

Letters:

To: ABC

Re: ABC Application No. 2301, Berose Liquor, 1711 17th St., N.W.

To: ABC

Re: ABC Application No. 462, State Liquor, 2159 P St., N.W.

To: Huntemann Ambulance Service, Inc.

Re: ANC's support for Certificate of Need

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on April 28, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Bass, Gamble, Holmes, Taylor, Shannon, and Pagano were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Holmes introduced Mr. Don Black and announced that Mr. Black will be at the ANC's May 26 meeting to discuss a BZA application for a youth rehabilitation home at 1728 P St., N.W.

Sergeant G.V. Lee of the third district gave a police report and introduced two ANC 2B footpatrol officers, Keith Campbell and John Dobbins. Sergeant Lee also informed the ANC that theft from autos is still on the rise. Chairman Bass thanked the second and third police districts for their handling of the April 25 March on Washington.

Issues

I. Councilmember John Ray was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding his proposed amendments to the ABC laws (Bill 10-207). He said that citizens have a right to information regarding ABC licenses and he will do what he can to make sure that the law requires that this information be readily accessible to the public. He also said that police currently do not report ABC violations to the ABC Board and he wants to change that. Councilmember Ray is also proposing a "nightclub zone" in downtown D.C. which would allow establishments within that zone to serve alcohol until 6:00 a.m. A number of people in the audience expressed opposition to the extension of the hours. Other amendments Mr. Ray has proposed are stiffer penalties for those establishments which sell liquor to minors, a limit on "happy hours" or discount drinks, and encouraging vendors not to sell liquor and beer in small quantities. Mr. Bass said that he personally would like the boundaries of the "nightclub zone" to change from 19th and M Streets, N.W. to possibly 19th and L. Mr. Bass went on to say that he felt the ABC Board should not site nightclub licenses near residential areas, perhaps not within 1200 ft. Councilmember Ray said that they tried to enforce a restriction of 1000 ft., which would concentrate nightclubs in one or two wards. This was unacceptable to other wards. He said that he would consider a restriction of fewer feet. The ANC will adopt a position on bill 10-207 at its May 12 meeting.

Mr. Ray also briefly discussed the Business Improvement Districts Bill and said that he would not support it. He said that he objects to the government giving power to business owners to tax themselves because ultimately, the process will be dominated by large land owners. He said that if business owners want to voluntarily tax themselves that can be done within present laws.

Commissioner Ray asked Councilmember Ray what Bill 10-223, the Redistricting of Police District Act would do. Councilmember Ray said that essentially the Bill will make police districts the same as each ward. He explained that currently there are seven police districts and eight (8) wards, so the bill would create one new police district. Commissioner Ray will further research this bill and give his recommendation to the ANC at its May 12 meeting.

II.

Debby Hanrahan informed the ANC and those present of a summer concert that will take place at Ross Elementary, 1730 R Street, N.W. on June 4. A grammy- award winning jazz musician, who also happens to have a child at Ross, will perform at the concert. Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults and the proceeds will go towards enrichment courses such as music, art, and physical education. Ms. Hanrahan also announced that there is a gun control vigil that takes place once a week in front of the NRA at 16th and Rhode Island Ave., and that it is open to everyone.

III. The discussion of the HPRB Application for Historic Landmark Designation for the Arden Building, 1147 Conn. Ave. and the Waggaman/Ray Commercial Row, 1141-1145, will be discussed at the May 12 meeting of the ANC.

IV. A Representative for Berosse Liquor, 1711 17th Street, N.W. was present at the meeting to discuss ABC Application No. 2301 for renewal of its class "A" license. Commissioner Bass informed the ANC and those present, that the owners of Berosse have agreed to sign a voluntary agreement with the ANC. Mr. Bass warned the applicants to continue monitoring an alley near the store and not to sell liquor to inebriated patrons. The representative agreed that she would continue monitoring the alley and would not sell liquor to already inebriated persons.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support ABC Application No. 2301 Retailer's Class "A" license, for Berosse Liquor Store, 1711 17th Street, N.W., on condition that a voluntary agreement be incorporated by the ABC Board into the reissuance of this license. This motion passed unanimously.

V. Representatives for State Liquor, 2159 P Street, N.W., were duly notified of the meeting and were asked to attend but did not appear. The following motion was made:

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B oppose the renewal of ABC Application No. 462 for a Retailer's Class "A" license for NSA State, Inc., t/a State Liquor on the grounds that their record of conducting business

under their existing license has not complied with ABC regulations. ANC 2B has reports that State Liquor makes indiscriminate sales of liquor to persons who are inebriated and of selling liquor to minors and after legal hours. This also has a significant impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood. This motion passed unanimously.

VI. Herman Green and Bill Easley of the D.C. Dept of Recycling were present at the meeting to answer questions regarding recycling and more specifically the new curbside pick up of recyclables. ANC 2B invited the representatives to the meeting because it has received complaints about the "mess" the new curbside pickup is causing in the neighborhood. Mr. Green explained that the new recycling trucks do not fit down alleys. However, they may retrofit regular garbage trucks for recycled pick-up in alleys. Mr. Green went on to say that part of the reason there is so much mess on sidewalks is because residents are not properly bundling recyclable materials. He said that papers and magazines should be placed in a paper bag before putting them in the green recycle bin. Aluminum should go into the blue bag distributed by the city and lightbulbs are not recyclable, Mr. Green said. Mr. Bass suggested that the city go back to alley pick up. Ms. Taylor commented that the city did not do an adequate job informing residents about the new curbside recycling process. The ANC will include recycling tips in its next newsletter.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ray reported that their has been slow progress in the ANC's complaint to the ABC Board regarding Ambassel. He will keep the ANC posted on any new developments. Mr. Ray also reported that he is currently working on complaints of delivery trucks for conventions at the Hilton Hotel parked illegally at the small park at Florida and T Street. Mr. Ray distributed applications to all Commissioners for the Citizens Advisory Council and encouraged all to join.

Mr. Bass reported that there were three 14(e) petitions filed against the ABC Application for H.H. Leonards which take precedence over the 14(b) petition filed by the ANC. Mr. Bass also reported that the application by the Logan Circle Community to expand its historic district has been withdrawn on advice of the Historic Preservation Division. It should be resubmitted soon with a smaller area, but will still include all of the Dupont Circle blocks the ANC is concerned about.

Mr. Gamble reported that there is going to an art show auction to benefit the Whitman-Walker clinic at the D.C. Hilton and tickets for the show are \$10.

Mr. Holmes reported that there is a meeting of the DCMAP Economic Development Committee on Thursday April 29.

Old Business

Mr. Ray brought up the discussion of Bill 10-223 the Redistricting of the Police Districts Act which would realign police districts to wards. Mr. John Ralls of

Councilmember Evans' office informed the ANC that Councilmember Evans is opposed to the bill. The downside to the bill would be that the police precinct for the Dupont Circle area would be located somewhere in Southwest if the bill is passed. Mr. Ray will research the bill further and report to the ANC at its next meeting May 12.

New Business

Mr. Bass discussed a letter he received from the Huntemann Ambulance Service, Inc. asking the ANC for its support of their certificate of need to extend service in the D.C. area. Mr. Bass said that he thought it would be a good idea to stimulate competition from the private sector to encourage the city's ambulance services to improve.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the application of Huntemann Ambulance Service Inc. for a certificate of need to extend its service in D.C. This motion passed unanimously.

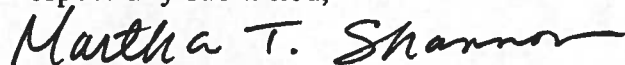
Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 14 meeting of the ANC with the following amendments by Commissioner Taylor:

1) on page one under the Update on Francis Pool and Stead Playground, add to the end of the paragraph; Ms. Taylor will meet with Lorne Hill and other community members to finalize details of what services the community needs at the pool 2) on page five under Ms. Taylor's Commissioner report, it should read in whole; Ms. Taylor reported that at the recent Dupont Circle Conservancy meeting the Roy Rogers building was discussed and will no longer be turquoise. There is an application however, for an awning which the Conservancy disapproved. She also commented on a handicap ramp at 1915 16th Street and said that the ANC will probably have to look at all different kinds of ramps and that maybe someone should look into the ADA law requirements. Mr. Holmes said that he knows someone well versed with ADA requirements and will ask him for his advice. She also reported that Crepe a la Carte, 1304 18th St., N.W., came before the Conservancy to get its support to put up a sign and take down the existing awning. The Conservancy is looking into whether there is a law stipulating that awnings must remain on the buildings on this block but otherwise was approved. This case will be on the next HPRB agenda. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, ANC 2B