

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 1990, MEETING  
OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2-B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. All commissioners Rieffel, Bass, Grandis, Evans, and Maggi were present, commissioners Moses and Gaugler were 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 Police, both of whom presented reports.

During the Open Forum, citizens complained about street lights being out and about the need to replace the mailbox at 17th and P Streets.

The minutes of the last two meetings were approved.

Mr. David Fitch presented a new proposal for the P.U.D. at 22 and N. Streets. Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Evans seconded, a motion that the ANC not support the application as submitted and so inform the Zoning Commission because: the ANC opposes any map change from R5B to R5D; the ANC opposes the height as presented; the FAR is significantly greater than it should be in an R5B zone, and the project faces a CR zone and there is a need to encourage the preservation of R5B residential density to preserve the integrity of Dupont Circle.

Mr. Maggi proposed the following substitute motion, which the maker and seconder agreed to accept in place of the above motion. The substitute motion was that:

The Dupont Circle ANC opposes the PUD as proposed in the revised plans submitted on October 26, 1990, for the following reasons:

1. The ANC opposes any map change and change in zoning that is inconsistent with the intent to preserve R-5-B zoning;
2. The actual height of the building is now identified as 80 feet, which is above the 72 foot limit the ANC identified as the maximum height of the building that the ANC finds acceptable;
3. The project now provides for non-residential use for the historic building at 2225 N Street, which the ANC

considers inconsistent with its character;

4. The building at 2225 N Street is significantly changed, primarily by filling the courtyard, which change is inconsistent with the landmark status of the building;
5. The parking has been reduced significantly, thereby limiting the amenities of the project, which were minimal to begin with; and
6. The PUD should provide that the parking be primarily for the residents and be made available only on an hourly (rather than weekly or monthly) basis for spaces that are made available to the public.

The substitute motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Cam McQueen of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals discussed a proposed ban on horse-drawn carriages in the District. Mr. Bass moved, and Mrs. Rieffel seconded a motion that the ANC endorse their proposal. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Richard Agulia discussed plans to apply for a zoning change from SP-2 to C-3-C or C-4 at 1220 16th Street, N.W. He has not yet filed this request. The ANC took no action on this matter, as the time is not yet ripe to do so.

Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Rieffel seconded, the following motion, which was passed unanimously, except that Mr. Maggi abstained:

In general, "CN" and "DN" nightclub licenses are not compatible with any part of the Dupont Circle area, especially the area north of Massachusetts Avenue and east of the Circle, and the area north of P Street and west of the Circle, because they permit nude or semi-nude entertainment and extended hours of operation in the early morning. Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B will vigorously oppose any application for a new "CN" or "DN" nightclub license within its boundaries, north of Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. and P Street, N.W., to the east and west of the Circle, respectively.

For those ABC establishments featuring nude entertainment that were in existence as of the adoption of the 1986 amendments to the ABC ACT, ANC 2B will not oppose a technical change from a "CR" license to a "CN" license, provided the establishment does not also request extended operating hours permitted by a "CN" license. For existing ABC establishments that receive a "CN" and "DN" license,

however, ANC 2B will oppose the future transfer of their nightclub license to a new owner or other Dupont Circle location.

ANC 2B also reserves its right to oppose a technical change to a "CN" and "DN" license if there are existing problems caused by the establishment, such as trash, noise, illegal signage, harassment of pedestrians by patrons, loitering, prostitution, or any similar impacts on residents that make the establishment inappropriate for the Dupont Circle Area.

Mr. Bass moved, and Mr. Maggi seconded, a motion that letters be sent to Mayor-elect Dixon and to Chairman-elect Wilson reiterating the ANC's position with respect to tax increases. The motion was passed unanimously.