

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B
(DUPONT CIRCLE)
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**Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 13, 2001, 7:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Parish, 1771 Church Street, NW**

Chair Vince Micone called the June meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 2B to order at 7:30 p.m.. In welcoming those in attendance the chair noted that there were copies of the agenda and other handouts at the back of the room; he then proceed to have the commissioners introduce themselves and give their district number. Present were David Jolliffe (2B03), Jeff Hopp (2B04), Doug Damron (2B05), Vince Micone (2B02), Irv Morgan (2B06), and Marilyn Newton (2B07). Norma Chaplain (2B01) arrived after the introductions

LOCAL POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS.

- Lt. Eyester from PSA 307 and Lt Groomes from PSA 308 and 309 were present to give their reports. Before doing so they reported on the death that day of the Metro Transit Officer who had been killed in the line of duty and distributed a flyer with the likeness of alleged killer on it and asked for everyone's help in apprehending the killer. Chair Micone called for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased officer.
- Lt Eyester reported that with additional plain cloths officers and luck that theft from autos in PSA 307 had dropped from 15 -20 in previous months to 5 or 6 in May and early June.
- Lt. Groomes reported on a rash of burglaries in the 1600 block of Connecticut Avenue and that more manpower had been put in that area. Groomes mentioned that new PSA boundries were being explored with the intent that some be combined and that Commander Beech was asking for input.
- The Chair moved and Commissioner Morgan seconded a motion that strongly urges that the Metropolitan Police Department redesign the PSA so that the Dupont Circle area would have larger PSA's (fewer PSA's for the Dupont Circle ANC). There being no discussion, the motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.
- There were no incidences reported as a result of the Gay Pride Festival and Parade.
- An audience member reported that there was a very aggressive, tall, and skinny black man with close cropped hair and apparent mental issues seen in the Dupont Circle area the night preceeding this meeting. Lt Eyester seemed to recognize the description and stated that the man had been in jail/prison and was now out again.

OPEN FORUM AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Micone announced that a review of the traffic Regulations noted some changes for the Dupont Circle area. 15th Street northbound left curb lane has eliminated some parking spaces. L Street parking changes deleted some no parking spaces.
- Mr. Clark Ray, the Ward 2 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, stated that there would be a meeting at St. Thomas Church (1772 Church Street) NW on June 27th, at 3:00 p.m. The DPW and the Health Department and other agencies would be there in order to let businesses, home owners, and managers of apartments, condos, and cooperatives know what they need to do to keep their premises clean. This meeting is primarily targeting the P Street and 17th Street corridors.
- Micone reported that the Dupont Circle ANC (2B) participated in the Capital Gay Pride Parade and that thanks to Commissioner Jeff Hopp who procured the donation of a "D C DUCK" from D C DUCKS, the commissioners rode in a "D C DUCK". No government funds were used for this participation.
- It was announced that the Internet for ANC 2B would be set up by the July meeting
- Micone also announced that for those how do not have email or telephones or faxes and would like to receive notice of ANC 2B meeting, that if said persons would supply 12 self addressed, stamped envelopes to the Executive Director of the Dupont Circle ANC at the Resource Center at 9 Dupont Circle before the July meeting, this service would start in July.

ISSUES

1. A Proposal to Rename the P Street Bridge in Memory of William Calomaris (2B06) Former Councilmember John Ray was recognized by the Chair to speak on behalf of the proposal. Mr. Ray spoke of Mr. Calomaris's many contributions to the Washington community and the African American community in DC. Many people in the audience stood to speak against the proposal and even though they thought that Mr. Calomaris deserved a memorial, the P Street Bridge was not appropriate because Mr. Calomaris had no particular connection to the Bridge and as one member of the audience put it, "... the P Street Bridge has always been the P Street Bridge." Citing no recent association of Mr. Calomaris with the Bridge, Commissioner Morgan moved that the ANC 2B oppose the renaming of the P Street Bridge and after a second by Commissioner Hopp, on a UNANIMOUS aye vote, there being no nays and no abstentions, the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.
2. A Proposal to Rename the Dupont Circle Metro Station to the "Dupont Circle/John Hopkins University Metro Station" (2B02, 2B07, 2B05). The

Chair recognized several people representing John Hopkins University, including the Associate Dean of Sais School of International Relations and the JHU Director of Public Relations. Dean Baker talked of the number of Alumni in the area and the various schools that were located in the area and the number of students, 500 full time and 1500 part time. He asked that the name change request be changed from John Hopkins University to JHU, therefore Dupont Circle/JHU Metro Station. After comments from others representing John Hopkins University concerning the various events that the university provided and the number of volunteers that were supplied, Chair Micone voiced his view of the matter and stated that he had told those who had proposed a change that there was no support in the community for this change and that it would be a futile exercise. He further stated that John Hopkins University had previously come before ANC 2B for help in approving their expansion plans and had stated for the record that they would not pursue a name change of the Dupont Metro. Many rose to speak in opposition to the name change and none rose to speak favorably. Mike Fasano, President of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, and Jim McGlade, president of the Dupont Circle Merchants and Professionals Association, both stated that their respective boards of directors and executive committees had voted unanimously against the renaming of the Dupont Circle Metro Station. Commissioner Irv Morgan noted that John Hopkins University is expanding very quietly, stealthily, and quickly in the District. Chair Micone having moved and Commissioner Chaplain having seconded a motion that the Dupont Circle ANC 2B strongly oppose the renaming of the Dupont Circle Metro station, the Commission voted UNANIMOUSLY for the motion, there being no nays and no abstentions.

3. Proposed Public Space Request for a Bike Rack at 1705 K Street NW (2B07). Commissioner Morgan (2B07) moved approval stating that he had been by the site and found it in conformity with DC law. After a second by Commissioner Newton the request was approved UNANIMOUSLY without objection.
4. Proposed Public Space Request for Driveways 1750 Massachusetts Ave., NW (2B07). When requested, no one from 1750 Massachusetts Ave. came forward to be heard. Discussion revealed that this was apparently for two curb cuts for a circular drive. Two parking spaces would be taken. This address is in the Massachusetts Avenue Historical District. Former ANC 2B Commissioner Heller stated that he remembered that when 1750 Massachusetts Ave., had previously come before the ANC for approval of plans , it was explicitly agreed that they would have access to the property from a rear alley and not request a circular driveway which would require taking two parking spaces. Commissioner Morgan moved and Commissioner Newton seconded that ANC 2B oppose the public space request. Without objection the motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Proposed Voluntary Agreement to Address Neighborhood Issues Regarding the Proposed Expansion of the Phillips Collection in BZA Case #16618(2B02) (Listed as # 7 on the Agenda) Chair Micone reviewed the history of ANC 2B's involvement in the case from initially approving the project to reversing itself and opposing expansion and recommending mediation. The Office of Planning recommended mediation and the parties went to pre-mediation and the mediator determined that there was enough flexibility to negotiate and reach a mediated settlement. Micone further explained that after 30 -35 hours of mediation every significant issue that the parties could conceive was broached. The Voluntary Agreement leaves some issues open for the parties to negotiate with a structure and guidelines to accomplish this; some issue are settled for 15 years and some run with the property in perpetuity. Chair Micone recognized and praised the neighbors, the management and curator of the Phillips Collection, certain Councilmembers, other city workers and officials and the attorney's for the parties. Micone then summarized some of the 57 items covered in the agreement - smaller building, smaller auditorium, limit on number of events, setting a protocol on deliveries, establishing parking and valet parking rules, establishing Gift Shop access and advertising limits, determining the size, use, and hours of the Café, setting up a Liaison Committee consisting of representatives of the ANC, the Phillips Collection, and the Neighbors, setting up the hiring of a construction consultant, establishing a process where neighbors complaints can be screened and heard with eventual access to mediation which could result in fines for violations, and no expansion for fifteen years. The Chair then recognized Mr. Dick Suisman, a neighbor, who expressed his thanks to the "good group" of Commissioners. Rich Rutledge Manager of the Phillips Collection stated that this was the "beginning of the future" and that the Voluntary Agreement would be a model for the rest of the city. Phillips, he said, wants to consider the neighbors views. Micone noted that this Voluntary Agreement would be a good model across the city and that Office of Planning proposes putting \$100,000 dollars in the budget for other areas of the city which do not have neighbors who can afford attorneys or the cost of mediation. After several laudatory remarks form audience members concerning the Agreement and the participants especially Vince Micone and Rich Rutledge, Chair Micone moved that ANC 2B now drop its opposition to the Phillips project and support the expansion in accord with the Voluntary Agreement and that the Commission reverse its opposition the Phillips application for ABC permit renewal and support the application for ABC permit renewal. After a second by Commissioner Morgan, ANC 2B, all Commissioners being present, voted UNANIMOUSLY for the motion, there being no Nays, no Abstentions and the Ayes being UNANIMOUS.
6. Proposed Modification to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1616 Rhode Island Ave., NW, for the Purposes of Constructing a Headquarters

Building for the Human Rights Campaign (2B05)(#6 on Agenda) In prefatory remarks, Judd Saxy, representing the Human Right Campaign stated that the groups membership had increased from 80,000 in the beginning to around 400,000 members. The building will be a symbol of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender issues and will be a real opportunity for HRC to do something for its employees since most of the employees live in the District. He introduced Architect Duncan Lyons who, with the aid of several large architectural renderings, outlined the nature of the building from the set back, the height (with step a step down on one side from 8 to 7 stories), the public space in front of the building, the plaza, the soft landscaping, lighting and fountains. He and the developer also addressed questions concerning parking and trees. The building plans indicate that there will be 55 parking spaces in a two story underground garage. And they will use their best efforts to offer extra spaces to neighbors. Every effort will be made to save the willow oaks in the public space during construction and trees that die will be replaced with good sized trees. Construction time is estimated to be 15 to 17 months. Commissioner Damron moved and Jolliffe seconded that ANC 2B approve the applicant's proposed modification to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1616 Rhode Island Ave., NW, for the purposes of constructing a headquarters building for the Human Rights Campaign. With 6 Ayes, no Nays and one Abstention, the motion carried.

7. Request for a Substantial Change to ABC License #50047 for Mimi's Restaurant for the Purposes of a Sidewalk Café (2B06) (#6 on the Agenda) Commissioner Newton moved and Commissioner Hopp seconded that ANC 2B support the substantial change in the ABC License #50047 for Mimi's Restaurant for the purposes of a sidewalk café with the stipulation that the change become effective immediately. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY, the Ayes being unanimous and there being no Nays and no Abstentions.

Commission Administrative Matters.

Commissioner Hopp moved and Commissioner Chaplain seconded that the minutes of the May 9th, 2001 Meeting of ANC 2B be approved as presented. Without objection the minutes were approved.

Micone reported that ANC 2B had received a \$400 dollar contribution to pay for legal expenses to review the draft of a Voluntary Agreement with the Mansion on "O" Street. The Chair moved and Commissioner Newton seconded that a line item be created in the budget for legal expenses and that the \$400 dollars contributed be expended for legal fees to review the Voluntary Agreement with the Mansion on "O" Street. Without objection the motion was approved.

Commissioner Reports.

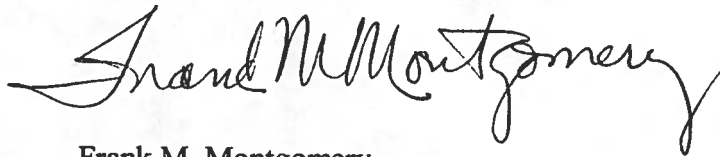
There were no Commissioner reports except for Commissioner Morgan who discussed the problems in the traffic control system at the intersection of 17th and Corcoran Streets. Morgan moved and Chaplain seconded that ANC 2B draft a letter to the DC Department of Transportation asking them to review the effectiveness of the stops signs and suggest alternate traffic devices such as a hanging flashing red light. Without objection the motion was approved.

There was no Old Business nor New Business to come before the Commission.

At this point, Madelaine Lane, a member of the audience, reported that bills had been introduced in the City Council that would make parking permits in one ward valid in another ward, if portions of a ward were subsumed into another ward. This would have a very deleterious affect on the parking in Ward 2. Commissioners agreed to keep abreast of this issue and to inform Councilman Jack Evan's office of the ANC's concerns.

At 9:50 p.m. The meeting ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank M. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".

Frank M. Montgomery
Executive Director
ANC 2B