at Connecticut Ave immediately south of Dupont Circle (both sides) and Connecticut Ave at 18th St (northbound),

Be it resolved that ANC 2B requests DDOT lead installation of bus shelters at the four new bus stops serving the D90 in ANC 2B to the extent space constraints allow and ridership levels meet DDOT's standards,

Be it further resolved that if possible to relocate existing bus shelters, ANC 2B requests DDOT consider the relocation of the aforementioned unused bus shelters to new bus stops serving the D90,

Be it further resolved that if bus shelter relocation is not possible, ANC 2B requests DDOT install new bus shelters at these locations,

Be it further resolved that if any of the bus stops do not meet DDOT's standards for bus shelters with regards to space constraints or ridership, that ANC 2B requests installation of other amenities such as benches and trash cans.

Resolution regarding District Department of Transportation Notice of Intent NOI-25-207-CPD to Reactivate WMATA Bus Stops in Florida Avenue for Deckover Detours (2B02)

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") has issued Notice of Intent NOI-25-207-CPD to Reactivate two (2) WMATA Metrobus Stops in Florida Avenue NW for Detours during Connecticut Avenue Deckover construction in the 1500 block of Connecticut Avenue NW.

WHEREAS, northbound and southbound Metrobus route D74 will detour around the construction area via Florida Avenue NW, and Massachusetts Avenue NW.

WHEREAS, the reactivated stops, serving the D74 route, are located on Florida Avenue NW between Decatur Place NW and Phelps Place NW with the stop on the west side located in Single Member District 2D02 of ANC 2D, and the east side stop in Single Member District 2B02 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, one (1) parking space in SMD 2D02 will be temporarily displaced.

WHEREAS, southbound Metrobus Route D96 will be affected by the Deckover Construction, and detour via Massachusetts Avenue NW, and 20th Street NW, where it will resume its regular route.

WHEREAS, the detours currently are expected to be in effect until late 2027 or early 2028.

WHEREAS, no public concerns or objections were raised by ANC 2B residents during discussion at the September 29 Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports* DDOT NOI-25-207-CPD to reactivate the bus stops in Florida Avenue NW for detoured route D74 buses.

Resolution regarding District Department of Transportation Public Space Application by WMATA to Install Bus Stop Seating in the 1500 Block of Connecticut Avenue NW (1525 20th Street NW; 2B02)

The Commission took no action.

Land Use Agenda

HPA Case #25-420- 1224-1226 17th St NW (2B05)

Commissioner Marshall 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:

Whereas the applicant is seeking to convert 1224-1226 17TH St NW from two rowhouses into a nine unit residential building with one office space,

Whereas the applicant is proposing minimal changes to the existing façade including installation of new windows on the side facing St. Matthews Court and in the rear,

Whereas the applicant seeks to add an additional floor, install a roof deck, and a rear exterior staircase, all of which will be minimally visible from the front of the building,

Be it resolved that ANC 2B finds the proposed plans would result in minimal impact to the Dupont Circle Historic District

Be it resolved that ANC 2B supports the conversion of the space into nine residential units,

Be it resolved, that ANC 2B supports the application as submitted and encourages the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve HPA Case #25-420 without delay.

BZA Case #21330- 1818 15th Street NW (2B09) Revised application with deck reduced to 17 ft by 10 ft for a total of 170 ft and reduce total lot occupancy to 70%

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

Whereas the applicant failed to meet the burden of proof under the zoning regulations that the special exception would not tend to adversely affect the neighboring property owner.

Be it resolved that ANC 2B opposes BZA Case #21330 at 1818 15th Street NW.

HPA Case #25-422- 1721 S Street NW (2B01)

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

Whereas the applicant is seeking a vertical addition, including a new fourth floor and roof deck, which will not be visible from the front of the building,

Whereas the applicant is proposing no changes to the existing wooden windows and front door or areaway,

Be it resolved that ANC 2B finds the proposed plans would result in minimal impact to the Dupont Circle Historic District

Be it resolved that ANC 2B supports the vertical addition,

Be it resolved, that ANC 2B supports the application as submitted and encourages the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve HPA Case #25-422 without delay.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's regular September 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

/s/ Libby Franklin

Prepared by: Anna Noakes

Approved on: 11/12/2025

Attested by: */s/ Libby Franklin*