



**DUPONT CIRCLE
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Letters:

To: BZA
Re: 1813 19th St., NW

To: BZA
Re: 1218 16th St., NW

To: BZA
Re: Swedish Embassy

To: Public Service Commission
Re: Phone - 1525 15th Street, NW

To: Public Space Commission
Re: 1620 L Street, NW

To: Mayor's Agent
Re: PUD - 1717-21 R.I Avenue, NW

To: PSC
Re: Udderly Cool

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 1994 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ANC 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on September 14, 1994 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Gamble, Shannon, Taylor and Pagano were present. Chair Gamble called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Introduction of the Commissioners

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Lt. Walter of the Park Police reported that Officer Summerville had been in the Dupont Circle area on a regular basis for the summer between the hours of 11a.m. to 7p.m. and that his presence had been helpful in deterring crime in the areas he patrolled. He said that an officer would be assigned to the Dupont Circle parks on this same regular basis between Memorial Day and Labor Day next year. Lt. Walters gave the statistics and said that crime was generally down from the same time last year. He gave the direct number to the park police headquarters so residents would not have to go through 911.

COMMISSIONERS

01 Larry Ray
Parliamentarian

02 Jay Pagano

03 Martha Shannon
Secretary

04 Dennis Bass

05 Russell Gamble
Chairperson

06 Pam Taylor
Vice Chairperson

07 Dennis Holmes
Treasurer

Captain Boggs of the Third District said that thefts from automobiles and burglaries were still an ongoing problem. However, most of the thefts from autos are from cars from out of state. He gave the statistics on the success of the Gun Recovery Unit and the telephone number of the Reward Incentive Program for people to report knowledge of an illegally possessed weapon. He announced that the Third District is also going to have a "gun turn-in day", and gave out flyers for a Citizens Police Academy program. A resident said that they felt the response time was slow by the Third District. Captain Boggs said the department was still getting used to its new dispatchers system, but that eventually it would provide more effective service. The Commissioners agreed that they prefer police reports that focus on trends and particular concerns and problems, rather than lists of statistics.

Lt. James gave the statistics for the Second District and indicated that the trend is a decrease overall. He cited three cases that had been closed out. He said that Second District would be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 15, starting at 11p.m.

Adoption of the Minutes:

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded to adopt the minutes of the July 13, 1994 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded to adopt the minutes of the August 10, 1994 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed with Commissioner Taylor abstaining.

Issues:

1. Mr. Dudley Cannada presented plans for a condominium at 1813 19th Street, NW. He asked the commissioners to support his application with the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a variance FAR requirements.

MOTION

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded to support the BZA application for variance in FAR requirements at 1813 19th Street, NW. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Gamble introduced Mr. Paul Devrouax who presented proposed modifications at 1218 16th Street, NW. Mr. Devrouax, an architect, speaking on behalf of his client, The National Council of Negro Women, said he wanted the ANC to support a special exception to allow this non-profit organization to expand into this space. He said that originally the space had been used for offices, but because his client is a non-profit he is required to go before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a variance.

MOTION

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Shannon seconded to support

the BZA application at 1218 16th St., NW for a special exception due to the non-profit status of the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Gamble read a letter citing reasons to oppose the installation of a public pay phone at 1525 15th Street, NW. Ms. Shannon read a letter from a resident also citing reasons for objections to the installation of this phone.

MOTION

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded to send a letter to the Public Service Commission stating the reasons for the ANCs opposition to the installation of a public pay phone at 1525 15th Street, NW. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ms. Shannon introduced Mr. John Zekial, representing Carmella Kitty's, and said Mr. Zekial's presentation was for informational purposes only. Mr. Zekial said that he wished to make this preliminary presentation as required by the voluntary agreement with the ANC. He said this proposal for a zoning variance for Carmella Kitty's at 1602 17th Street, NW. would allow commercial use of second floor space currently zoned residential. He said that the space would be used for storage only, not for more seating for Carmella Kitty's, and that use of this space would bring his costs down. Ms. Shannon asked if the variance would carry over to any new owners should Carmella's be sold. Mr. Zekial said he didn't know but he would be willing to agree that the variance not be transferable if that is requested by the ANC.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS.

Commissioner Shannon said Udderly Cool had put up a wooden structure instead of the metal fence that was in their design approved by ANC. She said the wooden construction is removable and that Udderly Cool will remove it for the winter months and they will remove a wooden menu board, which is outside the allotted space within 48 hours. Ms. Shannon suggested the commission comment to the Public Space Commission (PSC) that the construction is not according to the design presented to the ANC by Udderly Cool and also that there are six more seats than had been indicated in the presentation. Mr. Gamble said he supports such a letter because there have been two or three issues recently where PSC has not supported the ANCs actions.

MOTION

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded to write the PSC to point out the non-adherence by Udderly Cool to the design on which this ANC's approval was based citing the wooden structure instead of the metal fence and seating over the amount indicated. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shannon reported the Cairo is going to celebrate its 100

year anniversary with a tour and refreshments on Saturday, October 15 at 2p.m. Ms. Shannon asked if anyone knew of any plans for public Halloween events to please let the ANC know for public safety reasons. Mr. Gamble said persons with any information on this could also call him.

(Commissioner Holmes arrived).

Ms. Taylor reported on the last meeting of the Conservancy. Ms. Taylor requested the commission to re-send a letter concerning the PUD -St. Matthews Church to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

MOTION

Ms. Taylor Moved and Ms. Shannon seconded that a copy of the letter dated November 23, 1993, which indicates ANC 2Bs original opposition to the PUD for St. Matthews be re-sent to the HPRB to restate this opposition and remind the HPRB that this letter was ruled on in favor of the ANC by the Mayor's Agent and that this should be reviewed as if it were a new application. This motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Holmes reported that he had been made aware that JR's received a revocation and denial of their public space permit and have been asked by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCR) to do a number of things which go beyond the scope of what had been requested by the ANC. Mr. Holmes read the list of requirements issued to JR's by the DCR and requested the commission write a letter to the DCR stating that the ANC feels the action against JR's is excessive and does more than address the problems cited by the ANC. Mr. Gamble said that although JR's is in his SMD he is not introducing this proposal as he has already taken a position personally and sent a letter to Hampton Cross pointing out the split in the community and on the ANC over the issue of JR's at the time the vote was taken, and the basis on which the ANC vote was taken. He said he would like to modify the proposed letter to point out that 1) there was really only one reason the ANC opposed a public space permit for JR's (that Jr's held a tavern ABC license) and 2) the recent history of JR's to use their space for public service oriented activities that they be allowed to have a limited public space permit.

MOTION

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Gamble seconded a letter be sent to Mr. Hampton Cross stating ANC's objections to the action taken by DCR regarding the revocation and denial of a public space permit to JR's Bar and Grill 1519 17th Street, NW. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble reported on two items that are within his SMD. He said that although they are technically too late for action he would like them both to go on the record.

MOTION

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Pagano seconded ANC 2B had no objection to the installation of two antennas BZA Appl. No. 15977 - Swedish Embassy, 1501 M St., NW. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded ANC 2B had no objection to a proposed public space rental for an outdoor cafe four table installation at 1620 L Street, NW, in that this installation follows all the requirements. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Shannon
Secretary, ANC 2B