

Aggressive panhandling
Au Bon Pain pub. spc. app. for sidewalk cafes
at 1801 L & 1850 M Sts.
Evans resignation

Letters:

to: Public Space
re: Au Bon Apps. & enforcement of regs.

to: Corp. Counsel/John Payton
re: aggressive panhandling

MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 1991, MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC (ANC 2B)

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Commissioners Rieffel, Grandis, Taylor, Bass, Evans and Moses were present.

Chairman Rieffel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Evans, who had just been elected Ward Two Council Member, spoke briefly of his pleasure in having served as Commissioner for 2B07 and Chairman of the ANC for the past two years, and announced his resignation.

Captain Canfield, of the Second District Police, gave a crime report, and announced that six begging arrests had been made since enforcing the "aggressive begging" stature in October, but that the charges are often dismissed or not fully prosecuted.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to send a letter to John Payton of the DC Corporation Counsel, encouraging full enforcement and prosecution of DC Code 22-3302 (6), for aggressive begging. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

ISSUES:

I. Ms. Louise Wusthoff, of the Greater Washington Association of Professionals Practicing the Transcendental Meditation Program, made a presentation on combatting violent crime through collective transcendental meditation.

II. Mr. Don Scow, and Mr. Bud Menzer, both representing the Au Bon Pain Restaurants at 1850 M Street, NW, and 1801 L Street, NW, made presentations regarding the public space applications for sidewalk cafes at both restaurants.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that the ANC support the application for a public space permit for Au Bon Pain to place a sidewalk cafe at 1850 M Street, NW, under the following conditions:

- that the exterior row of tables next to the planters, as indicated in the submitted plans, be excluded from the proposed sidewalk cafe. The reason for this exclusion is that the existing grading along the sidewalk, along with the proposed planters, would impede the flow of pedestrian traffic unless the plans are modified to eliminate the exterior row of tables.

- that the space remain open with the exception of umbrellas covering the tables.

The motion was passed unanimously.

On the 1801 L Street application, the following motion was made:

Mr. Grandis moved, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to support the application for a public space permit for Au Bon Pain to place a sidewalk cafe at 1801 L Street, NW, under the following conditions:

- That the space permitted, including planters, extend no further than a total of 8 feet from the front of the building, allowing no less than a 12 foot public sidewalk clearance for the passage of pedestrians,

- that the sidewalk cafe is contained by a border of planters linked by a chain, and

- that the space remain open with the exception of umbrellas covering the tables.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Rieffel moved, and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to send a separate letter to Public Space expressing the ANC's concerns in the enforcement and consistency of Public Space regulations.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The election of a new Treasurer for the ANC 2B then was held.

Ms. Taylor nominated, and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to elect Ed Grandis as Treasurer for the ANC 2B. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Grandis moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to notify the ANC's bank of the change in ANC officers and the appointment of Mr. Grandis as the new Treasurer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Under old business, Mr. Ed Cohen, proprietor of the Tabard Inn, 1741 N Street, NW, reported that a neighborhood prowler, known as "The Creeper," is now in custody. The Creeper had committed several thefts in the N Street neighborhood and was rumored to have threatened victims with a syringe he claimed had been tainted with the AIDS virus.

Ms. Kim Underwood, a resident of S Street, NW, reported on her neighborhood's support of the "Gas Station Regulatory Act of 1991," a bill proposed by Council Chair John Wilson. Several other residents of S Street reported on problems that the Amoco Station at 18th and S Streets, NW has caused in the neighborhood. The Commissioners decided to place the issue on the next agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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