



**DUPONT CIRCLE
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Letters:

To: ABC
Re: Escandelo

To: BZA
Re: 1738 R St., NW - Bed & Breakfast

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 1995 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on January 11, 1995 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Fernandez, Heller, Smith, Bass, Wemple, Haransky and Pitsor were present. Acting Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Introduction of the Commissioners

Mr. Bass said the first order of business was the election of officers. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Fernandez for position of Chair, and Mr. Pitsor seconded this nomination. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Haransky moved that a second Vice Chair be nominated for public policy. Mr. Bass asked what would be the duties of the public policy Chair, and Mr. Fernandez responded that the duties would be delegated by the Chair. Mr. Bass said that although he had no objection to this extra office, he would like the duties to be clarified. Mr. Fernandez said that he was comfortable with the motion. A resident asked for a further clarification of the extra officer. Mr. Fernandez said that there is one position for Vice Chair in the statutes and for the purposes of dealing with the issues that come before the commission the chair might want to delegate some of the work to someone other than the statutory Vice Chair the Vice Chair as defined in the statutes would conduct the meetings in the absence of the Chair. Mr. Wemple said that to further consider the citizen's concerns the issue of the second Vice Chair be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was then withdrawn. Mr. Fernandez asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Wemple nominated Mr. Pitsor, and Mr. Haransky seconded the motion. Mr. Fernandez asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Heller nominated Mr. Smith. Mr. Fernandez said that a second to this motion was not required. Mr. Fernandez closed the nomination and called for a vote. Mr. Pitsor was elected as Vice Chair by a five to two vote. Mr. Fernandez called for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Bass nominated Mr. Heller. The

COMMISSIONERS

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| 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 |
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motion passed unanimously. Mr. Fernandez called for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Bass nominated Mr. Wemple. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Fernandez said that the Commission would create seven committees and he would make the appointments. He added that if any resident of Dupont Circle wanted to serve on any of the committees they should speak to the chair of that committee after the meeting. Mr. Fernandez said that he would be the liaison for Public Safety, for Public Works Mr. Wemple, Historic Preservation Mr. Pitsor, ABC Board matters Mr. Haransky and Stephen Smith, Zoning Mr. Smith, Noise, Mr. Heller and Mr. Smith, and for Gay Pride Mr. Heller.

Adoption of the Minutes:

Mr. Bass moved to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 1994 meeting. The motion passed with one for and six abstentions.

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Captain Swope of the 2nd District gave the crime statistics for the month of December 1994 and compared them to December 1993. He said that the only crime that is not decreasing is theft from automobiles. A resident asked if it was necessary to report his car being broken into. Captain Swope said yes in that it helped him plan deployment of officers. Mr. Haransky asked if there was any particular pattern to theft from autos. Captain Swope said no. Captain Swope said that although the Police Department was downsizing, it would be in administrative areas and would not affect the number of officers on the street.

Captain Boggs was unable to give the statistics for December, as he had forgotten to bring them. He did say that the trend is still an overall decrease in crimes, and he projects that this years figures when they are all in will reflect an eight percent decrease District-wide, which is consistent with the year prior to that. He commented on an officer from the 3rd District that was shot and said the shooting was probably a reprisal as this officer was active in making drug arrests. Ms. Taylor said that she understood that Captain Boggs was retiring and asked if the gun recovery program that had been so successful would continue. Captain Boggs said that it would. Mr. Pitsor asked if it was clear whether the majority of the break-ins to autos were to residents' or visitors' cars. Captain Boggs said that in some areas that are a mix of commuters and residents it was not clear whereas in other areas it was.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved that a letter be sent to Captain Boggs and Officer Collins of the 3rd District commending their professionalism and commitment to policing the Dupont Circle Community. Mr. Wemple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ISSUES:

1. Officer Walters reported the statistics for the Park Police and said that due to the cold weather that crimes were down. He reported on the shooting in front of the White House in December. He said the video tape, that generated a great deal of criticism, did not reflect the actual situation which led to the shooting. Mr. Heller asked if the Park Police would be patrolling Dupont Circle Down Under. Officer Walters said no, that was the Metropolitan Police's responsibility. Mr. Smith asked if any suspect in the bike path stabbings had been found. Officer Walters said the case had not been closed, but due to extra officers patrolling the area of the bike path where the stabbings had occurred, there had been no new incidents. A resident asked if Dupont Circle was affected by extra police being assigned to the White House. Officer Walters said Dupont Circle had not been affected. A resident asked why the Park Police had to provide personnel for the White House. Officer Walters said that the area is part of the jurisdiction of the Parks - Interior Department.

2. Mr. Heller introduced Mr. Ebner, who gave a presentation of his request for a proposed waiver of the required parking requirements for a bed and breakfast at 1738 R Street. Mr. Ebner said he wanted to expand the sleeping rooms of his existing bed and breakfast from two rooms to four and he wanted a waiver that states that he would have to have one off-street parking spaces available for the extra two rooms. He said he intended to discourage potential patrons from bringing cars through his advertising and indicate that metro was easily accessible. He added that there was public parking available close by and he would inform his patrons it would be necessary for them to use that if they did need a car.

MOTION

Mr. Heller moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the ANC withdraw its opposition and support the request for a parking variance for the bed and breakfast - 1738 R St. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass recused himself from the discussion and the vote on the issue of Lone Star/Escandelo. Mr. Fernandez said that he had reached an agreement with the owners of this establishment and a Voluntary Agreement had been signed.

MOTION

Mr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Wemple seconded a motion to withdraw the ANC 2B's opposition to renewal of a Class "CT" liquor license for Lone Star/Escandelo - 2122 P St. and to support the renewal of this license. The motion passed with Mr. Bass recused.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mr. Haransky reported there will be a hearing on the Ambassel February 1. He said this hearing will hopefully provide a final resolution and secure a revocation of the Ambassel's "CR" license for multiple violations of their Voluntary Agreement. He said that

the neighbors had been through several years of mediation with this establishment and fulfilled all the requirements to try and remedy the situation and bring the Ambassel into compliance. Mr. Bass said he will be recusing himself from the Ambassel.

Mr. Smith asked if a protest has been filed with the Public Service Commission about the proposed pay phone at 1617 Connecticut Avenue. He was told that a protest had been filed.

Mr. Heller reported that Udderly Cool was interested in being put on the agenda. Mr. Pitsor said that if Udderly Cool has a new proposal he thinks it should be considered.

Mr. Bass said he would be recusing himself from ABC issues in the ANC due to his appointment to the ABC Board in that it could be construed to be a conflict of interest. He said he would defer the issues of ABC licenses in his SMD to the Chair.

Mr. Wemple said he had nothing to report but he would like to introduce himself to the audience.

Mr. Fernandez reported Margie Young of the Rat Patrol needed volunteers and asked the members of the audience to see him after the meeting if they would be available.

Mr. Pitsor reported that the Brookings Institute had filed for a two-year extension on their existing PUD status.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heller said he would like to look into better ways of informing the community of the ANC meeting than the Post Card. He suggested that a newsletter be developed. He said that the ANC needed to amend and approve a budget for the fiscal year 1995.

Mr. Haransky said since the ANC budget might be reduced by as much as fifty percent, it would help if the community would make donations and that residents can donate up to \$400. He also asked that if anyone knew of free or cheap space for meeting and an office to please contact the ANC.

Mr. Fernandez said the next meeting would be February 8. He adjourned the meeting at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Wemple
Secretary, ANC 2B