

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 1990, MEETING
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2-B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Commissioners Rieffel, Bass, Grandis, Evans, Moses and Maggi were present; commissioner Gaugler was absent.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and introduced Capt. McDonald of the 2nd District Police and Lt. Ditolla of the Capitol Park Police, both of whom presented reports. Lt. Ditolla introduced Lt. Van Horn, who will be replacing Lt. Ditolla, who is being transferred.

During the Open Forum, Mr. Crutchfield presented a request for funds for the Wilson Center to compensate victims of the failed Latin Investment Corporation.

Mr. Maggi moved, and Ms. Moses seconded, a motion that the ANC allocate \$100 to the Wilson Center, provided:

- The Center will apply for grant funds through the regular grant application procedure (although the ANC will waive the time requirements);

-The ANC determines that it has the legal authorization to make this grant; and

-The ANC requests that if feasible the funds be provided for persons within the boundaries of ANC 2B.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the November 14, 1990, meeting were approved following a motion by Mr. Bass that was seconded by Mr. Grandis. All commissioners voted in favor except Ms. Moses, who abstained.

Mr. Maggi moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that the minutes of the November 28, 1990, meeting be approved with the correction that they be amended to reflect that the ANC adopted an amendment to the budget without approving the budget itself. The motion was passed, with all commissioners voting in favor, except Ms. Moses, who abstained.

Mr. Bass made, and Mr. Maggi seconded, the following motion, which was adopted unanimously:

Dupont Circle ANC 2B supports the inclusion of all appropriate Dupont Circle residential areas in historically protected districts.

The recently completed, HPRB-funded study by the Logan Circle Citizens Association affirms the desirability of giving historic protection to residential areas north of Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. and east of 16th Street, N.W.

However, one section of this area -- the 1500 blocks from S Street to Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. -- has traditionally and historically been associated with the Dupont Circle area. The architecture of this primarily residential section continues the character, uses, and architectural merit of the Dupont Circle historic district to the immediate west.

Politically, this section is within the boundaries of the Dupont Circle ANC, and has been part of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association since 1923. The residents have looked westward for services to Dupont Circle rather than east toward the 14th Street commercial area. This small section -- from the east alley line behind 16th Street and ending at the west side of 15th Street -- has long been considered the eastern-most part of the Dupont Circle area.

ANC 2B urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to ensure that any historic designation or name given to this section recognizes the close and continuing commonality of history and interests between this section and the greater Dupont Circle area to the west.

Mr. Grandis asked the Chairman to transmit a letter to John Wilson asking how the process of choosing a Ward 2 representative for the commission that will redraw the ward boundaries will be conducted in view of the fact that the Ward 2 Council seat will not be occupied from January 2 until May 7.

Following a presentation concerning the development at 20th and S Streets, Ms. Moses moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that the developers utilize a brick sidewalk all the way around the entrance because such a sidewalk would enhance the character of the building, would relate well to the landscaping, and would be in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood; and because the developer has stated that such a sidewalk would be acceptable to him. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Moses then moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that the developer return to the original plan with respect to the exterior stairs of the development. The additional stairs are in violation of the developer's permit, and occupy space that should be utilized for landscaping. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Moses moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that the ANC opposes the use of an awning for signage for this development, but would support canvas or wood above the doorway for Blockbusters.

The color for Blockbusters should be consistent and in harmony with the color of the building.

The ANC supports the proposed location of the Wiz sign, which the ANC believes should also be in canvas or wood and the color also consistent with and in harmony with color of the building.

The ANC requests that the lettering be significantly smaller than the current corporate logos, and be more uniform with other signs in the historic district, and be placed flat against the building. The Wiz sign above the door is to be in place of railing.

The ANC believes the proposed signage would destroy the architectural integrity of the neighborhood and would not enhance the architecture. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Moses moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that the ANC attempt to enter into an agreement with the developer that there will be no outdoor amplification of music by the Wiz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Rieffel moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that the FY 1991 budget be amended to increase equipment expenditures to \$600 to provide for the purchase and installation of a FAX machine, and to reflect the \$100 grant to the Wilson Center, for a total of \$7,810. The motion was passed with all commissioners voting in favor, except Ms. Moses, who abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alaire Bretz Rieffel
Recording Secretary