

Letters:

To: HPRB
Re: 2148 O Street, N.W.

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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting February 10, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Gamble, Shannon, Ray, Holmes and Pagano were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Capt. Swope of the second district gave a police report. He warned that bicycle thefts are on the rise and urged residents to have their bikes registered. He also said that because of the significant number of arrests in the area, burglaries have decreased from 56 in Jan. 1992 to 48 in Jan. 1993 and robberies have decreased from 42 in Jan. 92 to 17 in Jan. 93. Lastly, he informed the ANC of a commendation for Officer Timothy Carter who has an excellent arrest record including 16 felony arrests. Lt. Van Horn of the U.S. Park Police also gave a police report and responded to questions regarding public drinking at the small park on P Street near the Circle. Lt. Van Horn said that he has received many complaints about the park but unfortunately, drinking is not prohibited in that park. He went on to say that the Park Police have been looking for a solution that would be acceptable to all short of tearing down the existing public restrooms.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 27 meeting with the following amendment: pg. 2 under Commissioner Reports sentence should read: Mr. Ray is working to enforce the voluntary agreement with Three Guys, Inc. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I. Bedrock Billiards

Mr. Geoffrey Dawson and Mr. Mark Handwerker, owners of Bedrock Billiards, were present at the meeting to inform the ANC and those present of their proposed plans to locate another Bedrock Billiards at 1330 19th Street, N.W. The owners said that they have applied for an ABC license to serve beer and wine at their Adams Morgan location and would also apply for an ABC license at 1330 19th St. They stressed the fact however, that they are still only looking at the 19th Street location and have not as yet, signed any leases or contracts. They only wanted to get feedback from the ANC and keep a dialogue going. Mr. Bass asked them if they planned to have a dance floor as would be allowed under a "CT" license. The owners replied that they had no plans for a dance floor and no formal

plans at present to use the outdoor space. When asked how they would control underage drinking, the owners replied that they had an idea to have separate rooms for underage patrons. The hours of operation for the establishment would be 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. weekdays, 2:00 Fri-Sat, and 12:00 midnight Sun. Commissioner Holmes asked the owners if they would be willing to enter into a voluntary agreement with the ANC to address all/any concerns and they said that they would.

II. Neighborhood Planning Council 3

Matthew Nicely, Chairman of the Neighborhood Planning Council 3, and Lisa Mosczynski were present at the meeting to tell the ANC about the NPC and request that the ANC write a letter to Councilmember Lightfoot in support of the NPC. Mr. Nicely informed the ANC that NPCs have been around a long time and they are set up primarily to provide services and programs for kids between the ages of 13-19. He went on to say that the Mayor is proposing to eliminate NPCs. Mr. Ray suggested that perhaps he could find out a little more about the NPC and report back to the ANC. Mr. Ray will give his report at the February 24 meeting.

III. 2148 O Street, N.W.

Mr. Leo Johnson, architect for the HPRB application at 2148 O Street, N.W. came before the ANC to show his plans for the installation of a handicap ramp and the replacement of windows. Mr. Johnson began by informing the ANC that he is going to modify his plans and will research the possibility of replacing the handicapped ramp with an electric lift. He also said that he will use wood windows instead of the proposed vinyl windows on the street side of the building.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the change in the application which would reflect the substitution of a lift for the handicap ramp and the substitution of wood window frames for vinyl cladding windows on the street side. This motion passed with Mr. Ray in abstention.

IV. 1501 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Starbucks Coffeehouse

Representatives for Starbucks came before the ANC to discuss their plans for an awning and a sign. The representatives said that they have no plans at this time to add an outdoor cafe.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Holmes seconded a motion that ANC 2B support the application for signage and awning for Starbucks at 1501 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ray reported on his testimony on behalf of ANC 2B at the Sodomy Repeal hearing.

Ms. Shannon reported that she attended a meeting of the DCCA Environment Committee which will be working with the D.C. Dept. of Public Works to help in alley cleaning and removal of solid waste. Any individuals who are found to be negligent in not maintaining trash removal will be cited. She also reported that she is a member of the newly formed Safeway Focus Group.

Mr. Gamble reported the new outdoor cafe at Cafe Blanca will be opening this Spring and that it will be closing earlier than other establishments in the area. He also reported that he checked out the gas heaters in front of Popstop and they have been deemed safe.

Mr. Holmes reported that the ANC has still not received its quarterly allotments from the D.C. government. Mr. John Ralls, of Councilmember Jack Evans' office, said that he was told that the log jam in the process was with Ray Lloyd, whom he has not been able to get in touch with. Mr. Holmes asked staff coordinator Hollie Saiz to call other ANCs in the area to see if they too, are waiting on their allotments. Because the ANC does not have funds at this time Mr. Holmes also requested that the review for grants be postponed until the first meeting in April.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion that the ANC postpone review of grant applications until the first meeting in April. This motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. Holmes asked each Commissioner to check with any local condos in their SMDs for possible ANC office space.

Old Business

FY1994 Public Works Budget for Dupont Circle Area

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion to adopt the list of public works items in the Dupont Circle area and forward them to Councilmember Harry Thomas for consideration at the Public Works hearing. This motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Bass asked Mr. Gamble to research the Buffer Zone Bill and give a recommendation to the ANC. Mr. Bass also requested that all committee chairs draw up goals for their committees and present them to the ANC.

Open Forum

Ms. Sylvia Davis, of the Pepco Government Affairs Dept. attended the meeting to introduce herself to the ANC. Mr. Bass suggested to her that perhaps she could attend the ANC meeting where the Georgetown/Dominion Power Plant is discussed. Mr. Ray asked

Ms. Davis if it is legal for Pepco workers to enter into front yards and remove trees without notification. Ms. Davis said that she would be in touch with him.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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