

Letters:

To: BZA

Re: BZA Application No. 15684, 1711 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

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Re: BZA Application No. 15689, Washington Halfway House for Women, 1816 19th St., N.W.

To: BZA

Re: BZA Application No. 15703, 1513 O Street, N.W.

To: Vincent Ford

Re: Alleged zoning and HPRB violations at 2035 P Street, N.W.

To: ABC

Re: ABC Application No. 31077, Three Guys, Inc., t/a Im Bill Too, 1910 18th St., N.W.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 1992 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 1992 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners, Grandis, Pagano, Meier, Shannon, Taylor, and Schwager were present. In Commissioner Bass' absence, Vice-Chair Schwager called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Officer Joseph Zelinka of the third district gave a police report. During the Open Forum, Matthew Watson of Kramer Books and Afterwards came before the ANC to discuss preliminary plans for the expansion of Kramer Books into the old Cafe Splendid building. The owners are in the process of applying for all the necessary permits and will file necessary applications for exterior changes and use of public space.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 1992 meeting of the ANC. This motion passed with Ms. Taylor in abstention.

Issues:

I. BZA Application No. 15684

Mrs. Genevieve Mezzanotte, owner of 1711 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., came before the ANC to discuss her plans to construct an addition to the rear of the house. Her application includes a request for a variance which will allow her to build on more of the lot than zoning allows.

Mr. Meier moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion to support BZA application No. 15684 for variances in a D/R-5 district at 1711 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. This motion passed unanimously.

II. BZA Application No. 15689

Tawanna Evans, Executive Assistant for the Washington Halfway House for Women, 1816 19th St., N.W., was present at the meeting and gave a short presentation regarding their BZA application for a special exception to increase the occupancy from 22 to 30 residents.

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support BZA Application No. 15689 for the Washington Halfway House for Women, for a special exception to increase the occupancy load from 22 to 30 residents, provided this increase does not violate D.C. fire, safety or health codes. This motion passed unanimously.

III. BZA Application No. 15703

Mr. Luis Salgado, attorney for the applicants First Baptist Church of Washington D.C., and Gabriel Negatu, owner of the company which contracts to operate their parking lot at 1513 O Street, N.W., were present at the meeting to discuss their BZA application to continue operating the parking lot at that location. The ANC was unable to timely notice its constituents about this BZA application being on the agenda and therefore did not hear from any residents who may have complaints or concerns.

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion to take no action on BZA Application No. 15703. This motion passed unanimously.

However, the Commissioners requested that this item be placed on the July 15 meeting agenda if the comment period is still open.

Commissioner Reports

Ms. Shannon reported that there was another meeting of the Halloween Committee. There will be a report at the July 15 meeting.

Mr. Meier reported that he attended a meeting at Copely plaza along with Jack Evans, and Ms. Shannon to discuss the increase of crime in the area. The building is going to take extra security measures.

Mr. Pagano reported that he has received reports regarding D.C. Cafe, 2035 P Street, N.W. and a printing shop at the same location which may have violated zoning and HPRB codes. He is looking into all allegations and will keep the ANC updated.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that ANC 2B send a letter to Vincent Ford, Chief Building Inspector of the DCRA about the recent inspection of the property where the print shop is located. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grandis reported that Tony Cholst, a resident who lives behind the old TAM TAM building at 1910 18th St., N.W. asked the ANC to oppose the ABC application for the

new owners of the establishment, Three Guys, Inc., t/a Im Bill Too. Mr. Grandis proposed that the ANC oppose the application through a pro forma letter since the last day for protest on this application is July 15, the same day as the next ANC meeting. Mr. Grandis also said that he will try to work out a voluntary agreement with the owners prior to the roll call hearing August 5, 1992.

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B oppose ABC Application No. 31077 for Three Guys, Inc., t/a Im Bill Too, 1910 18th St., N.W. ANC 2B will make a good faith effort to resolve this matter prior to the roll call hearing, August 5, 1992 with a voluntary agreement which will be incorporated into their license. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grandis also commented on a letter the ANC sent to Carol Lowe, Director of the D.C. Dept. of Recreation and Parks regarding the closing of Francis Pool and the need to carefully monitor this project, which is in Commissioner Taylor's district.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Grandis seconded a motion that she accepts the position of liaison with DCCA and other neighborhood groups to monitor the Dept. of Public Works and the Dept. of Recreation and Parks in regard to the renovation of Francis Pool. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Taylor reported that the Gay Pride Festival was a success without any major problems.

Ms. Schwager reported that she met with Larry Ray and Todd Friedbacher, an intern at the ABA involved in their mediation program and that plans for a mediation service are in the works. However, referrals will be needed so she asked the ANC to keep it in mind.

Old Business

Ms. Schwager reported that there will be a show cause hearing for Sabina's June 26. Also, she will be appearing at the July 8th BZA hearing for 1767 P St., N.W. Ms. Schwager will also be appearing on behalf of ANC 2B at the ANC meeting with James Nathanson. Ms. Schwager also announced that if she gets a new job she may have to resign from the ANC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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