



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

December Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

Call to Order

The regular December 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), Alex Marshall (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Zach Adams (2B08), and Lynn Thompson (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Adams moved to adopt the ANC's December 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

Jack, Secretary of Citizens Association of Dupont, spoke in favor of bike lanes all over Dupont Circle. Two residents spoke out against the noise from the nightlife establishments.

Commissioner announcements

Commissioner Slatt provided an update on ANC 2B financials, no issues to report. Commissioner Johnson provided an update on Transportation Camp on January 10th at Catholic University.

Reports from DC Government representatives

Linda Greenen, PEPCO Community Affairs Manager, provided an update on the Champlain to L Street Project. Melanie Mayhew from Ross Elementary provided information on a grant request. Ty Abilla, Ward 2 Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services Manager, provided an update. Hannah Ames, from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, provided an update on the Councilmembers Prosper DC Plan. Lt. Sakulich from the Metropolitan Police Department provided an update.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda

Signature Lounge application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA-117485) (2B01)

Commissioner Marshall moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Adams 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 Substantial Changes to an Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-117485) at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B01.

WHEREAS Signature's current 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 a DC Court of Appeals Memorandum Opinion and Judgment found that "Signature Lounge would negatively impact the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood" citing the Establishment's ability to control noise at the location's prior establishment and the ability of the owner to manage the Establishment appropriately given his ownership of a nearby establishment with a history of incidents involving violence or unsafe conditions.

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* some elements of Signature's Substantial Change application, subject to establishing a Settlement Agreement between the Establishment and ANC 2B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support proposed changes to Hours of Operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support proposed changes to Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption and Live Entertainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does support the proposed termination of Board conditions attached to its license by Board Order No. 2021-482.

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.

Andrew DeFrank (2B01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

District Wellness Center application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer at 1815 M Street NW (ABCA-127952) (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, Growth & Wellness LLC, trading as District Wellness Center, has applied for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer license at 1815 M Street NW (ABRA-127952), requesting endorsements for Delivery, Educational Tasting, Safe-Use Treatment Facility, and a Summer Garden, with operating hours from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

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

WHEREAS 1815 M Street NW abuts a bike lane that is frequently blocked by cars and delivery vehicles, creating a safety hazards for cyclists, scooter riders, and other vulnerable road users,

WHEREAS this location additionally abuts an alley curb cut that is often blocked by automobiles, endangering pedestrian safety for sidewalk users,

WHEREAS this location contains no off street parking for the delivery operation to be based from,

Whereas this combination of factors gives ANC 2B concern about vehicular and pedestrian safety.

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest of the application on the basis of vehicular and pedestrian safety, which will be withdrawn upon approval of the Cannabis Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

Renewals:

Rosemarino D'Italia application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA-109613) (2B01)

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

WHEREAS, 1714 C, LLC trading as Rosemarino D'Italia has applied for a renewal Class C Tavern license (ABRA-109613) at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in Single Member District 2B01 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, the application includes Endorsements for Entertainment Sidewalk Cafe.

WHEREAS, placarded hours are as follows:

Hour of Operation:

Sunday 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM, Monday- Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM

Hours of Sales/Services:

Sunday 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM, Monday- Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM

Hours of Entertainment:

Sunday 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM, Monday- Friday 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM, Saturday 8:00 AM- 3:00 AM

Hours of Sidewalk Cafe Operations

Sunday 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM, Monday- Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM

Hours of Sales Sidewalk Cafe

Sunday 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM, Monday- Thursday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM, Friday- Saturday 10:00 AM- 1:00 AM

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

WHEREAS, it is ANC 2B policy to require a Settlement Agreement for ABC licensees having Summer Garden or Entertainment Endorsements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest on the basis of Peace, Order, and Quiet, to be withdrawn upon ABC Board Order that the Settlement Agreement has been accepted.

Hammer & Nails Dupont application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 2147 P Street NW (ABCA- 124770) (2B02)

The commission will take no action.

The Commodore application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1636 17th Street NW (ABCA-116799) (2B03)

The commission will take no action.

The Manor/Phantom application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1327 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA- 099536) (2B05)

The commission will take no action.

AU LAIT DC application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license at 1608 17th Street NW (ABCA-127508) (2B07)

The commission will take no action.

Keren application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1780 Florida Ave NW (ABRA-088512) (2B08)

The commission will take no action.

Licht Cafe application for the renewal of a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license at 1520 U Street NW (ABCA-113980) (2B09)

The commission will take no action.

Notice:

Notice that Platinum DC Club at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW has filed a Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement (ABCA-116799) (2B01)

Commissioner Marshall moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-2). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Applicant and Licensee Dupont Eatery, Inc., Trade Name: d/b/a Platinum DC Club, License Class: Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub, ("Platinum DC" or "Establishment") located at 1805 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. has petitioned to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement (the "Petition") attached to its license. (ABRA-128784). The referenced Settlement Agreement is the 2020 Settlement Agreement ("2020 SA"). The Petition applicant, Platinum DC, is subject to the 2020 SA because it is the current license holder.

WHEREAS, Platinum DC Club filed its Petition, and the ABC Board issued a public notice providing an opportunity for the filing of protests against the Petition.

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

WHEREAS, constituents and neighbors have raised concerns over the Establishment's ability to maintain peace, order, and quiet within the neighborhood.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a protest on the basis of Peace, Order, and Quiet, to be withdrawn upon ABC Board Order that the Settlement Agreement has been accepted.

Commissioners Andrew DeFrank (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Zach Adams (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives for this matter.

Transportation and Public Space Agenda

Resolution recommending projects for inclusions in DDOT's Strategic Bikeways Plan

Commissioner Marshall moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion. Commissioner Slatt proposed an amendment to add "Upgrade the existing New Hampshire Avenue bike lanes into a protected cycle track connecting Malcolm X Park, Dupont Circle, and the Kennedy Center to close a vital network gap, reduce crashes, and enhance low-carbon transportation options." Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). Commissioner Sprowls moved to remove "Install conventional bike lanes on Rhode Island Avenue between Scott and Logan Circles." There was no second. Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion (VOTES: 7-0-1).

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, DDOT is developing a Strategic Bikeways Plan that “will establish the District's priorities for the future development of bikeways, including bike lanes and trails,”

WHEREAS, DDOT is accepting public comment on this plan,

BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B recommends the following new, upgraded, and modified bicycle infrastructure on the following street segments in and around ANC 2B:

Top priority Upgraded lanes:

- Build a two-way protected bike lane on Q and/or R Streets NW by converting one or both of these un-protected bike lanes between Massachusetts Ave NW and 15th Street NW in ANC 2B, and then to the Metropolitan Branch Trail elsewhere in Northwest and Northeast
 - ANC 2B considers this to be the top priority upgrade to bike infrastructure in and around 2B.
 - ANC 2B previously recommended this change to DDOT in resolutions in [August 2022](#) and [December 2023](#)

Additional upgraded lanes:

- Build a two-way protected bike lane on M Street NW by converting and reconfiguring to remove “mixing sections” used for left-turning vehicles the existing one-way protected bike lane between 21st Street and 15th Street in ANC 2B, and extend its extent from the Rose Park Trail elsewhere in Northwest to the Metropolitan Branch Trail in Northeast. Install a curb cut at the intersection of the Rose Park Trail and M Street to facilitate the connection between the two for bicyclists.
 - ANC 2B previously recommended this change to DDOT in a [January 2024 resolution](#).
- Reconfigure the L Street NW protected bike lane to remove “mixing sections” used for left-turning vehicles.
- Build a southbound protected bike lane on 17th Street between P and R Streets NW, matching the infrastructure both north and south of that segment.
- Upgrade the existing New Hampshire Avenue bike lanes into a protected cycle track connecting Malcolm X Park, Dupont Circle, and the Kennedy Center to close a vital network gap, reduce crashes, and enhance low-carbon transportation options.

Modified lanes:

- Replace the unprotected bike lanes on N Street NW between 22nd and 18th Streets with contraflow bike lanes. Build a contraflow lane between 18th and 17th Streets.
 - ANC 2B previously recommended this change to DDOT in a [January 2024 resolution](#).

New segments:

- Build a two-way protected bike lane on the 1500 block of H Street NW or the 1500 block of I Street NW and a two-way protected bike lane on the 800 block and/or 700 block of 15th Street NW to create a continuous north-south connection between other existing segments of the protected bike lane on 15th Street NW that bypasses the Madison Place NW protected bike lane adjacent to Lafayette Square, as it is regularly closed without a safe alternative.
- Build a two-way protected bike lane on the 1500 and 1600 blocks of 20th Street NW to connect the existing 20th Street NW protected bike lanes to the south with the under-construction protected bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue NW being built as part of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deckover project.
- Install conventional bike lanes on Rhode Island Avenue between Scott and Logan Circles

Land Use Agenda

HPRB Historic Review: 1513 16th Street NW Rear and Roof Addition Concept [HP 26-78](#) (2B04: Hearing 12/18)

Commissioner Sprowls 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

- 1513 16th Street NW, the “Robert Simpson Woodward House”, is a former single-family home built in 1895.
- The property is currently used commercially as the Capital Research Center headquarters.
- The applicant seeks to return the building to residential use.
- The applicant proposes to extend and remodel the building to:
 1. construct eight condominiums on the four above-ground floors
 2. add a basement with one condominium and shared storage space for residents
 3. add a penthouse and roof deck for the rear, fourth-floor residence
 4. remove a “dogleg” to allow for elevator and staircase access to the residences
- Based on a “flag test” a trivial portion of the penthouse will be visible from 16th Street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Historic Review Application HPA 26-78.

The ANC requests the installation of all exterior lighting that follows dark sky principles.

LIGHT POLLUTION

Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally. Dark Sky-compatible lighting reduces the effects of light pollution.

Principles of Dark Sky Lighting:

- All light should have a clear purpose ·
- Light should be directed only to where it's needed ·
- Light should be no brighter than necessary ·
- Light should be dimmed down or turned off when not required

Approval of the ANC 2B's regular November [2025 meeting minutes](#)

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the November 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Slatt seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

Budget Request Letter

January Committee of Whole Meeting

Commissioner Marshall is requesting a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss ANC 2B's committee structure and the 2026 Budget Request Letter. The Transportation and Public Space will take place Monday, January 5th at 6 pm and the Committee of the Whole will begin at 7 pm.

2026 Meeting Dates

Chair Adams proposed to move the meetings to begin on the 3rd Wednesday of every month beginning in March.

Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

/s/ Libby Franklin

Prepared by: Anna Noakes

Approved on: 1/14/2026

Attested by: */s/ Libby Franklin*