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Letters:

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Re: Hearing for 18th and R Streets, N.W.

To: Mayor Kelly  
Re: BZA appointments

To: Public Service Commission  
Re: Installation of public pay phone at 2035 P Street, N.W.

To: Councilmember Rolark  
Re: Bill 9-303, the "Reorganization of Police Districts Act"

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 1992 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, 1992 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Grandis, Meier, Schwager, Taylor, and Shannon were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Pagano arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Lt. McManus of the second district gave a police report. He pointed out that the high crime in the area is due largely to theft from stores and theft from autos. Robberies and assaults are also on the rise, occurring especially late at night, on busy streets such as P Street and Connecticut Avenue. Lt. McManus said 2D had not been contacted by Gay Pride Day for the June 21 festival; ANC 2B will notify Pride immediately. Lt. Gary Van Horn from the Park Police also gave a police report. He reported specifically about an armed robbery which took place on June 6th. A man was assaulted by two men believed to be in their twenties and armed with a gun. The assault took place in the P Street Beach area.

During the Open Forum George Nelson again reported to Commissioner Shannon that there is still trash being dumped behind a building in her SMD. Ms. Shannon said that she will again look into the situation. Another resident reported that there are cars illegally parking in a PMI parking lot near his home in Pam Taylor's SMD. Ms. Taylor said that she will contact the owner of the lot and ask him about securing the lot at night. She will keep the resident informed.

Adoption of Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 27, 1992 meeting of the ANC. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I. Chris Murray, a representative from Councilmember Crawford's office was present at the meeting to discuss Bill 9-303, the "Reorganization of Police Districts Act" which would conform police districts with ward boundaries. The hearing on this bill will be June 22.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion to oppose the bill 9-303 as introduced but support a study of realignment of the police districts based on demographics and crime patterns. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Grandis recused himself from discussion and voting on the next issue.

II.

Jack Brady, architect for La Tomate, 1707 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., was at the meeting and gave a short presentation about the plans for an outdoor sidewalk cafe. The current plans include an increase in the public passage on the sidewalk which must be 10 ft., an opening on the southern entrance rather than through the restaurant, and a reduction in seating to 26 tables and 104 seats. Some work was done on the cafe without permits. However, all necessary permits have now been applied for.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to support the application for use of public space as a sidewalk cafe as per the plans presented to the ANC. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brady also discussed the exterior design application which is before the HPRB. After reviewing plans for the project, the ANC was most concerned about the air-conditioning unit which will be located on top of the one story building that was formerly the Regina Valet.

Ms. Taylor moved and Ms. Schwager seconded, a motion that ANC 2B approves the concept of the project but is concerned about the air-conditioning unit and the proposed screening and urges the owner to look at alternative locations for the unit which is now located on the roof of the 1 story building. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grandis rejoined the Commission at this point.

III.

Mr. Bass presented plans that the applicant for 1312 21st Street, N.W. has submitted to the HPRB to remove half of the fourth floor of the building and to add a deck on the 3rd floor of the premises. ( At its meeting, April 8, 1992, ANC 2B approved requiring that all new construction on the fourth floor be removed).

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Meier seconded, a motion that ANC 2B requests the HPRB to view this as a new application, to be considered on its merits, without regard to any previous construction. ANC 2B opposes a new deck on the rear 3rd floor of this building because such construction will be visible from public space, specifically Newport Place, N.W. This motion passed unanimously.

#### Commissioner Reports:

Ms. Schwager reported that Todd Friedbacher, an intern for the ABA mediation program informed her that he would be willing to volunteer time to the ANC on any mediation projects we may have. Ms. Schwager then excused herself from the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Grandis reported that the HPRB hearing notice received by the ANC office was incorrect, listing the address for a very controversial property at 1622 18th Street (18th and R) as 19th and R. Mr. Grandis requested that the ANC write a letter to the HPRB chair requesting that the hearing on this case be postponed for 1 month so that the ANC can properly notify the applicant and the public about this case and inform them as to when it will be on the ANC agenda. Mr. Grandis also reported that he met with the new owners of the cafe formerly known as a Touch of Lemon Grass, Zahara H. Inc., t/a Cortina Trattoria, and worked out a voluntary agreement with them.

Mr. Grandis moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to approve the transfer of ABC license No. 22087 for Zahara H. Inc., t/a Cortina Trattoria 1805 18th Street, N.W. with the voluntary agreement incorporated in the license. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pagano reported that he attended the informal hearing of the Public Service Commission on June 10 concerning the application for an outdoor pay telephone at 2035 P Street, N.W. The applicant, D.C. Cafe, stated at the hearing that he would withdraw his application if the ANC maintained its opposition.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion that ANC 2B restates its opposition of PSC Certification No. 5470 for installation of a public outdoor pay phone at 2035 P Street, N.W. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pagano also brought to the attention of the ANC that the public passageway near the Rondo sidewalk cafe on Q Street, is blocked by tables.

Mr. Meier reported that there is going to be a meeting June 23rd with residents of Copley Plaza to discuss issues such as vendors on 17th street. Councilmember Evans will be attending this meeting. Mr. Meier reported that he checked the fence located at 1615 New Hampshire Avenue as requested by Mr. Grandis, and found it to be consistent with other fences in the area. Mr. Meier also reported that the BZA application for the Saudi Embassy at 1520 18th Street has been approved. Mr. Meier presented to the ANC a resolution in support of the 1992 Gay Pride Festival.

Mr. Meier moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to adopt the resolution. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Meier will represent the ANC at the Gay Pride Day Festival on June 21.

Ms. Shannon reported that the public pay phone at 1633 P Street, N.W. will be installed inside the premises and not outside. Therefore the ANC has no objection to the installation of this pay phone.

Mr. Bass reported that the Francis Pool will not be opening this summer as expected. The facility is badly in need of repair and will not be open again until renovations are completed hopefully by June 1993. The ANC has received assurances from 4 Councilmembers, City Administrator Robert Mallett, and DPW head Betty Francis that all reasonable efforts will be made to complete the \$1.5 million renovation of Francis Pool by June 1993.

#### New Business

Mr. Bass reported that the terms of several members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Zoning Commission have expired.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to send a letter to the Mayor urging her to fill these vacancies. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass also reported that a general oversight roundtable has been scheduled to discuss ANCs.

Mr. Grandis moved and Mr. Meier seconded, a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Schwager to represent the ANC 2B and to present our positions at a general oversight roundtable July 8, 1992. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass informed the ANC that the hearing for the Fiscal Year 1993 Property Tax Rates is scheduled for June 16 and proposed that the ANC write a letter to Council Chairman John Wilson stating ANC 2B's position.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Pagano seconded a motion that ANC strongly urges the Council to retain for FY1993 the same (or lower) tax rate for Class 1 property as in the current year: \$.96 per \$100 of assessed value. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Shannon  
Secretary, ANC 2B