

MINUTES OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY ANC 2B, MARCH 23, 1988

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B met at a public meeting on March 23, 1988 at St. Thomas' Church at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Bass, Grandis, Maggi, Maxwell, Rieffel, Schwager and Schwartz.

1. Motion by Comm. Rieffel, seconded by Comm. Bass, to approve the minutes as submitted of ANC 2B's meeting on March 9, 1988. Motion adopted unanimously.
2. Motion by Comm. Maxwell, seconded by Comm. Schwartz, to send a letter to the 2nd and 3rd precincts requesting enforcement of the leash and curbing laws, particularly in light of the dog attack on J. Paul Syracuse on February 28, 1988, with copies of the letter to the 17th Street Merchants Assoc., Mr. Syracuse, and Council Member John Wilson. Motion unanimously adopted.
3. Motion by Comm. Maxwell, seconded by Comm. Schwager, to send a letter to the 2nd and 3rd precincts requesting enforcement of laws prohibiting infringement of public space by "sandwich boards" and other advertising on the public sidewalks along P Street, 17th Street, Connecticut Avenue, and other commercial areas in ANC 2B. Motion adopted unanimously.
4. Motion by Comm. Rieffel, seconded by Comm. Maggi, out of concern for the impact of drug abuse on the Dupont Circle neighborhood and other parts of the District of Columbia, and respecting the right of store owners to sell any merchandise not specifically prohibited by law, ANC 2B supports the efforts of the Community Coalition for Social Responsibility to give special recognition to store owners taking part in a city-wide campaign against drug abuse, and ANC 2B encourages store owners in the Dupont Circle neighborhood to participate in this campaign. Motion adopted, 5 yeas, 2 noes.
5. Motion by Comm. Maggi, seconded by Comm. Bass, to form ANC 2B into a committee of the whole to review and draft comments on regulations implementing Law 6-217, the "Alcoholic Beverage Control Act Reform Amendment Act of 1986," and to report the committee's recommendations to ANC 2B at a Special Meeting on Monday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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6. Motion by Comm. Bass, seconded by Comm. Grandis, to adopt the attached letter to Ellen Whitman, President of the D.C. Jewish Community Center, concerning timely submission to the city of a plan for recreational use of the former Jewish Community Center building at 16th and Q Streets, N.W. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

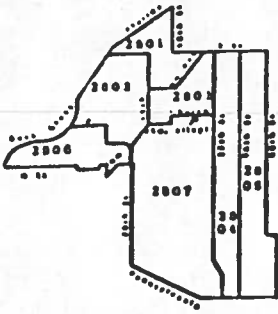
Submitted by:

*Dennis Bass*

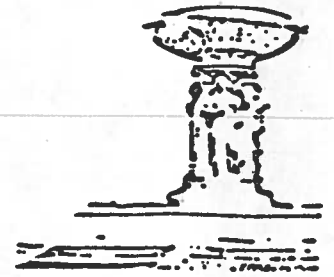
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Dennis Bass, Secretary

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March 24, 1988

Ms. Ellen Whitman  
President  
Jewish Community Center  
2028 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Whitman:

It has been almost two years since the D.C. Jewish Community Center (DCJCC) first publicly broached the idea of returning the former Jewish Community Center building at 16th and Q Streets, N.W. to recreational and community use. In November 1986, ANC 2B adopted a motion supporting the return of the building to the DCJCC. Over the ensuing period, ANC 2B, Dupont Circle civic groups, and neighbors of the building have strongly supported the DCJCC proposal.

But during this period of time, the city government has attempted on at least three occasions to use the building as a "mini-jail" or a major shelter. These uses were entirely inappropriate for such a very large building, and, had they been implemented, would have been extremely disruptive to the residential neighborhood in which the building is located.

It is clear that unless action is taken soon by the DCJCC so that the building can be conveyed, the city will put this building to its own uses. This would very likely not be in the best interests of either the DCJCC or the residents of the Dupont Circle area. Therefore, we urge the DCJCC to submit a formal plan to the city as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bass  
Commissioner,  
ANC District 2B05

Renee Schwager  
Chairperson, ANC 2B