

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting January 13, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Gamble, Holmes, Pagano, Ray, Shannon, and Taylor were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Election of Officers

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion to elect Larry Ray as ANC 2B Parliamentarian. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion to elect Martha Shannon as ANC 2B Secretary. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to elect Dennis Holmes as ANC 2B Treasurer. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion to elect Pam Taylor as ANC 2B Vice-Chairperson. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to elect Dennis Bass as ANC 2B Chairman. This motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bass then appointed the following committee chairs:

Zoning - Russell Gamble  
ABC - Dennis Bass  
Housing - Jay Pagano  
HPRB - Pam Taylor  
Public Safety - Larry Ray  
Public Works - Martha Shannon

Chairman Bass and Treasurer Dennis Holmes then signed the authorization cards for the signing of checks.

Captain Swope of the Second District gave a police report and said there had been a significant reduction in larceny from autos since two arrests were made November 15, 1992. Lt. Lauro of the U.S. Park Police also gave a report and noted Chairman Bass's suggestion that someone be assigned specifically to Dupont Circle from time to time.

Pink Panthers

Lawrence Saltzman, founder of the Pink Panthers patrol, described the activities of this gay and lesbian street patrol in the Dupont Circle area. Mr. Mike Brooks, Hate Crimes

Director for D.C., was also present and urged Mr. Saltzman to work in cooperation with the police, as did ANC Commissioners. Commissioner Ray, chair of public safety committee, was authorized to meet with police and Pink Panthers.

### The Lauren

Mr. Bill Alpert and Mr. Michael B. McGovern requested that the ANC further clarify its position on the application by some condominium owners to permit non-residential SP use of their units.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to oppose application for non-residential use on floors three through eight of The Lauren, and to send a letter to the BZA to this effect. This motion passed unanimously.

### Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 16, 1992 meeting of the ANC 2B. The motion passed with Commissioners Holmes, Gamble, and Ray in abstention.

### Rascals

The ANC reviewed the application for renewal of ABC Retailer's Class "CN" license for Baker Enterprises t/a Rascals and transfer of this license from 1520 Connecticut Ave., N.W. to 1629 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Attorney for Rascals, Mr. Stephen O'Brien, and members of the management were present. Residents of the immediate neighborhood mostly spoke in opposition to the transfer.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that the ANC oppose the application for the transfer to 1629 Connecticut Ave., N.W. because (1) it would constitute an unwarranted commercial intrusion into a residential area (2) it would adversely impact the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood (3) it would add substantially to parking problems in the area. The motion passed with four Commissioners voting in favor, Commissioner Ray voting against, and Commissioners Gamble and Holmes in abstention.

### Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ray announced that he had started a newsletter for ANC 2B01 and would have a liaison person for each block. Mr. Bass announced the removal of a public phone in SMD 04. Ms. Taylor announced that Connecticut Avenue merchants (MAP) will meet with P Street merchants.

### Old Business

### Pesce

The ANC had previously voted in opposition to the ABC license for Pesce, 2016 P Street N.W.; following a Dec. 30 ABC hearing the ANC opted to propose a voluntary agreement.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that the ANC approve the voluntary agreement for Pesce, 2016 P Street, N.W. thereby removing the ANC's opposition to their ABC license application. The motion passed with Mr. Ray in abstention.

#### Paradise Liquors

Mr. Bass presented a request from ANC 1B that ANC 2B support them in opposing renewal of the ABC license for Paradise Liquors, 1900 14th Street.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B supports ANC 1B in its opposition to the renewal of the ABC license for Paradise Liquors. This motion passed unanimously.

#### Mr. P's

The ANC had previously voted to oppose renewal of the ABC license for Mr. P's pending completion of a voluntary agreement.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Bass seconded, approval of the voluntary agreement for Mr. P's. The motion passed with Mr. Ray in abstention.

Based on the ANC's previous discussions and positions, the following action was taken...

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion to send letters to City Councilmembers urging repeal of the District's anti-sodomy statute. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to authorize Mr. Ray to represent ANC 2B at the January 29 hearing on repeal of the anti-sodomy statute. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners agreed to postpone the deadline for grant application until March 1.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha T. Shannon*

Martha Shannon, Secretary, ANC 2B