

Letters:

To: Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, Councilmember Jack Evans, Rosalyn Dogget, Chair, ANC 3C  
Re: Homeless Assistance Plan

To: Councilmember Harold Brazil  
Re: Bill 9-273 "District of Columbia Parking Relief Act"

To: Mr. Howard Davenport, Jesse P. Clay Jr., Public Service Commission, Ms. Elizabeth Noel, People's Counsel, Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon  
Re: PEPCO Formal Cases 905 and 850

To: Mr. Edward L. Curry, Executive Director, Zoning Secretariat, Denise Johnson, Clifford Waddy, Chair, ANC 2C, Madeliene Robinson, Office of Planning, Councilmember Jack Evans  
Re: Application of Brian Streidal, 1717 15th St., N.W. BZA App. No. 15548

To: Alaire Bretz Rieffel  
Re: Resolution of gratitude for her service to the ANC

To: ANC media list, Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, Councilmember Jack Evans, Council Chairman John Wilson, Tom Ward, DCCA, Kay Eckles, RAC, Charles Robertson, Dupont Conservancy, Adelina Callahan, 17th St. Merchants Assoc., GLAA, Executive Office of the Mayor, Council of the District of Columbia

Re: Press Release announcing new ANC Chair, Dennis Bass, Vice Chair, Renee Schwager, Secretary, Martha Shannon, and Ed Grandis continuing as ANC Treasurer.

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Vice-Chair Dennis Bass, in the absence of former Chairman, Alaire Rieffel, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

**Ms. Taylor moved, and Ms. Schwager seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting with the following amendments:**

**(a) In the case of Pizzeria Paradiso, the reasons for action taken should be listed as follows: The ANC acted because the applicant will interfere with peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, contribute to a shortage of parking and increase trash and litter problems,**

**(b) that the minutes are to be corrected to state; Maria Griffith**

**was not a registered voter at the time the original ABC application was made and,**

**(c) that the minutes are corrected to state; Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Grandis seconded a motion to support the Triangle Club and its services to Dupont Circle residents, and to make their appeal to the BZA directly.**

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

At this time, Mr. Bass announced the resignation of Ms. Rieffel, both from the ANC and as Chairman.

**Mr. Bass moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to adopt a resolution of gratitude to Alaire Rieffel for her service to the ANC. The motion was passed unanimously.**

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Captain Swope of the Second District gave a police report and addressed a complaint by a 19th Street property owner, who complained of the deteriorating quality of life in the Dupont Circle area. She reported that her husband was pelted with eggs outside the People's on Dupont Circle. Captain Swope said that in his district they are trying to do something to improve the area, ie., arresting anyone who publicly urinates, litters, or is publicly drinking or aggressively panhandling. Capt. Swope also stressed the point that residents need to call the police if they have a problem.

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**Under Commissioner Reports:**

Ms. Taylor reported that there is going to be a HPRB hearing September 25th regarding the property at 1310 21st Street.

**Ms. Taylor moved, and Ms. Schwager seconded a motion that the ANC go on record calling on the HPRB, BZA, and the Building and Land Regulation Administration to order the developer to restore the house to its original state, and that all work done without permits be undone. The motion was passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Bass proposed a meeting agenda for the rest of the year for the ANC 2B. The meeting dates are as follows: September 25, October 9, October 23, November 20, and December 11. The Commissioners informally agreed on this schedule, with the understanding that emergency meetings may be called, as necessary.

**Under New Business:**

Mr. Bass brought to the attention of the ANC and those attending the meeting a proposed bill introduced by Harold Brazil. Bill 9-273, the "District of Columbia Parking Relief Act of 1991" would reduce fines for non-moving violations and exempt "certified residents" from parking violations.

**After lengthy discussion by Commissioners and audience, Mr. Bass moved, Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to send a letter to Councilmember Brazil stating ANC 2B's reservations about Bill 9-273: 1) the impact of decreasing parking fines on compliance**

with the law, 2) the impact of decreasing fines on safety-related offenses, 3) sending the "wrong signal" to parking enforcement personnel, and 4) encouraging residents' violations by exempting "certified" residents from fines. Motion was adopted unanimously.

There will be a hearing on this bill October 9, at 2:00 p.m.

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