



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

**August 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 13th, 2025; 6:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom and In-Person at Stead Park

**Call to Order**

The regular August 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), Lawrence Sprowls (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 Rueckgauer 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**

No public announcements, general comments, or future agenda items were shared.

**Commissioner announcements**

Commissioner Marshall provided an announcement.

**Reports from DC Government representatives**

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

**Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Agenda**

**Cielo's Angels- Application for a transfer of a Retailers Class "C" Nightclub license at 1813-1815 M Street NW (ABRA-131487) (2B05)**

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

WHEREAS T & N Angels, LLC t/a Cielo's Angels ("Cielo's") has applied to transfer an existing Class "C" Nightclub Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-131487) to a new location at 1813-1815 M Street NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B05.

WHEREAS Cielo's placard states the establishment has total occupancy of 380 persons.

WHEREAS Cielo's placard includes Holiday Extension of Hours, and Nude Dancing Endorsements

WHEREAS Cielo's placard hours are as follows:

Hours of Operation Inside Premises

Sunday through Saturday 12am – 12am (24-hour operations)

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises

Sunday through Thursday 6am – 2am, Friday and Saturday 6am – 3am

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2B had a Settlement Agreement with the predecessor ABCA-licensed establishment at the location to address community concerns about Peace, Order, and Quiet, those conditions remain part of a new proposed Settlement Agreement.

WHEREAS, there is an open question about the legality of the location for a gentleman's club, which ANC 2B lacks statutory authority to determine the legality and defers to ABCA.

WHEREAS it is believed that Cielo's operation as presented 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 Cielo's 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.

Across the Pond Restaurant and Pub- Application for a substantial change to their Retailers Class "C" Restaurant license at 1734 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABRA-106099) (2B01)

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

ANC 2B is protesting on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet due to evidence that there are significant rat and trash problems. We are filing a pro forma protest to enter into a settlement agreement.

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

#### **Public Space Application to Enclose an Existing Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe. Agora, 1523-27 17th St NW (2B07; Tracking #11138017)**

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

WHEREAS, Agora Restaurant (“Applicant”) has submitted an application to the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) for a public space permit (tracking #11138017) to Enclose an existing Unenclosed Sidewalk Café at its premises, 1523-27 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, located in Single Member District 2B07 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B prefers unenclosed café spaces to maintain an open, spacious and inviting street tableau but considers durable enclosures on a case by case basis.

WHEREAS, the existing café has a removable, heavy-gauge vinyl enclosure; however, it does not adequately protect against leaks or cold drafts; is not energy efficient; is cumbersome to use; and its appearance is unappealing and incongruous with the surrounding area.

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the sidewalk café space provides substantially improved protection against the elements and energy efficiency; is simple, visually appealing, and harmonious with the overall character of the neighborhood.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B held a public review of the preliminary design and voted to support it at its July 9, 2025 meeting in advance of Historic Preservation review.

WHEREAS, the design currently under consideration incorporates minor revisions based on suggestions from the Historic Review cycle and was considered favorably at the August 4 2025 public meeting of ANC 2B’s Transportation and Public Space Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports Agora Restaurant’s application to Enclose their Sidewalk Café* at 1523-27 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW as submitted to DDOT and presented to the ANC.

#### **Public Space Application for Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe. Teddy & The Bully Bar, 1200 19th St NW (2B06; Tracking #11147759)**

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

WHEREAS, Teddy & The Bully Bar (“Applicant”) has submitted an application to the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) for a public space permit (tracking #11147759) to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café at its premises, 1200 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW, located in Single Member District 2B06 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, the café will have 21 tables, including 8 ADA-compliant ones, with seating capacity for 42 people.

WHEREAS, the location for the proposed sidewalk café is below grade and completely separated from the public sidewalk, it raises none of the typical concerns such as clearance for pedestrians.

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the sidewalk café space is consistent with other sidewalk cafés and harmonious with the overall character of the location in the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

WHEREAS, there are no nearby residences likely to be affected by normal noise that may come from the café and ANC 2B is not aware of complaints involving the establishment location.

WHEREAS, neither this application nor any approval from DDOT authorizes the Applicant to sell, serve, nor allow consumption of alcoholic beverages in the café space. If approved by DDOT, the Applicant shall submit an application to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (“ABCA”) for a Sidewalk Café endorsement to its liquor license.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports Teddy & The Bully Bar’s application for a sidewalk café* at 1299 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW as presented in the renderings filed with DDOT and presented to the ANC.

Notice of Intent- Removal of Rush Hour Restrictions in the 2000 and 2100 blocks of P Street NW (# 2025-200-TPA)

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 a Notice of Intent (NOI-2025-200-TPA) advising of their intention to remove the Rush Hour Parking Restrictions from the 2000 and 2100 blocks of P Street NW, which are in Single Member District 2B02 of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS, the parking restrictions, that have been in place for decades, prohibit parking along the curb lane of the south side, eastbound/inbound direction of these blocks on non-holiday weekdays from 7:00am until 9:30am; in the afternoon on the curb lane of the north side, westbound/outbound direction is prohibited from 4:00pm until 6:30pm.

WHEREAS, outside of rush hours on non-holiday weekdays, 2 hour metered parking is in effect on the south side of the block from 9:30am until 6:30pm; on the north side from 7:00am until 4:00pm weekdays; and on both sides from 7:00am until 6:30 pm during non-holiday Saturdays.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has requested multiple times over the years that DDOT study whether legacy rush hour restrictions were still relevant in Dupont Circle as well as citywide since remote working began noticeably reducing commuter traffic beginning in the late 1990s.

WHEREAS, the existence of the rush hour lane restrictions has prevented DDOT from implementing infrastructure improvements such as bus bulb-outs from its Bus Priority Toolbox to ensure buses are not blocked from entering or delayed from exiting a stop.

WHEREAS, the lack of consistent daily rush hour parking enforcement defeats the purpose of having the restrictions:

- DPW has not enforced meter parking payment or overstays in the 2000-2100 blocks of P Street NW day since completion of the P Street Streetscape in 2007: At first, because the kiosks were not installed until 2018; and after that because DPW states they have not been notified by DDOT to enforce the meters.
- It is rare for enforcement officers to come more than 2 days a week, even in response to 311 requests.
- 4 parking spaces in the 2100 block of P Street (2 adjoining spaces on each side of the street) are designated as commercial-only loading zones with hours that are supposed to match the off-peak allowed parking hours. While Parking Enforcement does cite non-commercial vehicles illegally using those spaces, there is no enforcement of commercial vehicles parking during rush hours; nor does there seem to be any enforcement of whether vehicles have paid to use the spaces or have overstayed the time limit.
- The signed full time “No Parking – Building Entrance” at 2130 P Street NW is frequently obstructed with illegally parked vehicles throughout the day, which prevents residents requiring mobility assistance such as MetroAccess, medical transport, or wheelchair lifts, to have to traverse unnecessary extra distance to enter or alight from their transportation. These vehicles are mostly deliveries, or nightlife patrons who do not see or simply ignore the signs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports DDOT’s Notice of Intent NOI-2025-200-TPA to remove the rush hour parking restrictions in the 2000-2100 blocks of P Street NW.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests additional roadway markings and more visible/easily understood signage be added to clearly identify to drivers the commercial loading zones, the signed No Parking – Building Entrance at 2130 P Street NW, and points where vehicles are prohibited from “straddling” a legal and illegal space such as the bus stop zones,

the taxicab stand at the Royal Sonesta hotel (2121 P St NW), in front of 2122 and 2141 P St NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests DDOT notify DPW Parking Enforcement that they are expected to be present multiple times during enforcement hours; that attention must be paid to marked sections, and timely ticketing and towing requests for the building entrance and commercial loading spots are not optional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests DDOT, as soon as possible, install suitable bulb-outs for pedestrians as well as all bus stops in the 2000 and 2100 blocks of P Street NW to reduce pedestrian crossing distances, prevent illegally parked vehicles from blocking buses to reduce delays, thus improving overall safety and roadway throughput.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests DDOT conduct further study of the 2000 and 2100 blocks of P Street NW, as well as the adjoining north-south streets, to identify short term spaces for delivery and passenger vehicle Pick-Up/Drop-Off ("PUDO"), and locations for two-wheel delivery drivers awaiting dispatch, further improving the flow of traffic and safety for all.

#### Resolution regarding modifications to FY26 bathroom program RFQ

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 the Department of Public Works has overseen a public bathroom pilot program that was implemented with the vendor Throne Labs,

Whereas the program has been funded to continue in FY26 based on the first vote taken by the D.C. Council,

Whereas ANC 2B finds the program to be a benefit to the community by providing access to an essential service to all residents and visitors to the community, particularly those who have medical conditions that require ready access to a bathroom,

Whereas, ANC 2B has been committed to the placement of public restrooms in the District since 2017 when the DC Public Restroom Initiative began,

Whereas the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the pilot program did not request vendors to implement overnight hours or multi-stall toilets,

Whereas the bathroom placed in Dupont Circle has been the most utilized of any in the District under the pilot program,

Whereas Dupont Circle is one of the District's largest nightlife hubs and lacks public bathrooms during overnight hours,

Whereas an RFQ will be issued for FY26 that will be open to both Throne Labs and other vendors,

Be it resolved that ANC 2B requests that the RFQ include the requirement that vendors provide 24-hour access to bathrooms in areas where demand is deemed to exist,

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B requests that the RFQ include the option for vendors to propose larger, multi-stall bathrooms or site multiple bathrooms on the same location, based on demand.

### **Land Use Agenda (5 mins)**

#### **Z.C. Case No. 74-10B- Request for modification without hearing to an approved planned unit development at 21 Dupont Circle NW (Sq. 115, Lot 82) (NEED TO FILL OUT FORM)**

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

**WHEREAS** the Amalgamated Transit Union (“ATU” or “Applicant”) is the current owner of the building at 21 Dupont Circle NW (the “Euram Building” or “Building” which is located in Single Member District 2B05 of ANC 2B.

**WHEREAS** the Building was constructed in 1970 and was subsequently incorporated into a Planned Unit Development (“PUD”), along with the property for 1320 19th Street NW (the Sunderland Building), 1307 New Hampshire Ave NW (the Heurich Mansion property), and the property for 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW, as a means of transferring unused density which ultimately allowed construction of the 12-story office building with retail at 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW in 1978.

**WHEREAS** ATU has proposed several modifications to the building to upgrade building systems, and improve functionality and efficiency of the space:

- New rooftop canopy, stair enclosure, guardrail, and mechanical equipment.
- New entrance vestibule; entrance canopy; ATU logo; guardrail at the third floor to create a walkway between to unconnected front portions of the third floor for better circulation; and recessed walkway and guardrail connecting the front portions of the sixth floor for better circulation.
- New windows.
- New lobby and skylight creating a grand welcoming, enclosed, lit, and environmentally conditioned ground floor lobby experience.

**WHEREAS** the skylight will add a nominal 1,158 square feet of gross floor area because it will cover currently uncovered floor area, resulting in the Building having a FAR of 6.6.

**WHEREAS** the slight increase in gross floor area for the new skylight over the lobby, requires condition #2 in Z.C. Order No. 101 be modified to permit such increase to the Euram Building.

**WHEREAS** the building has approximately 4,218 square feet of unused density available so the slight proposed increase of 1,158 square feet will continue to be within what is otherwise permitted at the Property.

**WHEREAS** ANC 2B reviewed and voted at its duly noticed public April 2025 meeting to support the design presented to the Historic Planning Review Board.

**WHEREAS** revisions to the plans requested by HPRB have no impact on ANC 2B's support for this project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2B supports the Amalgamated Transit Union's Request for Modification Without Hearing of Zoning Commission Case 74-10B

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's regular July 2025 meeting minutes**

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

#### **Revision of bylaws to affirm that minutes are final when approved by resolution**

Commissioner Adams moved to affirm that minutes are final when approved by resolution and did not require signature by the secretary. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### **ANC 2B 2026 budget overview**

Commissioner Slatt provided an overview of the proposed FY 2026 budget.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.