

Letters:

To: Ms. Mary Eva Candon, Chair, D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Re: ANC Position on the 14(e) petition filed in the matter of 1330 19th St. Corp. t/a Chicago Bar & Grill

To: HPRB Chairman, James T. Speight
Re: Letter of Support of HPRB application No. 91657

To: Councilmember John Ray, Chairman, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Re: ABC Board's dismissal of citizen protest on application #30263 Paradise, Inc.

To: Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon
Re: ANC support of the appointment of Ed Grandis to the NCPC

To: Peter Pastan
Re: Voluntary agreement for Pizzeria Paradiso

To: Councilmember Linda Cropp
Re: Ward 2 Redistricting Task Force Plan

To: Peter Wolff
Re: Monthly article in the Intowner for ANC news

To: The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Re: The location of diplomatic offices in residential areas

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 1991, MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Grandis, Taylor, Shannon, and Schwager were present.

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and introduced Capt. Swope of the second district police department who gave a police report.

Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B express its gratitude and appreciation to Edward J. Spurlock for his work in the Metropolitan Police Department and as Deputy Chief of the Third District. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting, September 25, 1991. The motion was passed unanimously.

At this time Mr. Bass brought up the Halloween Race on 17th Street. Mr. Bass said that the issue had been resolved. The owner of JR's said he would not sponsor the race because of fear of liability. Mike Katinas, owner of Annie's Steakhouse also had concerns

about liability and could not obtain the necessary permits in time.

ISSUES:

Maria Griffith spoke to the ANC asking for their support of the 14(e) petition she filed against Chicago Bar & Grill. A resident of the Lauren also asked the ANC for its support. Maria Griffith was asked by Commissioner Taylor whether or not there had been any improvement in the area since the petition process had begun. Mrs. Griffith said that there has been a small improvement but only because Chicago's has begun closing two days a week. However, it remains an undesirable situation. The resident of the Lauren said that Mr. Norman Gross, owner of Chicago Bar & Grill, was to reimburse the Lauren for police patrol but notified the Lauren condominium board in August that he would no longer make payments.

Chicago Bar & Grill owner Mr. Gross addressed the ANC. Mr. Gross said that he did pay \$250.00 for four months for the police patrol and could no longer pay it because he filed Chapter 11. He went on to say that because the petition had been granted and was now going through, Chicago's will be deprived of due process, and that essentially Chicago's is being petitioned out of business. He asked the ANC and those present, what he could do other than closing his doors, to make this problem go away. Maria Griffith suggested that perhaps he should have offered to do something long before, and said that she would not revoke her petition. Mr. Grandis added that Mr. Gross was unacceptably late in offering to address the problems.

Ms. Schwager moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to urge all eligible voters to sign the 14(e) petition to revoke the ABC retailers license of Chicago Bar & Grill, 1330 19th Street Corp. citing this reason: The operation of Chicago Bar & Grill has had a strongly adverse impact on the peace, order and quiet on the surrounding neighborhood. The motion was passed unanimously.

II.

Mr. Shalom Baranes of Shalom Baranes Associates made a presentation to the ANC and those present at the meeting. He brought with him detailed drawings of his design for a new building at 2000 Florida Ave. for the American Geophysical Union. Mr. Baranes came before the ANC to ask their support of this project particularly because it is in an historic area. The ANC advises the HPRB, before whom the project will be heard in two weeks. Mr. Fred Spilhouse, of the American Geophysical Union also spoke to the ANC and said that the Union is growing and the organization would like to remain in the neighborhood. Therefore, they would like to expand by constructing a new building on the property.

Mr. Grandis asked whether or not the landscaping would be maximized in the transition areas from commercial to residential. Also, he asked whether the applicants would consider replanting trees if they are taken down. Mr. Baranes said that it would be necessary to take down a few trees within the property boundaries but the greenery outside

the property lines would remain, and the applicants would be willing to replant trees wherever possible. Mr. Grandis also asked about the Conservancy's concern about the glass windows at the top of the building. Would these windows really fit into an historic neighborhood? Mr. Baranes replied that they have designed other buildings within historical areas using glass and they have been very well received.

Finally, Mr. Grandis asked about the underground parking designed into the new building. Would the applicants be willing to rent out the parking spaces to residents for use during non-office hours? A representative for the American Geophysical Union said that they have discussed this possibility with a large parking garage across the street and they were told that they would not advise that the garage remain open at night because they do less than 10% in business at night and that residents do not seem to want to pay for parking.

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to support this application No. 91657 before the HPRB with the condition that the concerns of the Conservancy have been resolved with the applicant and that landscaping will be replaced and maintained by the applicant, consistent with the residential community nearby. The motion was passed unanimously.

III.

Mr. Bass presented a draft voluntary agreement between Pizzeria Paradiso, 2029 P Street, NW and the ANC.

**Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to adopt the voluntary agreement of Pizzeria Paradiso with the following modification:
Applicant will maintain the front of the premises and the trash storage area free from all food and other debris including oil and grease and will, as necessary, hose down the trash storage area. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Under Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Bass announced that the Jewish Community Center will be discussing its plans for use of their 16th and Q street building at the October 23rd ANC meeting. Also on the agenda for that night will be a presentation by opposing sides on the November referendum to ban horse-drawn carriages in D.C. and possibly opposing sides for the referendum on the Assault Weapon Manufacturing Strict Liability Act.

Under Old Business:

Mr. Bass announced that there was a mistake made in the period date for protest in the case of Pizzeria Paradiso a member of the ABC Board's staff had listed an incorrect deadline date on the public notices and placards. At the first hearing of the ABC Board,

the Board opted to dismiss all protests in the case rather than reinstate the protest period.

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to send a letter to the ABC in support of the concerns of the DCCA about denying to citizens and community groups their right to protest as guaranteed in the ABC regulations. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass introduced a resolution in support of the redistricting plan for advisory neighborhood commissions in Ward 2.

Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion to support the Ward Two Redistricting Plan that was adopted by the Ward 2 Redistricting Task Force on September 19 and forwarded to the Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

Under New Business:

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the 1992 ANC budget with the following amendments: that the amount for local transportation be increased from \$84 to \$250, and that \$500 be added under office supplies for the purchase of a new air conditioner for the ANC office. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Taylor moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion to support the letter to Mayor Dixon from Jack Evans nominating Edward S. Grandis to the National Capital Planning Commission and to send our own letter of support to the Mayor. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Shannon" with a stylized flourish at the end. Below the signature, the initials "(H.S.)" are written in blue ink.

Martha Shannon
Secretary
ANC 2B