

Letters:

To: BZA

Re: BZA Application No. 15828, 2023 Mass. Ave., N.W.

To: BZA

Re: BZA Application No. 15825, 1728 P Street, N.W.

To: HPRB

Re: 806 15th Street, N.W., Shoreham Building

To: All Councilmembers

Re: ABC Board's Decision regarding H.H. Leonards

To: Mayor's Agent

Re: St. Matthew's PUD, 1717-1719 Rhode Island

To: Councilmember John Ray

Re: Oversight hearing on DCRA

MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Shannon, Bass, Gamble, Holmes, and Taylor were present.

I.

Councilmember Jack Evans made a presentation at the meeting and answered questions by the Commission and those present. Mr. Evans discussed the upcoming election of the new Council Chairman and encouraged all residents to hold forums and review all candidates. He informed the ANC that he is not running for the position of Council Chairman. Mr. Evans said that there will be a hearing on Councilmember John Ray's Bill, the "ABC Regulations Amendment Act" on May 27. Mr. Evans said that there are some problems with the Business Improvement Districts Bill which he has co-sponsored, but that it should move ahead. Councilmember Evans informed the ANC that he is a member of the following Committees: Economic Development, Public Works, Government Operations, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and Chair of the Regional Authorities Committee. As Chair of the Regional Authorities Committee, Mr. Evans will be on the Board of Directors of METRO. Mr. Evans addressed a complaint by a resident, Debby Hanrahan, who asked what he could do about Stead Playground. The Playground was scheduled to open by Memorial Day but is far from completion. Mr. Evans said that he is well aware of the situation and would get his office working on the problem. Mr. Gamble informed the resident that he spoke with the Contractor for Stead and was told that the playground is scheduled to open by June 15. Finally, Councilmember Evans informed the ANC that he will be setting up a new hearing in June to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

At this time, Chairman Bass introduced Capt. Robert V. Boggs of the third district

who gave a crime report. He reported that from March to April of this year, crime had gone down. He pointed out however, that from April '92 to April '93 theft from autos had gone up considerably. Mr. Gamble pointed out to Capt. Boggs that there has been an increase in panhandling in front of People's Drug Store, 17th and P Streets, N.W. Capt. Boggs made note of it and commented that he is in favor of the passing of the Aggressive Panhandling Bill. Officer Zelinka, of the third district also warned residents that there have been robberies at ATM machines.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 12 meeting of ANC 2B. This motion passed unanimously.

II. BZA Application No. 15828

Applicant, William C. Paley, was present at the meeting to discuss his pending BZA application for a special exception to establish non-profit office use at 2023 Massachusetts Avenue a formerly residential building that is zoned SP. He plans to run the William Paley Foundation out of the building. The Foundation will essentially; a) assist children and adolescents who are in need of counseling, who are members of dysfunctional families and/or affected by parents with such problems as substance abuse and homelessness; b) foster fine arts and performing arts programs for young people. Commissioner Pagano, within whose district this property lies, was unable to attend the meeting or give his recommendation to the ANC on this matter. The ANC decided to take no action on this application.

III. BZA Application No. 15825

Representatives of the Gateway Youth Home organization were present at the meeting to discuss the pending BZA Application No. 15825 to grant a special exception to establish a youth rehabilitation home at 1728 P Street, N.W. The representatives informed the ANC that there would be 10 youths housed at the facility for a stay up to 100 days. Two staff persons would also be on the premises around the clock. Counselors would be provided although they are not presently certified. Residents who live on P Street were at the meeting and stated their opposition to the youth home, citing problems that occurred with a previous rehabilitation home that was located in the same building on P Street. One resident said that he had break-ins in his apartment building next to 1728 P, and other problems that he attributed to the residents of the youth home. Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Holmes, within whose SMD this property lies, made the following motion; Commissioner Ray seconded:

ANC 2B opposes the granting of a special exception under 11 DCMR 3108.1 section 357.1, to establish a youth rehabilitation home at 1728 P St., N.W.

(square 157:lot 100) for the following reasons:

1) such a facility is incompatible in a residential neighborhood because the premises is too small for the proposed program; 2) there is lack of adequate parking for

staff, parental visits, and others; 3) there is no space for outdoor recreational facilities; consequently, use of the premises for this purpose would place an undue burden on the neighboring community with the creation of noise; 4) housing 10-12 youths plus an administrative staff of 12 is likely to generate considerable activity disrupting the peace and quiet of the neighboring residents. This motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reorganization of Police Districts Act of 1993

Commissioner Larry Ray, after having researched the "Reorganization of Police Districts Act of 1993", offered the following motion which Commissioner Gamble seconded:

Be it resolved, that Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B opposes Bill 10-233, "Reorganization of Police Districts Act of 1993", as introduced. Instead, ANC 2B encourages a thoughtful reassessment of police district boundaries and the criteria for establishing such boundaries. Further, ANC 2B advocates an evaluation of the police substations idea. This motion passed unanimously.

V. ANC 2B Summer schedule

Commissioner Holmes moved and Commissioner Gamble seconded, a motion that ANC 2B cancel its June 23 meeting and schedule July 21 and August 18 for the summer meetings. This motion passed unanimously.

VI. Shoreham Building 806 15th Street, N.W.

Mr. Barry Habib, of Shalom Baranes Associates, along with other representatives, were present at the meeting to discuss the pending HPRB Application to renovate the Shoreham Building, 806 15th Street, N.W. The application is to: 1) realign floors behind the facade; 2) add parking below grade; 3) add two loading docks; 4) enclose rear courtyard which is viewed from the alley; 5) update building within ADA requirements. Commissioner Gamble, within whose SMD this property lies, offered the following motion which was seconded by Commissioner Shannon:

ANC 2B supports this application before the HPRB and has no opposition to the enclosure of the rear courtyard. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Ray reported that there is a proposal to make a three-way stop at the intersection of 18th and T Streets.

Commissioner Bass reported that the owners of State Liquor have agreed to sign a voluntary agreement with the ANC with the following special stipulations:

- 1) employees will complete an ABC course on server training
- 2) State Liquor will display a sign at least 12" stating "no sale of alcohol to minors"

Commissioner Taylor also requested that another stipulation be added that the staff of State Liquor will not consume alcohol on the job. Commissioner Bass agreed to this.

Commissioner Bass moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the voluntary agreement with amendments. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bass also reported that he met with protestants of the ABC license for H.H. Leonards and they were unable to reach a voluntary agreement with Ms. Leonards.

Commissioner Gamble moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B write a letter to all Councilmembers (cc: the media), reiterating the ANC's opposition to the ABC Board's decision to throw out the 14(e) petitions filed against H.H. Leonards. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gamble reported that there will be an Office of Planning Seminar regarding zoning on June 24.

Commissioner Holmes reported that the ANC's second quarterly report is due and that it reconciles perfectly with the ANC's checkbook.

Commissioner Holmes moved and Commissioner Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the second quarterly report. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes moved and Commissioner Shannon seconded the following motion regarding the Mayor's Agent hearing for the St. Matthews PUD, 1717-1719 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.

ANC 2B requests the Mayor's Agent amend the 1987 order authorizing demolition to include a prohibition of the issuance of raze and pre-construction permits until:

- 1) The HPRB has reviewed any proposed changes in the exterior design of the building and;
- 2) A new hearing is held by the Mayor's Agent to: a) determine whether the developer is able to complete the project; and b) consider any requests to reopen and reconsider the special merit findings of the 1987 order in light of the law now applicable to the project and changes in the project itself.

Further, ANC 2B takes the position that the 1987 Mayor's Agent order authorizing demolition of the subject row houses failed to condition such approval upon the issuance of a building permit and demonstration by the owner/developers of their ability to complete the project, both of which are required under D.C. law 2-144. This motion passed unanimously.

Staff Coordinators Report

Staff Coordinator, Hollie Saiz reported that Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Gamble looked at the 1400 Q Street building which the ANC was thinking of moving its office into, and found it unacceptable. Therefore, the ANC instructed Ms. Saiz to rescind the ANC's notice to Riggs Bank to vacate the building at 1526 Conn. Avenue by June 30. The ANC will discuss possible ANC office sites at the June 9 meeting.

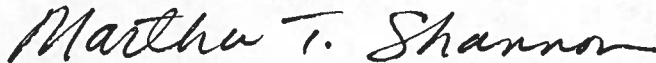
New Business

Commissioner Bass discussed the upcoming oversight hearing on the DCRA and presented a draft copy of a letter to Councilmember John Ray, Chair of the Committee of the Judiciary stating the ANC's position on the importance of the DCRA and comments on its operation.

Commissioner Bass moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the letter to Councilmember John Ray on condition that the other Commissioners could offer amendments to the letter before mailing it out by June 2. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary
Dupont Circle ANC 2B