



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

May Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

Call to Order

The regular May 2026 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 Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02), Alex Marshall (2B05), Matt Johnson (2B06), Libby Franklin (2B07), Zach Adams (2B08), and Lynn Thompson (2B09).

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Adams moved to adopt the ANC's May 2026 meeting agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The agenda was passed with unanimous consent (VOTES: 6-0-0)

Announcements and Public Comments

Public announcements and general comments or future agenda items

Emily Eason (2B03) and one additional resident stated she is in favor of the metro wayfinding screens. A resident discussed Rose Marino. A resident made an announcement that he did an informal poll about holding the Dupont Farmers Market in the Circle, and said the results were 50/50.

Commissioner announcements

Commissioner Johnson provided an update on a new zoning application. Commissioner Rueckgauer announced that the next transportation meeting will discuss a new Council bill on self-driving vehicles. Commissioner Franklin announced that Stead Park will have new shade structures soon as well as solar panels.

Reports from DC Government representatives

Brian Romanowski provided an update on behalf of Councilmember Pinto's office. Tiffany Wimenta from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services provided an update on behalf of the Mayor Bowser. Lt. Sakulich provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. Commander Dorsey and Captain Khan introduced themselves to the community.

Transportation Agenda

Resolution regarding WMATA request to place Passenger Information Screens at the entrances to the Dupont Circle Metrorail station. (2B02, 2B05)

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

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“WMATA”) has applied to the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) to install 55-inch outdoor passenger information display screens in public space at both entrances to the Dupont Circle Metrorail Station.

WHEREAS, a frequent lament of Metro riders for many years has been not knowing how soon their train will arrive before they reach the entrance level where there currently are displays from the escalator or elevator.

WHEREAS, WMATA participated in ANC 2B’s May 6, 2026, Transportation Committee meeting to present the plans and answer questions from the committee and members of the public.

WHEREAS, the street-level displays will improve accessibility for all riders, including those with visual impairments or limited English proficiency.

WHEREAS, the displays will enhance safety by providing real-time updates on service changes, delays, and emergency alerts.

WHEREAS, the displays will increase rider confidence through reliable, visible information that supports greater transit use.

WHEREAS, installation is scheduled for Summer 2026; is expected to take approximately 2-3 days; with no to minimal impact on adjacent sidewalks, passersby, and station entrances.

WHEREAS, WMATA has assured ANC 2B that the displays will not show advertising.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports WMATA’s public space application to install and maintain the passenger information screens at the north and south entrances at the Dupont Circle Metrorail station.

Permitting and Licensing Agenda

Platinum DC Club, 1805 Connecticut Ave NW ABCA-128784. Substantial Change to Hours of Operation & Alcohol Beverage Sales (2B01)

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

WHEREAS, Dupont Eatery, Inc trading as Platinum DC Club has applied for a substantial change to their Class C Nightclub Alcoholic Beverage License at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in Single Member District 2B01 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, Platinum DC Clubs current hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption are Sunday 3 pm- 2 am, Monday through Thursday 11:30 am- 2 am, Friday 11:30 am- 3 am, and Saturday 3 pm- 3 am.

WHEREAS, Platinum DC Clubs proposed hours of operation are Sunday 12 pm- 3 am, Monday through Thursday 10:30 am- 3 am, and Friday through Saturday 10:30 am- 4 am.

WHEREAS, Platinum DC Clubs proposed hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption are Sunday 12 pm- 2 am, Monday through Thursday 10:30 am- 2 am, and Friday through Saturday 10:30 am- 3 am.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B **supports Platinum DC Clubs request for substantial change to their Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub license.**

Bistro Francais, 1200 18th St NW, ABCA-135813. New Class "C" Restaurant (335 occupancy) with sidewalk cafe, Holiday Extension of Hours, Entertainment - Live Entertainment inside the premises, Alcohol Carry-out and Delivery Endorsement (2B05)

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

WHEREAS, M Street Dining, Inc. trading as Bistro Francais has applied for a new Class C Restaurant Alcoholic Beverage License at 1200 18th Street NW, located in Single Member District 2B05 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, Bistro Francais has requested endorsements for a Sidewalk Café, Holiday Extension of Hours, an Entertainment Endorsement to provide live entertainment inside of the premises, and an endorsement for Alcohol Carry-out and Delivery.

WHEREAS, the hours of sales, service, and consumption for inside the premises will be Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 AM through 1:30 PM, and Friday and Saturday 8:00 AM- 2:30 AM.

WHEREAS, the hours of sales, service, and consumption on the sidewalk cafe will be Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 AM through 12:00 AM.

WHEREAS, the hours for beverage carryout and delivery will be Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 AM through 1:00 AM.

WHEREAS, the hours for live entertainment inside the premises will be Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 AM through 1:00 AM, Friday and Saturday 8:00 AM through 2:00 AM.

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B **supports Class C Restaurant License Application No. ABRA-135813 of Bistro Francais as placarded.**

1536 U St NW, Public Space Permit #493244 - Bike Rack Not DDOT Standard (2B09)

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

The Commission enthusiastically supports transit-oriented infrastructure that promotes multimodal access, sustainability, and connectivity within the community. The inclusion of amenities such as bicycle racks advances these goals by encouraging alternative transportation options, improving accessibility for cyclists, and supporting broader efforts to create a more walkable and transit-supportive environment. The Commission further notes that the project's proximity to the 15th Street and New Hampshire Avenue bike lanes makes the inclusion of secure and convenient bicycle infrastructure particularly appropriate and beneficial for residents and visitors traveling to the site by bicycle.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC 2B's regular April 2026 meeting minutes

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the April 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1).

Approval of the [ANC 2B Q2 2026 QFR](#)

Commissioner Adams moved to adopt the ANC 2B Q2 2026 QFR. Commissioner Rueckgauer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Confirmation of new Transportation Committee member

Commissioner Rueckgauer moved to confirm **Christy Berry** as a new Transportation Committee member. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Update regarding last month's authorization for Pride Block Party expenditure

Commissioner Adams provided an update on last month's authorization of the Pride Block Party expenditure. The quotes were received from the Dupont Business Improvement District and the quotes fit within the \$13,000 that was approved last meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

/s/ Libby Franklin

Prepared by: Anna Noakes

Approved on: 6/15/2026

Attested by: */s/ Libby Franklin*