

Final

Letters:

To: Riggs Property Management
Re: Lewd and lascivious behavior on Riggs property

To: HPRB
Re: Postponement of hearing on 1312 21st Street

To: ABC
Re: ABC Application No. 2154 t/a Cairo Liquor Store, 1618 17th St., N.W.

To: DC Council Chairman, John Wilson
Re: increases in individual income and residential property tax rates and District employee pay increases

To: Mr. Miguel Ley, Principal, Ross Elementary
Re: Removal of restrictions on the \$150,000 for Ross Elementary

To: Lt. Gary Van Horn, U.S. Park Police
Re: Closing of Dupont Circle public restrooms

To: Ms. Sandra Hill
Re: Planting empty tree boxes, removing dead trees and stumps

To: Mr. DuRoss
Re: Gay Pride Day

To: Mr. DuRoss
Re: 17th Street Halloween Committee

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 1992 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Parish. Commissioners Bass, Grandis, Meier, Schwager, Shannon and Taylor were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Captain Swope of the second district police department gave a police report. He reported that officers issued 26 violations citations to vendors on 20th and Q streets. He verified that there was an arrest for sodomy at 21st and N Street. He stated he had received no new guidance from police headquarters on enforcement of the law. Mr. Grandis asked Capt. Swope if he could look into reports of a stabbing taking place in front of Mr. P's. Capt. Swope said he would look into it and report back to the ANC. Lt. Van Horn of the U.S. Park Police also gave a police report. He reported that there was an armed robbery on February 24 in which a man was attacked by knife point. He also asked the opinion of the ANC and those present at the meeting of his plan to close the public restrooms on Dupont Circle. Many were concerned that if the restrooms are closed permanently, the vagrants that congregate there now will only be forced to publicly urinate in the small park nearby or on other public or private property.

During the Open Forum a representative from NOW announced that there is going to be an abortion rights march on April 5th.

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 26, 1992 meeting of the ANC 2B. This motion passed with Commissioners Schwager and Taylor abstaining.

Issues:

I.

Mr. David Jackson of the Department of Finance was present at the meeting and gave a short presentation. He addressed questions from the audience on assessing their property and was invited back to the March 25th meeting of the ANC to present specific information on which Dupont Circle assessment increases were based.

II.

Mr. Howard Aaronson, vice-president of W & R Inc., t/a Cairo Liquor Store, 1618 17th Street, N.W. was present at the meeting, gave a short presentation and answered questions. Commissioner Meier proposed to reincorporate the current Voluntary Agreement into the reissuance of the license for this establishment and Mr. Aaronson agreed.

Mr. Meier moved and Mr. Grandis seconded, a motion to support issuance of application No. 2154 for renewal of license for the Cairo Liquor Store, 1618 17th Street, N.W., on the condition that the current Voluntary Agreement will again be incorporated into the license. This motion passed unanimously.

III.

Mr. Gary Simon, representative for the "Dupont Down Under" project was present at the meeting and gave a short presentation. He discussed his plans for the use of the old trolley car stations under Dupont Circle. He said that his plans include turning the space into an upscale farmer's market. The space will be restored to its original historic condition and he wants to involve the merchants of Dupont Circle in the project. Mr. Simon said that the establishment will be maintained by a staff which will be responsible for the maintenance of the outside stair railings as well as the stairwells and lighting. All deliveries will be made on New Hampshire Street from the hours of 2 - 5 a.m. The establishment will be handicapped equipped and the hours of operation probably will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the other days of the week open for community groups to use the space for meetings. The funding for this project has been committed by U.S. First National Atlanta. Mr. Grandis suggested that Mr. Simon not rush into a lease and asked Mr. Simon to return with plans for the project so that the ANC could review them. Mr. Grandis also requested that a letter be sent to the Real Property Administration expressing the concerns of the Commission in this matter and requesting that no leases or other commitments be made by the city before the ANC could see completed plans and fulfill its advisory function.

IV.

Mr. Adam Drzal a representative from the Gay Pride Day Committee attended the meeting and gave a short presentation. Mr. Drzal stated that the Gay Pride Day Committee has jurisdiction over the Gay Pride Day Parade and Festival. The Gay Pride Day parade will be June 21st and will start at the same place as last year, at 16th and Euclid Sts. and will work its way to Francis school. There will be advanced ticket sales for the event to avoid lines at entrances. Mr. Drzal said that it is hoped the location of the event will be moved in 1993 but for now, the event will again take place at Francis School. Mr. Drzal went on to say that they have already applied for all the necessary permits. Ms. Taylor said she is concerned that the festival be kept contained in one area, since it will be taking place in a residential area. Mr. Drzal said that the committee understands this concern and is willing to help in any way. Ms. Taylor also went on to say that it is the responsibility of the Committee to coordinate a clean up crew to clean the area after the event takes place. Mr. Meier suggested that perhaps post-festival events could be organized to clear the area of people so that clean up could be done. The Commission thanked Mr. Drzal for coming to the meeting and sharing his plans.

Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Grandis reported on the ANC budget. Based on some new budget items, he proposed that the ANC adopt a new budget with modifications for the remainder of the year. The new budget reflects a surplus of \$18 with expenditures of \$25,298.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the revised 1992 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Grandis also reported that the property at 1622 18th Street is scheduled to go in front of the HPRB but the owners have not come before the ANC as of yet to discuss new construction concepts. Mr. Grandis asked that a letter be sent to the HPRB asking them to postpone consideration of this matter until the ANC has had time to review it.

Commissioner Bass reminded Commissioners to locate all large apartment buildings in their SMD's so that the staff coordinator can add them to the mailing list database. The Environment Committee of the DCCA is planning to write a joint letter from DCCA and the ANC to all the merchants in the Dupont Circle area outlining their obligations and responsibilities as regards, trash, litter and public space.

Commissioner Taylor will be attending the zoning hearing for phase II of the PUD at 22nd and N St., N.W. On the same agenda will be the property at 1312 21st Street.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to send a letter to the HPRB requesting a postponement in the hearing on 1312 21st St. because the ANC has not had an opportunity to consider the substantially revised plans at a public meeting.

This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Meier reported that the Neighborhood watch is going well and will start at 8:00. Councilmember Jack Evans will walk with the patrols on Monday the 16th.

Mr. Bass is going with Kay Eckles (RAC) to meet with Mr. Bottner, Zoning Commissioner, to find out who signed the permits for 1312 21st Street and the calculations for lot occupancy for this project.

Old Business:

Mr. Bass reported that the School Board is going to release the \$150,000 acquired by the ANC as an amenity for the Gramercy PUD and designated to Ross School, plus \$20,000 in interest accrued. The principal and the PTA must first submit a plan for the use of the money.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Meier seconded, a motion to remove any restrictions on the use of the \$150,000 by Ross School, and grant the Ross School principal and the Ross School Parent-Teachers Association the joint authority to determine the use of those funds. This motion passed unanimously.

When the Principal-PTA plan for the use of the money is completed and submitted to the School Superintendent, ANC 2B will receive a copy of it.

New Business:

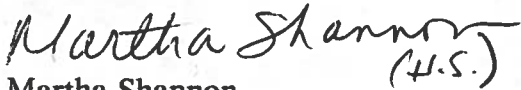
Mr. Bass reported that it has been requested by the neighbors around 14th Street, Q, R, S, and T that ANC 2B endorse their protest of a renewal of a Class "A" license for Paradise Liquors, 1900 14th St. There are over 200 protestants to this license.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to endorse the protest of this license echoing the reasons given by ANC 1B and contingent on ANC 1B approval. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass reported that the budget adopted by the Council is consistent with what ANC 2B has stated in the past. A letter reiterating our support to the Council will be written to Council Chairman John Wilson.

Adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Martha Shannon

Secretary

Dupont Circle ANC 2B