

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 1990 MEETING
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting at St. Thomas Church on Wednesday, February 28, 1990. Commissioners Grandis, Moses, Rieffel, Bass, Maggi and Evans were present. Commissioner Gaugler was absent.

Mike Canfield, the Sector 3 Commander of the Police presented recent crime statistics and introduced three sergeants who cover the area. They can be reached at 673-6820 and 673-6723, respectively.

During the Open Forum citizens expressed concerns about the fate of the Fourways building, about higher taxes, about increased tax assessments, and about open dumpsters in public space that attract rats.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Maggi seconded, a motion that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, with corrections as noted.

Mr. Maggi noted that the P.U.D. request for a development at 22 and N Streets will be on the agenda of the next ANC meeting and that a hearing will be held before the HPRB on March 21.

Mr. Evans asked appropriate commissioners to investigate situations related to the Cosmos Club, the Boston House, and the Brigham Young development at 16th and P. He noted that he had sent a letter to Captain McDonald concerning the Badlands incident. He also noted that the ANC is moving ahead with plans for a town meeting and has selected as a topic the problems created by aggressive panhandling. Mr. Maggi will chair a steering committee to organize the town meeting.

Mr. Maggi moved, and Mrs. Rieffel seconded, a motion to approve the BZA application (#15255) of William A. Adams for a variance to allow a deck addition to a single-family row dwelling in an R-5-B District at 2127 N Street, N.W. Commissioners noted that the ANC had previously approved this application, but because of delays in financing, Mr. Adams had been required to again seek BZA approval. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans moved, and Mr. Maggi seconded, a motion that the ANC oppose the BZA Application (#15249) of Donald T. Benedick for a special exception to establish professional offices in the Lauren Condominium, an apartment building in an SP-2 District at 1301 20th Street, N.W. on the grounds that it would be converting residential space to commercial space. Mr. Evans noted that the illegal use of apartments in this building is a problem, and appears to exceed 20% of the apartments. While the ANC had approved an earlier similar request on the condition that the building would cap its commercial space at 20%, because that cap apparently has not been achieved, the ANC withdrew its support from the earlier project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Evans moved, and Mr. Maggi seconded, a motion that the ANC support the ABC application (#11721) of The Front Page Restaurant and Grille, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. for a liquor license renewal, on the condition that the establishment put up signs concerning noise and illegal parking, including in the alley.

Mr. Bass moved that the motion be amended to require that the applicant give a date within the year to stop the price specials on alcohol on weekdays. The amendment was approved with Mr. Evans and Mr. Grandis voting in opposition and other commissioners voting in favor. The main motion passed, with Mr. Grandis voting in opposition, Mr. Bass and Mrs. Rieffel abstaining, and other commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Phil Feola of Linowes and Blocher presented on behalf of his client, for the information of the ANC, preliminary plans for a P.U.D. at 1743-1755 N Street, N.W. The BZA hearing is several months away and has not been scheduled. This proposal is for a mixed use building of 85,000 square feet of which 42,000 are earmarked for apartments. It is in a historic district and will be 75' high. The project will retain the facades and set back higher buildings behind them. The proposal is for a f.a.r of approximately 6.16. The P.U.D. is requested because the developer is asking for more density, i.e. .5 more residential and 1.5 more SP. The amenities will be to restore the facades and provide 36 rental apartments, primarily efficiencies.

Mr. Joseph Mullins, a current resident at 1755 N Street, introduced other residents of that building and informed the ANC that his building has 20 apartment units, of which 9 are now occupied. The residents are strongly opposed to the plans of the developer.

Mr. Maggi moved and Ms. Moses seconded, a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Mayor asking that he resign. Mr. Bass moved to table the motion. After discussion, noting the lack of support for the motion, Mr. Maggi and Ms. Moses agreed to withdraw it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alaire Bretz Rieffel
Secretary