

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 1990 MEETING
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2-B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Present were commissioners Moses, Gaugler, Rieffel, Bass, Maggi and Evans. Commissioner Grandis was absent.

In the Open Forum portion of the meeting, Mr. George Nelson renewed his complaints about the La Fonda dumpster that continues to rest on public space next to the restaurant.

Mr. Greg Zahn presented the request of Terence O'Toole for a variance to allow a driveway which is less than 28 feet from another driveway on an adjacent lot at 2127 R Street, N.W. (BZA Application 15294). This property is located outside ANC 2B, although the 200' radius encompasses a portion of ANC 2B. The ANC in which the property is located has voted to support this application. However, ANC 2B commissioners and members of the public expressed concerns about the loss of public street parking that a curb cut for the driveway would entail. They also expressed discomfort with the approach of the applicant that this application is necessary to save a tree: the tree in question is in a city tree box and it is unlikely that the applicant would in any event succeed in obtaining permission to remove the tree to install a driveway. Mr. Bass moved, and Mr. Maggi seconded, a motion that the matter be tabled. The motion was passed with all commissioners voting in favor except Mr. Gaugler, who abstained. The commissioners agreed that the chairman will transmit a letter to BZA stating that the ANC had discussed the matter but tabled it. The letter is not to discuss the content of the discussion or the merits of the application.

Ms. Moses left at this juncture and was not present for the remaining votes.

The Commission then undertook a review of a grant application from the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Mr. R. Fenner Urquhart presented the request, which is for a grant of \$1,000 to provide maintenance to a facility in ANC 2B known as the "Schwartz House" that houses AIDS patients. Mr. Evans presented a statement from Mr. Grandis. After discussion, Mr. Urquhart agreed to amend his application to request \$500 rather than \$1,000. He would use the \$500 to repair the doorbell at this location so that AIDS patients can admit guests at the front door without getting out of bed. Mr. Bass moved, and Mrs. Rieffel seconded, a motion that the grant be approved in the amount of \$500, based on the revised application, and that the funds be earmarked for maintenance. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gaugler moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that the ANC send letters to merchants and publish an announcement in the ANC newsletter soliciting materials for the maintenance of Whitman Walker properties within the Dupont Circle area. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Gaugler is to coordinate the effort. Whitman Walker is to provide Mr. Gaugler with specifics concerning their needs.

Mr. Evans commented on BZA Application #15303 of Brookings Institution for a Special exception to continue to operate an accessory parking lot in an R-5-D district at 1738-1748 P Street, N.W. No representative of Brookings appeared at the meeting. Mr. Evans stated that Brookings has agreed to clean up the lot and repair the wall. Because no one from Brookings was present, the commissioners took no action with respect to Brookings.

Mrs. Rieffel noted that Mr. Grandis had changes to the April 11 minutes. Accordingly, the commissioners took no action to approve the minutes, pending receipt of Mr. Grandis' changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alaire Bretz Rieffel
Recording Secretary