

MINUTES OF THE
NOVEMBER 29, 1989 MEETING
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC
(ANC 2B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 29, at St. Thomas Church. Present were commissioners Grandis, Rieffel, Gaugler, Bass and Evans. Absent were commissioners Moses and Maggi.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bass made, and Mr. Evans seconded, a motion that the minutes of the October 10, 1989 meeting be approved. The motion was passed, with all commissioners voting in favor, except Mrs. Rieffel, who abstained.

Mr. Bass made, and Mr. Evans seconded, a motion that the minutes of the October 8, 1989 meeting be approved. The motion was passed, with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sgt. Neal of the Third District resented statistics on recent crime in the district. Mrs. Rieffel requested the assistance of the third district in identifying private haulers who pick up garbage before 7 a.m. While residents are awakened, they are unable to get out of bed and look out the window fast enough to determine the hauler or the building from which the collection is made. Mr. Neal responded that this offense is enforced by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Mrs. Rieffel asked the third district to cooperate by stopping haulers seen making pickup at odd hours to inform them of citizen complaints.

Mr. Gaugler noted that a number of car windows have been smashed recently, and noted continuing problems with public urination and defecation. Mr. Neal responded that the Police department is reorganizing to divide the districts up into sectors to help pinpoint responsibility.

Attorney Benny Kass spoke on behalf of the application of unit owners of the Lauren Condominium, located at 1301 20th Street, who have requested a special exception to establish offices of mental health professionals in the

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apartment building (BZA application #15030-46). Noting that many occupants of the building are mental health professionals there illegally but with the support of unit owners, he stated that the BZA application was in part an effort to exert some control over the situation.

Mr. Evans made, and Mrs. Rieffel seconded, the following motion: That the ANC support the application with the following restrictions:

-That a cap of 20% the units be imposed on number of units that can be occupied by professionals, and the ANC recommends that the condominium association impose the same cap, which is consistent with the private offering documents issued at the time of the condominium conversion, and

-That the condominium board disallow activities that are not legal under SP zoning and send a letter to all owners calling their attention to the restrictions of the restrictions of the zoning laws.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gaugler moved, and Mr. Evans seconded, a motion that the ANC utilize funds in the existing checking account up to \$3,000 to purchase a computer system, with the understanding that if Ms. Melville is unable to acquire a computer for that price, she can seek further authorization from the ANC.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gaugler moved, and Mrs. Rieffel seconded, a motion that the ANC continue to operate under the same budget as the previous fiscal year until the ANC approves a new one, and setting the end of December as the deadline for approving a new budget.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gaugler reminded Ms. Melville and commissioners of D.C. regulations requiring the written authorization of the Treasurer and Chairman for expenses in excess of \$50.

The commissioners agreed to inventory trees in the neighborhood after they leaf out in the spring.

Mr. Evans reminded commissioners of the December 8 tree lighting ceremony.

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Mr. Evans announced that a P.U.D. amendment is being sought for an apartment building in the National Wildlife Federation complex. The application would substantially expand the units and size of the building authorized under the current P.U.D., and substantial neighborhood opposition is anticipated. The commissioners agreed to send a letter to community groups and adjoining buildings inviting them to participate in the ANC's consideration of this application.

Mr. Grandis and Mr. Evans reported on a recent meeting of the 17th Street Merchants' Association at which a representative of the new building at 17th and Q stated that 50% of the building's parking space is already leased to monthly tenants.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Evans seconded a motion that:

-The ANC send a letter to the BZA noting that this use of parking space is in violation of commitments made as part of the building's BZA application.

-The ANC send a letter to the ABC for the file on the Buckley's case placing the ABC on notice that the developers are not holding spaces for commercial tenants in the building, in violation of representations made by Buckley's to the ABC.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Marc Weiner of Berose Liquors solicited the views of the ANC concerning a request made by Class A liquor license holders that the Council pass emergency legislation authorizing them to remain open on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve this year only, when these days fall on Sunday.

Mr. Grandis made, and Mr. Gaugler seconded, a motion that the ANC support this request, provided the establishments are open no longer than noon to 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and noon to midnight on New Years Eve.

The motion was passed with all commissioners voting in favor except Mr. Bass, who abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.