

Letters:

To: ABC

Re: H.H. Leonards, ABC Application No. 31564

To: John Wilson, Committee Chair, Bill 10-186

Re: Business Improvement Districts

To: Hampton Cross, Admin., BLRA-DCRA

Re: Permit to Excavate, 1717 Rhode Island Ave., St. Matthew's PUD

To: James Nathanson, Chair, Judiciary Committee and all members

Re: Aggressive Panhandling, Bill 10-72

To: Mayor Kelly

Re: March on Washington

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Re: Curbside Pick-up of Recyclables

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting April 14, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Ray, Gamble, Shannon, Taylor, Pagano, and Holmes were in attendance. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Capt. Swope of the second district gave a police report and informed the ANC and those present of a white male, 25-30 years of age, 5'8"-10", 150 lbs, who has been robbing people at gun point in the second district area. He showed everyone a composite drawing of the suspect and asked that everyone be on alert. He also reported that there will be special units employed within the second district for the April 25 March on Washington. Lt. Williams of the third district also gave a police report and assured the ANC that all third district officers will be mobilized for the March on Washington. Lt. Williams also brought with him a drawing of the Mt. Pleasant shooting suspect and asked anyone with information to contact the third district police. Lt. Van Horn of the Park Police also gave a police report.

Issues:

I. Update on Francis Pool and Stead Playground

Councilmember Bill Lightfoot was present at the meeting as well as Robert Mallett, City Administrator, Carol Hill Lowe, Director of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Beverly Thomas, Ward 2 Manager, and Gary Burch of the Dept. of Public Works. Ms. Lowe informed the ANC and those present that there will be city wide openings of public pools after school is out for the year, around June 19. She said that they hope to also open Francis Pool at that time. Gary Burch said that the demolition of Francis Pool is well advanced and the excavation will start soon. He reiterated that the Pool is on schedule for a mid-June opening. He also stressed that the next month will be the critical time and that arrangements have been made with the contractor to work over time if necessary.

Mr. Burch also updated the ANC on the progress of Stead Playground. He said that the park is not ready to be opened because many changes had to be made to make the facility handicap accessible. However, he said that on May 23, the facility should be ready to give back to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation which will officially open the playground as soon as final inspections are made. Ms. Thomas said that final inspections should take about a week after Stead is handed over to them.

II. DHS Adoption/Foster Care

Alesia Turner-Walker, of the Dept. of Human Services Adoption and Placement Resources Branch, came before the ANC and gave a brief presentation. She said that their number one priority is to keep the child at home and will provide services such as drug treatment for the parent. However, if the child is thought to be in harm while at home, the Department will remove the child and put him/her into foster care. Ms. Turner-Walker said that a lot of children up for adoption now are older and that many of them have psychological and physical problems. Anyone wishing more information should contact the Dept. of Human Services.

III. HPRB Application for Historic Landmark Designation, Embassy Gulf Station

Kyle Pitsor, President of the DCCA and Emily Eig of Traceries, were present at the meeting to discuss the HPRB Landmark Designation Application for the Embassy Gulf Station at 2200 P Street, N.W. The DCCA and the Dupont Circle Conservancy are co-applicants in this case. Ms. Eig, who was hired to research the history of the station building gave a presentation. She informed the ANC that the building was constructed in 1936 in the neo-classical style. The property on which the building is located is currently owned by the Chevron Corp. which bought out the Gulf Oil Co. Mr. Pitsor said that the franchise owner of this station is in support of the designation. However, representatives from the Chevron Corp. have not given any opinion either way although they had been notified of the application. There are currently no plans for restoration of the building, and if there are any in the future they would have to be approved by the HPRB.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the HPRB Application for D.C. Historic Landmark Designation for the Embassy Gulf Station, 2200 P Street, N.W, Case 93-2. ANC 2B concurs with the criteria listed in the application. This motion passed unanimously.

At this time Chairman Bass changed the order of the agenda and called to hear the case involving the ABC Application for H.H. Leonards.

V. ABC Application No. 31564, H.H. Leonards, 2020 O Street, N.W.

H.H. Leonards, who was accompanied by her attorney, Marlene Johnson, read a detailed presentation concerning her application for an ABC class "CX" license at 2020 O Street, N.W. She also addressed such concerns such as noise, garbage, and parking. There were residents in attendance who were opposed to this ABC application and many of them

brought up instances where buses were blocking the street in front of H.H. Leonards and noise problems. There were also a number in the audience who supported the application. Some residents asked exactly what a "CX" license would allow and Ms. Johnson informed the audience that the license would allow the consumption of liquor in a private place but not the sale of liquor on the premises. Many patrons, she explained, would bring their own liquor to the club. One resident alleged that liquor had been sold on the premises but Ms. Leonards flatly denied this. When asked why Ms. Leonards could not apply for a one-day liquor license, Ms. Johnson replied that the ABC Board encouraged Ms. Leonards to apply for a CX license. She explained that the Board does not encourage the issuance of one day licenses on a reoccurring basis. Tim McAvoy came to the meeting on the premise of representing the Appolline Condominium Assoc. however, many residents of the Appolline said that they were not informed of this, so Mr. McAvoy said that if he could not speak for the Association, then he would just speak on behalf of Stan Chase, who lives at 1330 New Hampshire Ave. Ms. Taylor said that although the property is located in her SMD, she had not taken an active role in the discussion of this application because of her personal friendship with Ms. Leonards. She went on to say that she would vote on the motion. After much discussion, the following motion was offered:

ANC 2B opposes ABC Application No. 31564 for H.H. Leonards, 2020 O Street, N.W., for a class "CX" license because of its negative impact on the peace, order, and quiet of this residentially-zoned neighborhood, because this license is inconsistent with the West Dupont Moratorium Zone approved by the ABC Board on March 24, and because approval of the application would establish a precedent for ABC licenses locating in residentially-zoned areas. This motion passed unanimously.

IV. Bill 10-186, Business Improvement Districts Act

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Ray seconded a motion that ANC 2B support Bill 10-186, the Business Improvement Districts Act and appoint a representative to testify at the April 27 hearing on the Bill. This motion passed unanimously.

The ANC then appointed Mr. Holmes to represent the ANC at the hearing.

Ms. Shannon asked Mr. Holmes to inquire into the impact of the Bill on assessments of residential property and whether or not there have been any cases in other cities where a more affluent commercial area formed a BID and thereby gained an advantage over a less affluent area. Mr. Holmes said he would look into those questions and would draft the testimony for the hearing with the ANC's help.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Holmes moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the minutes of the March 24 meeting with the following amendment: under Larry Ray's Commissioner Report, a new paragraph should be started with the sentence; Mr. Ray also informed the ANC that the next ANC Assembly meeting will be June 12. This

motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Ray reported that there will be a meeting of the public safety committee on April 20 at the Collector Restaurant, Dupont Plaza Hotel, at 7:30 p.m. He also reported that GLOV offered to conduct a fall training for ANC 2B if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Shannon reported that the Safeway Focus Committee met with the manager of Safeway on 17th Street and he said that the pharmacy will remain at the Safeway for at least a year. The next Safeway Focus Committee meeting will be Saturday morning April 17. Ms. Shannon reported that she will be attending the DCCA environmental meeting April 15 and there will be representative from DPW to discuss goals and projects.

Commissioner Bass reported on developments on the St. Matthew's PUD. He reported that the ANC was successful in getting the BLRA to revoke the notice that it would issue demolition permits for the five historic buildings in the PUD. Still outstanding however, are excavation permits which will allow the developer to dig down 30' behind these buildings. He went on to say that it is the opinion of the ANC's attorney that these permits were illegally issued by the BLRA and therefore should also be revoked and letter should be sent to Hampton Cross, Admin., BLRA, requesting this revocation.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded a motion that ANC 2B requests that the Building and Land Regulation Administration revoke the permit to excavate issued for the St. Matthew's Cathedral Planned Unit Development, 1717 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.; this excavation permit allows an alteration to the site that must be approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board. We ask that you act expeditiously before any unalterable and unapproved change occurs to the historic buildings at this site. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass reminded the ANC that the DCCA is bearing most of the costs for the appeal concerning the St. Matthew's PUD and said that he thought it is important that the ANC make a small appropriation towards the cause.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B appropriate \$200 further for the continued litigation regarding the St. Matthew's PUD. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes reported that the ANC is now up to date in regard to receiving it quarterly allotments.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that until personnel issues, possibly requiring expenditures, can be resolved, ANC 2B postpone the giving out of grants. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion to renew the contract for Staff Coordinator, Hollie Saiz, for \$12 per. hour, for the period beginning April 1, 1993 and ending June 30. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Taylor reported that at the recent Dupont Circle Conservancy meeting the Roy Rogers building was discussed and will no longer be turquoise. There is an application however, for an awning which the Conservancy approved. She also commented on a handicap ramp at 1915 16th Street, and said that the ANC will probably have to look at all different kinds of ramps and that maybe some sort of criteria should be met. Mr. Holmes said that he knows someone well versed with ADA requirements and will ask him for his advice. She also reported that Crepe a la Carte came before the Conservancy to get its support to put up a sign and take down the existing awning. The owner of Crepe a la Carte wanted to know if there was a law stipulating that awnings must remain on the buildings on this block. This case will be on the next HPRB agenda.

Old Business

Ms. Shannon discussed the proposed "Aggressive Panhandling" legislation and requested that the ANC send a letter to the Judiciary Committee suggesting that the offense created by the law be a "probable cause misdemeanor". This would enable the police to make an arrest without having to actually witness the offense. A resident also suggested that the letter include a provision that all Metro-owned property be covered by the anti-panhandling law. A letter will be sent to Councilmember Brazil of the Judiciary Committee and will include these suggestions.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to send a letter to the Judiciary Committee regarding the Aggressive Panhandling legislation and include the probable cause misdemeanor and the metro-owned property suggestions. This motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Curbside Recycling

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Gamble seconded a motion that the ANC 2B requests that the Department of Public Works reconsider its decision to require pick-up of recycled materials from the residential curbsides. The service alleys behind residences are for this purpose and have been used for such for over one hundred years. Since, according to DPW, the city's pick-up vehicles are of such a size and design that they can navigate through any alley in the District, there is no reason to require curbside pick-up, which results in unsightly and unsanitary conditions on the city's residential sidewalks. We urge you to require the Department of Public Works to change the recycled materials pick-up to the service alleys behind residences in the District. This motion passed unanimously.

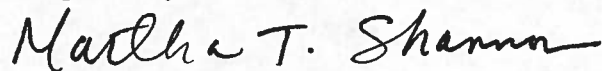
March on Washington April 25

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B welcomes to our city and to the Dupont Circle area the participants in the April 25th March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. ANC 2B expresses its support for the March's goal of civil rights for Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals.

We urge the Metropolitan Police Department and the marchers to exercise judgement and restraint to ensure that this is a peaceful event. We urge the Second and Third District Commanders to prepare for major influx of visitors to the Dupont Circle area during the weekend of the March, and to closely coordinate with the March organizers and with Gay business establishments in the Dupont Circle area. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, ANC 2B