

Java House public space permit
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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 1991, MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Commissioners Rieffel, Grandis, Taylor and Bass were present. Commissioner Evans arrived late, and Commissioners Gaugler and Moses were absent.

Chairman Rieffel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sergeant Kenneth Ford, of the Third District Police, gave a crime report.

Under Commissioner reports,

Ms. Taylor moved, and Ms. Rieffel seconded, a motion that the ANC send a letter to Council Chairman Wilson thanking him for the letter of support he sent to the Zoning Commission regarding the Dupont Circle Overlay. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Rieffel seconded, a motion that the ANC approve the minutes of the March 13, 1991, meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Ms. Rieffel seconded, a motion to send a letter of support of Council Chairman Wilson's proposed bill validating domestic partnerships and indicating that we look forward to being informed of upcoming hearings on the bill. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Rieffel reported that she had attended a roll call hearing at the ABC Board concerning Dupont Szechuan Restaurant, and that she had also attended the HPRB hearing concerning the 1743-55 N Street PUD, which was turned down by the Board. She added that she had attended the Zoning hearings on the Dupont Circle Overlay, which were attended by numerous members of the ANC and the community.

Ms. Rieffel moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that the ANC send a letter to Steve Raiche at the HPRB requesting that the Board review the matter of the Embassy of the Philippines' attorney's claim that the 1600 block of Massachusetts Avenue, NW is not in an historic district, and to clarify the issue with both the ANC and the applicants. The motion was passed unanimously.

ISSUES:

I. Mr. Mike Yazdani, owner of the Java House Cafe at 1645 Q Street, NW, made a presentation regarding his application for a public space permit to allow seating outside of his cafe. Mr. Yazdani explained that the area used would face Q Street, would extend 16 feet from the storefront, and would be enclosed by a wood fence and planters. The cafe would be set-back 12 feet from the street.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that the ANC support the application for a public space permit for Java House Cafe on the condition that the applicant enter into a voluntary agreement with the ANC addressing the following issues:

a) that the applicant agrees not to enclose or place an awning on, above or around the outside space for the duration of the applicant's lease,

b) that the applicant agrees to remove the tables and chairs from the space during the winter months, and

c) that the hours of operation of the cafe are consistent with the operating hours agreed upon (at the ANC's request) by neighboring restaurants and bars.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Councilmember-at-Large Linda Cropp, who had just arrived, was introduced and discussed the redistricting procedures that will begin this year. Ms. Cropp explained that after the redistricting of the Wards is completed, the redistricting of the ANCs will ensue with the help of local task forces.

II. The ANC discussed the proposed zoning legislation to allow the extension of construction permits from two to five years for planned unit developments that provide off-site housing as an amenity.

Ms. Taylor moved, and Mr. Bass seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Zoning Commission stating that the ANC has consistently been on record as opposing linkage when it involves off-site housing at the expense of loosing existing housing on the site of a proposed PUD, and that we further oppose any zoning legislation that would undermine the proposed Dupont Circle Overlay. The motion was passed unanimously.

While awaiting the arrival of Mr. Evans in order to review the last item on the agenda, the Commission discussed possibilities for working with officials on redistricting.

Mr. Bass moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded a motion that an ad-hoc committee be established, consisting of the ANC, the DCCA and RAC, to address the local redistricting concerns of the Dupont Circle community, and that a meeting be set-up between the committee and Office of Planning representative Howard Croft to discuss the issues. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Mr. James Berdan, representing Perpetual Bank, made a presentation regarding their application for a public space permit to allow three parking spaces at 1824 Massachusetts Ave., NW. Mr. Berdan distributed photos of the property, and indicated that the owners had placed chain fencing around the brick pavement on the property, not realizing that the space was public space. The brick pavement was in place when the owners acquired the property. Mr. Berdan explained that they found out the space was public when parked cars on the property began receiving parking tickets. Mr. Bass commented that if Perpetual were granted the use of this public space for parking, most of the other property owners would probably have an interest in pursuing the same type of permit.

Mr. Evans moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that the ANC oppose the granting of a public space permit for parking at 1824 Massachusetts Ave., NW for the following reasons:

a) the space is inappropriate for the parking of cars because it is too close to a sidewalk and because it is aesthetically incongruous with the nearby Dupont Circle, and

b) the awarding of this space would prompt other nearby properties to request similar permits.

The ANC further requests that the city require the owners of this property to remove the bumpers and fencing around the lot and return it to its original state. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'NM' or a stylized 'Nancy Melville'.

**Nancy Melville
Staff Coordinator**