

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Pagano, Shannon, Bass, Gamble, Holmes and Taylor were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Lt. Brunzos and Officer Zelinka of the third district gave a police report sighting an increase in thefts. The Officers also informed the ANC that there has been a rash of thefts in business offices.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Gamble seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 1993 meeting of the ANC with the following amendments:

1) Pink Panthers: Commissioner Ray, who had attended the Pink Panthers' first training session, praised their efforts and has urged them to march in 2B01, while also expressing concerns about their lack of communication with law enforcement.

2) Rascals: Several of the new Commissioners confronted with new information : petition and 1987 letter, asked to "table" the motion, but they were not in the majority. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I. D.C. School of Law

David Clarke, Professor at the D.C. School of Law, was present at the meeting to inform the ANC and those present about the law school. Mr. Clarke said that a lot of people do not know the law school even exists and he wanted to let everyone know about what the school has to offer. The law school offers different clinics to help people in need of representation such as HIV patients and juveniles. The student body of the school is made up of 50% minorities and 50% women with a wide range of ages. Commissioner Ray asked about how much emphasis was put on mediation and arbitration. Mr. Clarke informed him that there is required training in both those fields. Mr. Clarke went on to say that a lot of dispute resolution is used in cases involving HIV patients and housing issues.

II. Recycling Center, 25th and N Streets, N.W.

Mr. Bill Freese, representative for the Recycling Center located at 25th and N Streets, N.W. was present at the meeting to update the ANC on the operation of the center. Mr. Freese said that there was really not much to report except to say that the center has been running smoothly and is being well maintained. Commissioner Taylor, within whose SMD the center is located, commented that she has received no further complaints about

the recycling center. Chairman Bass asked Mr. Freese if he had given any thought as to what would happen to the center when the city employs its curb side recycling plan. Mr. Freese said that the City has already pushed back the date for starting the curb side recycling plan so they will just have to see what happens. In the meantime, the recycling center would like to continue servicing the area.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Ray seconded a motion that ANC 2B support the continued operation of the Recycling center located at 25th and N Streets, N.W. with the understanding that the ANC will continue to monitor the operation of the center and that the need for the Center will be reassessed when the city implements city-wide full recycling. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Ray gave a handout to each Commissioner listing goals for the Public Safety Committee which he chairs. Commissioner Shannon said that she felt that if there were going to be published goals of an ANC Committee that the ANC should vote on those goals. Mr. Ray agreed and said that he should have perhaps indicated on the handout that this was only a draft of the goals. Mr. Ray also presented draft copies of his testimony at the Sodomy repeal hearing to all Commissioners. Ms. Taylor suggested that he delete paragraph #5 in the testimony. Mr. Ray agreed to this amendment.

Mr. Ray moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the draft of the Sodomy Repeal testimony minus the 5th paragraph. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ray now has 17 liaisons in his SMD and is searching for more. Mr. Ray is working on a possible voluntary agreement with Three Guys, Inc., 1910 18th St., N.W.

Commissioner Bass requested that Commissioner Ray write a letter to Councilmember Nathanson's Committee on the Panhandling Control Act. This letter should include the ANC's position on the Bill and request that hearings be held so that the ANC can testify.

Commissioner Gamble reported that Cafe Blanca on 17th Street has applied for a permit for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe and awning with 22 seats. Chairman Bass reminded Mr. Gamble to ensure that the plans must allow for 10ft. from the treebox or curb by law. Mr. Gamble said he would look into that and also inquire into trash collection and remind the applicants that no external sound sources can be used.

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that ANC 2B endorse the plans for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe for Cafe Blanca so long as all criteria are met in regard to no external sound sources, trash collection and especially the provision that there be 10ft. from a treebox or curb. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Taylor informed the Commissioners that she has written an article for

the February issue of the Intowner regarding commercial establishments on Connecticut Avenue. Ms. Taylor also reported that the buildings on the corner of Jefferson Pl. and Connecticut Ave. which are being renovated by Douglas Jamal, have been painted bright turquoise. There is no HPRB requirement for paint color approval.

Commissioner Holmes reported that the 1st Quarterly report for 1993 is ready to be submitted.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the 1st 1993 Quarterly report and submit it to the appropriate agency. This motion passed unanimously.

Along with the report, a \$30 ANC Security Fund deposit must be sent.

Mr. Holmes moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to approve paying the \$30 fee for the ANC Security Fund. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners were advised that expenses should be cut. Possibilities of free office space will be explored as well as ways to spend less on postage and copying.

Old Business:

Mr. Bass informed the Commissioners that on March 10 there will be an ABC hearing on the East Dupont Moratorium and on March 17 there will be a hearing on the West Dupont Moratorium. He said that all Commissioners will need to get together and plan their testimony and also meet with those merchants who plan to protest the moratoriums. In regard to the P Street Moratorium, Mr. Bass said that there are two provisions that are similar to provisions in the Georgetown Moratorium that the ABC Board disallowed. These provisions deal with a freeze on seating capacities and a falling cap on licenses through non-renewal. Therefore, Mr. Bass suggested that the ANC delete these provisions from its moratorium proposal.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that ANC 2B delete the two provisions from the P Street Moratorium proposal (eliminating restrictions on seating capacity and transferability), and that the falling "cap" on licenses would apply only to "CT" licenses, which would fall from 6 to 3. This motion passed with Commissioner Ray in abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, ANC 2B