

Letters:

To: Public Space Division
Re: Popstop, 1513 17th Street, N.W.

To: BZA
Re: BZA Application No. 15613, 1622 18th St., N.W.

To: Mayor Kelly
Re: Sodomy Law

To: Aubrey Edwards, Director, DCRA
Re: ANC notification, Permit Issuance and Application Filing Listings

To: Council Chairman John Wilson
Re: Fund reduction for the D.C. public school system

To: Mr. David L. Gunn, WMATA
Re: keeping Metro property free of loiterers, solicitors

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 1992 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Parish. Commissioners Bass, Grandis, Meier, and Shannon were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Lieutenant Young with the third district police department gave a police report.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 12 meeting with the following amendments: that Commissioner Meier abstained from the vote for the adoption of the minutes for the January 22 meeting and from the vote on the awarding of the community grants; that Commissioner Taylor was present at the February 12 meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

II.

Mr. Scott Siler, owner of the Popstop, 1513 17th Street, N.W. was present at the meeting and gave a short presentation discussing his plans for an outdoor sidewalk cafe.

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Meier seconded, a motion that ANC 2B supports the application of Mon Gong Lee, (t/a "Popstop") to rent public space adjacent to 1513 17th Street, N.W., on the following conditions to which the owner has mutually agreed: 1) service on the public space will cease at 12:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday; 2) off-season storage of all moveable equipment will be off public space; 3) there will be no external source sound

amplification after midnight on any night; and 4) the applicant will make a good faith effort to keep noise at reasonable levels so as not to disturb neighborhood residents during the night and early morning. This motion passed unanimously.

I. Rosalyn Powell with the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, was present at the meeting and gave a short presentation. She informed the Commission that along with being the ANC Program Coordinator, she is also the Program Coordinator for Interpreter Services, which supplies interpreters for different government agencies, boards, and commissions. As the ANC Coordinator, she is responsible for overseeing the issuance of ANC procedural handbooks, issuing ID cards, and coordinating meetings between ANCs and different government agencies such as the DCRA. Mr. Bass commented that the meeting he attended with the ANC chairs and the DCRA was very helpful and hoped that they would continue. Mr. Grandis asked Ms. Powell to send a message to the Mayor that; 1) neighbors in the 17th Street corridor are upset that the city has not responded to the October 31st incident 2) that support for her is not as solid as it used to be in the Dupont area 3) many feel that the Mayor is not accessible and that there is a difficulty in getting any response from her concerning problems that residents may have, and 4) lastly, many feel that she is not making good on her campaign promises. Carla Darby, also of Constituent Services, responded to the concern over the 17th Street incident by saying that she attended a meeting with Connie Spyras, Ernie Evans, GLOVE, as well as other citizen groups, and that they were informed that the investigation is near or very near to completion.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Grandis informed the Commission that the applicant in the BZA case No. 15613, 1622 18th St., N.W., had submitted modifications to the proposed plan and that the Protestant filed a timely response. Based on this new information, Mr. Grandis asked that the ANC write a letter to the BZA informing them that ANC 2B still opposes the project and that the concerns raised by the ANC and the Protestant have not been fully resolved.

Mr. Grandis also brought up the "Sidewalk Cafe Public Space Rental" bill that is under consideration, and it was decided that he would look into the bill more closely particularly the impact of immediate imposition of the full tax on restaurateurs, and discuss it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Meier reported that the East Dupont Circle Neighborhood Watch is collecting funds for the purchase of communication equipment. He informed those present that the ANC as well as other 17th merchants and citizen groups, along with Councilmember Jack Evans, have already contributed to the effort.

Commissioner Bass reported on the list of zoning violations he collected to date. He reported that 16th St/1627 has since been resolved and well as 20th/1801. Ms. Shannon told Commissioner Bass there is no evidence of a violation at Q St./1633 and asked for it to be excluded from the list as well as Q Street/1622.

Commissioner Bass reported that Councilmember Harold Brazil endorsed the ANC's concerns about the use of the anti-sodomy law at a local establishment and reported that Robert Mallet, City Administrator, was quoted in the Washington Post as asking Chief

Fulwood not to use the Sodomy law against consenting adults except in "aggravating circumstances". Mr. Grandis asked Mr. Bass to write another letter to the Mayor in light of two more recent arrests in the Dupont Circle area and our concern that the law not be enforced under any circumstances and that the Mayor actively seek repeal of the law by the Council.

New Business

Mr. Bass informed the ANC that a number of ANCs have expressed concern to the DCRA about the BLRA's changes in the amount of information provided to ANCs involving filings with their department. It was requested that he write a letter to Aubrey Edwards, of the DCRA echoing those concerns. Mr. Bass presented the Commissioners with a list of ABC issues that he is going to present to the ABC when the Commission meets with them soon. He said that he was thinking of a possible addition to this list concerning restrictions on fortified wines and malt liquors and the way in which they are targeted to minority groups. Mr. Grandis commented that he would support Mr. Bass in raising this issue.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to send a letter to Council Chairman John Wilson stating the ANC's support of the Mayor's plan for a \$5 million reduction in funds to the D.C. public school system. This motion passed unanimously.

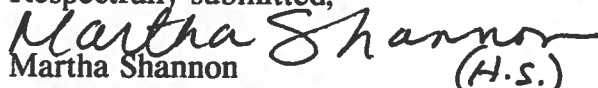
Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to send a letter to David L. Gunn, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, in support of their efforts to keep Metro property free of loiterers, solicitors, and any other persons who are not riders or Metro employees. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass reported that the liquor license for Cairo Liquors is up for renewal and will be discussed at the next meeting March 11.

Mr. Grandis reported on a meeting he attended with the developer for the use of the space under Dupont Circle. The developer's plans include installing 30 carousels to rent to merchants, and possibly establishing a farmer's market. Mr. Grandis informed the developer of the ANC's concerns such as: 1) ANC 2B does not want to have more car traffic in the area from people driving to get to the new development, 2) recently, Connecticut Ave. has lost a number businesses, and the ANC hopes that this new development would not result in further losses on the Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Martha Shannon
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Secretary, ANC 2B