

**Letters:**

**To: Mayor Kelly**

**Re: Nomination of Susan Robson Tobin to H.I.V. Health Advisory Commission**

**To: Mayor Kelly**

**Re: Proclamation of "Abdul Alim Muhammad Day"**

**To: HPRB**

**Re: Kramer's Books and Afterwords**

**To: ABC**

**Re: Gayla Corp. t/a Trumpets, 1633 Q Street, N.W.**

**To: Ted Pocter, Office of Policy and Planning, Dept. of Recreation**

**Re: Renovation of Francis Pool**

**To: Ted Pocter, Office of Policy and Planning, Dept. of Recreation**

**Re: Renovation of Stead Playground**

**To: Councilmember Lightfoot**

**Re: Francis Pool**

**To: Councilmember Jack Evans**

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**To: Carol Hill Lowe, Director, Dept. of Recreation**

**Re: Francis Pool**

**To: Betty Hager Francis**

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**To: Tina Harper, Chief, Animal Disease Control, D.C. Dept. of Human Svcs.**

**Re: ANC 2B Resolution concerning the Washington Humane Society**

**To: Jesse P. Clay, Jr.**

**Re: PSC Certification No. 6014, 1712 Connecticut Ave., N.W.**

**To: Riggs Property Management**

**Re: leasing space on the 1500 block of Connecticut Ave., N.W.**

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 1992 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 1992 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Grandis, Shannon, Bass, Schwager, Meier, Taylor, and Pagano were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Lt. McManus of the second district gave a police report.

During the Open Forum Susan Stauffer, a member of the Board of Directors of the

Washington Humane Society, asked the ANC to adopt a resolution requesting that the D.C. government allow the Washington Humane Society to operate the city's spay-neuter clinic. Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, the adoption of the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

Dupont Circle ANC 2B urges the District of Columbia Government to act expeditiously to allow the Washington Humane Society to operate the city's spay-neuter clinic under the terms proposed by WHS, including the provision that WHS would retain fees collected and apply them to the operation of the clinic. This motion passed unanimously.

#### Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 24, 1992 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed with Commissioner Bass in abstention.

#### Issues:

Ted Pocter of the Dept. of Recreation's office of policy and planning, Carol Hill Lowe, Director of the Dept. of Recreation and Loren Hill, Chief of Aquatics, were present at the meeting to discuss the plans for the renovation of Francis Pool, 24th and N Streets, N.W. Mr. Hill went over the plans in detail describing the pool as a single multi-purpose pool. The adult and children's areas will not be separated; therefore, a one filter system can be used. Moveable bulkheads will be used to separate the open swimming area from the swimming lanes and diving area. A mushroom pump-spray and a slide is part of the plan. The cost for the pool is estimated at 1.5 - 1.75 million dollars. Commissioner Pam Taylor, within whose SMD the pool is located, listed the following concerns that both the ANC and its constituents had about the plan:

- 1) The size of the pool is too large and should be reduced by 25 meters.
- 2) The cost must be kept within the budgeted amount (\$1.5 million is now in the capital budget).
- 3) The size and structure of the pool moves it out of the community recreation category and seems to put it into the competitive training category which is not appropriate for the local community the pool is supposed to serve; there is inadequate deck area.
- 4) The children's pool should be separated from the adult pool.
- 5) A slide is considered dangerous although the mushroom pump-spray is acceptable.
- 6) No diving board should be higher than one meter.
- 7) Preserve the facade of the original building to keep it compatible with the low rise character of the neighborhood.
- 8) The pool renovation must be completed by June 1993.

Ms. Taylor moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the attached resolution on Francis Pool. This motion passed unanimously.

(See Attached)

## II.

Ted Pocter also informed the ANC about the plans for the renovation of Stead Playground located in the 1600 block of P Street, N.W. The renovation is scheduled to begin on September 14th and is expected to take 180 days to complete. The plans for the renovation will include:

- 1) to replace or rehabilitate the roof of the main building
- 2) replace all windows and doors
- 3) provide security
- 4) repair interior walls and ceilings
- 5) resurface fields either by reseeding or sodding
- 6) renovate bathrooms, make them handicapped accessible
- 7) replace floors
- 8) replace mechanical system
- 9) brick exterior will be repointed
- 10) facade will remain as is

The Dupont Circle ANC offered these suggestions concerning the renovation:

- 1) Renovation of the building should be appropriate to the historic district in which it is located, and aluminum siding should no be visible from P Street.
- 2) Mature, healthy trees on the property should be preserved.

Other concerns expressed at the meeting were:

A) Neighborhood organizations that use Stead should be notified of the closing and given the addresses of alternative recreation sites. The manager of Stead field, Mr. R. Roenokee Evans, said that he has been informing people and will continue to do so.

B) A change order should be issued to heighten the fence around Stead that borders the alleys behind 1500 block of 16th Street and the 1600 block of Q Street in order to prevent damage to the private property.

C) An examination of security for the playground should be conducted to ensure that the playing field and other areas will be secure from unauthorized and illegal use after closing hours.

## III.

Mr. Paul Yates, co-owner of Trumpets, 1633 Q Street, N.W. was present to discuss ABC Application No. 28509 for a retailer's class "CR" license. Commissioner Shannon, within whose SMD this establishment is located, informed the Commission and those present, that she has met with the applicants prior to the meeting and that a voluntary agreement had been drafted.

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support ABC Application No. 28509 for Gayla Corporation, t/a Trumpets 1633 Q Street, N.W. and the incorporation of a voluntary agreement into their license. This motion passed unanimously.

A representative from the ANC will be present at the September 9, 1992 roll call hearing to present this agreement.

(Ms. Schwager left the meeting at 10:08 p.m.)

#### IV.

A representative from Kramer's Books and Afterwords, 1521 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. was present to discuss their plans to expand into the old Cafe Splendide space and use it as an enclosed cafe area. No new use of public space in excess of what Cafe Splendide used is planned. The new proposed space will be heated and cooled from the main building.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Meier seconded, a motion that ANC 2B supports the HPRB application of Kramer's Books and Afterwords, 1521 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. provided that no illegal venting will be constructed in the new proposed structure and that the new structure will be removable within 24 hours. This motion passed with Commissioners Pagano, Shannon, and Meier in favor, Grandis and Taylor opposed, Bass in abstention and Schwager absent from the vote.

#### Commissioner Reports

Mr. Grandis moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to adopt the ANC budget and submit the quarterly report. This motion passed. Ms. Schwager was absent from the vote.

Mr. Grandis also informed the ANC that a new air-conditioner unit is needed in the ANC office and requested the staff coordinator to get estimates for the cost and installation which is included in this year's budget. Mr. Bass requested that Mr. Grandis prepare the 1993 budget for approval at the September 23 ANC meeting; Mr. Grandis agreed to do this. Mr. Bass informed the ANC that he had received a letter from Emmaus Services for the Aging requesting a grant to help in their relocation.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion that ANC 2B send EMMAUS Services for the Aging an emergency grant of \$50. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Schwager was absent from the vote.

Mr. Pagano reported that the owner of Marvelous Market called to complain that Riggs Bank has refused to rent out any more retail space in the Riggs property located in the 1500 block of Connecticut Ave., N.W. The owner of Marvelous Market said that he knows of a coffee house chain based in Seattle, Starbuck Inc., that is interested in renting space next to his but were turned down.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to send a letter to Riggs Bank encouraging it to enter into a lease agreement with the coffee house chain because such an establishment would help to stabilize and improve the quality of life for residents in Dupont Circle. This motion passed unanimously with Ms. Schwager absent from the vote.

Kyle Pitsor, president of the DCCA, spoke in opposition to the installation of a new payphone at 1712 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. and informed the ANC that there are already (2) phones at 1700 Connecticut Ave., (1) phone at 1710, (1) phone at 1712 and (1) phone at 1738 therefore, there is no need for more phones on that block.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to oppose PSC Certification No. 6014, for the installation of new payphones at 1712 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Schwager was absent from the vote.

Mr. Meier reported that he is looking into possible illegal construction of a deck at 1740 Corcoran St., N.W., and will keep the ANC informed.

Ms. Shannon reported that she received a notice from the DCRA about proposed construction at 1635 R Street, N.W. She informed the ANC that the HPRB approved the conceptual plan and she will contact the owners about their plans.

Mr. Bass reported that there is a victory for the ANC and the DCCA regarding Cafe Rabelais 1647 R Street, N.W. The owners have been ordered to submit plans for moving the railing surrounding the cafe to 10ft. behind the tree box in accordance with public space regulations.

Ms. Taylor reported that there is a meeting with the Mayor's agent regarding 1312 21st Street, N.W. on September 23.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Bass reported that the ABC Board is behind schedule in reviewing Class "C" licenses; most won't be reviewed until early 1993. The Board has asked the Commissioners if there are any licenses they want the ABC to review on time this fall. Mr. Bass suggested that Rascals, 1520 Connecticut be reviewed and the Commission agreed.

Mr. Bass also reported on Mayor Kelly's recent proclamation of "Abdul Alim Muhammad Day" in light of the controversial nature of Mr. Muhammad's statements and actions.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to send a letter to the Mayor stating the ANC's position on the proclamation of Abdul Alim Muhammad Day. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Schwager was absent from the vote. The letter will include the following:

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B is extremely distressed that you honored Mr. Abdul Alim Muhammad by proclamation in July, particularly since the Council of the District of Columbia had preceded your action by refusing to adopt such a proclamation because of the controversial nature of Mr. Muhammad. Mr. Muhammad's community work does not atone for his anti-semitic and homophobic statements. No one of any race who expresses bigotry should be honored by the Mayor of the city that has been in the forefront of civil rights progress. Your proclamation has offended many Dupont Circle residents and the ANC endorses their disappointment with your action.

Mr. Bass gave copies of the resume of Susan Robson Tobin to all Commissioners and asked the ANC to support her nomination to the D.C. H.I.V. Health Advisory Commission.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to send a letter to the Mayor recommending Susan Robson Tobin to the D.C. H.I.V. Health Advisory Commission. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Schwager was absent from the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

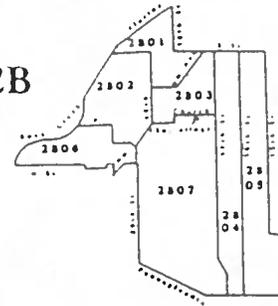
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Resolution on Francis Pool

Adopted by Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B  
August 12, 1992

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on August 12, 1992, Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, a quorum being present and voting, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

While the Dupont Circle ANC 2B wholeheartedly supports the renovation of the Francis public swimming pool facility by the D.C. Departments of Recreation & Parks and Public Works, we cannot support the current plan unless:

- 1) the pool is shortened by 25 meters, by removing either the diving well or one of the 25-meter laps area;
- 2) expenditure on the project is kept within the \$1.5 million already authorized and appropriated for this project;
- 3) the general public will be able to use the entire facility during all daylight hours from June through August, and the general public will not be preempted by competitive training or other non-recreational uses.
- 4) no diving board is higher than 1 meter;
- 5) no slide is installed;
- 6) the responsible city agencies must move expeditiously to complete renovation and re-open the pool by June 1993.

**COMMISSIONERS**

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Treasurer