

Letters:

To: Business owners on Connecticut Avenue
Re: Garbage pick-up, noise, rats

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 1992 MEETING OF DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 1992. Commissioners Schwager, Shannon, Meier, Pagano, Grandis, and Taylor were present. In the absence of Chairman Bass, Vice-Chair Schwager called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Lt. McManus of the second district gave a police report. Lt. Gary Van Horn of the U.S. Park Police also gave a report and introduced Officer Sal Lauro, who is going to be Lt. Van Horn's replacement. There were many bicycle couriers present at the meeting to discuss recent seizures of bicycles for non-registration as well as other issues. Lt. Van Horn provided the bicyclists with copies of the D.C. law concerning bicycle registration and answered other questions they had. Commissioner Meier informed the bicyclists that there have been many complaints about public drinking, use of drugs and the blocking of pedestrian pathways by bicycle couriers. In order to give more time and consideration to this matter it was decided to put this issue on the second ANC meeting agenda for September. Ms. Conaty of GLOV informed those present at the meeting that the Washington Blade posts a regular Hate Crimes blotter and asked whether or not hate crime reports are looked into and kept on file with the police. Lt. Van Horn informed Ms. Conaty that every crime is investigated.

During the Open Forum the owner of Condomrageous commented that the Stead playground is in need of renovation and asked what could be done. Councilmember Lightfoot who was present at the meeting to discuss Francis Pool, reported that renovation will begin in August and is expected to be completed in 5-6 months.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 1992 meeting of the ANC. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I.

Councilmember William Lightfoot and his staff were present at the meeting along with Carol Hill Lowe, Director of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, to discuss the plans for the renovation of Francis Pool which, he said, they were committed to reopening in Summer 1993. The plans include a new multi-purpose room and doubling the size of the pool to accommodate 1400 persons. Ms. Taylor asked why the Dept. of Parks and Recreation had not posted signs regarding the closing of the pool as was agreed upon. She was informed that paper signs were posted but had been torn down. Permanent signs are going to be posted soon. Ms. Taylor took a copy of the plans for the pool with her and said

she will be in touch with Councilmember Lightfoot's office and the Dept. of Parks and Recreation as soon as possible to inform them of any concerns her constituents and other neighborhood groups may have about the plans.

II.

Commissioner Shannon gave a short report on the Halloween 1992 working group that is comprised of the ANC, DCCA, GLOV and others. The group has been meeting since December. She informed the ANC that Whitman-Walker clinic will proceed with planning an event for Halloween. Ms. Shannon read the following suggestions made to Whitman-Walker by the Halloween working group:

- 1) Take all steps possible to plan and execute a positive event which may help prevent a repeat of last year's situation on 17th Street.
- 2) Work with the police, especially Commander Soulsby, 3rd district.
- 3) Carefully estimate expected attendance and capacity of venue.
- 4) Officially end the event before midnight.
- 5) Work with GLOV to prevent any disturbance, at both the venue of event and at 17th & Q Streets.
- 6) Keep the Dupont Circle neighborhood and its organizations advised as plans progress and work to obtain their support for the event.

III.

Representatives for the AMOCO gas station located at 18th and S Streets, N.W. were present at the meeting to ask the Commission and those present if they have any problems with the operation of the gas station. The management of the gas station has been changed and the gas station continues to operate on a 24 hour basis. A resident at 18th and S stated that the previous management had a goodwill agreement with the neighbors to turn off certain lights at night so as to prevent their shining into apartments nearby. She said that those lights are now being left on. She also said that there is a microphone that is being used and it is very loud and disturbing to neighbors. Therefore, she asked that it not be used. Also, she complained that there is garbage around the station. No action was taken on this matter. However, the new owners said they would try to do whatever the previous owners had agreed to do.

IV.

Benjamin Chaplin, representative of Three Guys, t/a Im Bill Too was present at the meeting along with partners in the company to discuss their application for a Retailer's Class "CR" ABC license at premises 1910 18th Street, N.W. The owners plan on opening an Ethiopian/Italian restaurant which would employ a live singer to entertain patrons. At the June 24 meeting of the ANC the Commission voted to send a pro-forma letter in protest of this license because the applicants and constituents involved in this case had not been

duly noticed in time to put it officially on the agenda . Commissioner Grandis will meet with the owners of this establishment to work out a voluntary agreement before their August 5 hearing date.

Commissioner Reports

Ms. Taylor reported that Paul Reneau, owner of the property at 1312 21st Street, N.W. applied to the HPRB to dig out the front of that property in order to lower the windows. The HPRB rejected his application. Mr. Reneau was scheduled for the July 15 meeting but did not attend.

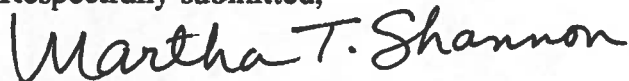
Mr. Grandis announced that he will not seek re-election in November to his ANC position.

Mr. Pagano said that he has received many complaints from residents on both sides of Connecticut Avenue concerning problems with restaurants and their garbage pick-up, noise, and rats. He asked that a letter be sent out to the owners of these certain restaurants stating the ANC's concern over these complaints.

Ms. Shannon reported that Trumpets is applying for a transfer of the ABC license and their hearing is scheduled for September 9. Ms. Shannon asked that the August meeting of the ANC be changed from August 19th to the 12th in order for the ANC to get their comments in before the August 18 protest period ends. The Commissioners all agreed to change the date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary
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