

MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 1990 MEETING  
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2-B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. All commissioners (Moses, Gaugler, Rieffel, Bass, Maggi, Grandis, and Evans were present).

Captain MacDonald of the 2nd District Police presented a report about crime in his district. Mrs. Rieffel noted that while Captain MacDonald had faithfully attended meetings every month, attendance by 3rd District representatives had been intermittent, and asked Mr. Evans to contact the 3rd District to request that they honor their commitment to attend meetings monthly. She noted that she had requested information of the 3rd District representative at the last meeting they attended, and was still awaiting a response.

Council chairman and mayoral candidate David Clarke presented remarks. Candidate Sharon Pratt Dixon will appear at the next ANC meeting.

The minutes of the April 11 meeting of the ANC were approved unanimously, following a motion made by Mr. Bass and seconded by Mr. Maggi. The minutes of the April 25 meeting of the ANC were approved unanimously, following a motion made by Mr. Bass and seconded by Mr. Maggi.

Mr. Evans announced that the Mayor will take a walking tour of the sites of the five proposed PUD's in the area on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Evans read a proposed motion submitted by a constituent concerning tax rates of Class 2 commercial buildings. Mr. Grandis moved that the matter be tabled until a future meeting, to enable appropriate city employees to attend to respond to the issues and to allow the ANC time to duly notify its constituents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaugler, and approved, with all commissioners voting in favor except Mr. Maggi who voted in opposition.

After a brief presentation by the developer of the Brookings Institute project, Mr. Evans moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that the ANC support the Dupont Circle Conservancy in working out three changes to the plans for this project, to which the developer does not object.

The architect for the proposed Riggs Bank PUD presented his plans for this development. A number of citizens expressed concerns, expressing unhappiness about the following matters: the project is inconsistent with the neighborhood context, 20th Street should not be

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used for vehicular access, inadequate amenities, the existing high vacancy rate in commercial property, the excessive height and mass, the fact that the site was developed for its full monetary potential rather than its long term value to the city, and the need to do a sidewalk analysis. ANC commissioners echoed many of these concerns, and noted with great annoyance the fact that while Riggs Bank was represented by its architect and an architectural historian, representatives of the bank had failed to appear to address questions in other areas. ANC commissioners also noted that Riggs had not honored the commitment made at a meeting with ANC commissioners and other community leaders to prepare a sketch of how a "matter-of-right" development might appear.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alaire Bretz Rieffel  
Recording Secretary