

Letters:

To: Mayor Kelly  
Re: BZA Appointments

To: Councilmember Brazil  
Re: ANC Budget

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 24 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Bass, Gamble, Taylor, Pagano, and Shannon were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Bass then announced that the ABC Board had approved both the 17th Street and P Street moratoriums for a period of 5 years.

### Crime Reports

Officer Joe Sandora of the third district gave a police report. He warned that theft from auto is on the rise in the third district and reported that a suspect has been apprehended in a rape that occurred in February of 1993. Mr. Gamble inquired about the possibility of extending the 17th Street footpatrol to O Street. He informed Officer Sandora that there has been a rash of crime in that area because of the lack of both lighting and police presence. The owner of Crepe a la Carte, 1304 18th Street, N.W. informed the ANC that there have been break-ins at his restaurant and other establishments in the 1200 and 1300 block of Connecticut Avenue. Mr. Bass also informed the Officer that there is illegal parking taking place at the old Fox Trap nightclub located at 1601 R Street, N.W., and requested the police to issue parking tickets to individuals parked there. Mr. Ray gave a report of his meeting with Deputy Chief Larry Soulsby of the third district. He said that Mr. Soulsby advised him that curbing theft from auto should be the ANC's number one priority. Mr. Ray also informed the ANC of the goals for the ANC public safety committee which are to; 1) encourage residents to report crimes; 2) decrease theft from autos; and 3) encourage citizen involvement and empowerment.

### Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Bass seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 1993 meeting of the ANC with the following amendment:

In the motion regarding Ambassel, after the words: ANC 2B took note of the complaints regarding this establishment in the past, it should read: and said it would consider calling for a show cause hearing if the applicants are not in compliance with the current voluntary agreement.

This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I. Roberta Douglas, representative for IONA Senior Services, gave a short presentation. She discussed the goal of IONA Senior Services which is to help the elderly remain independent for as long as possible with dignity. IONA helps both men and women of all ages and occupations. There is a team of social workers at IONA which provides counseling and helps to coordinate long term care for those individuals who have disabilities. Other services provided by IONA is transportation to and from doctor appointments or the grocery store. There is also a Day Health Center where the elderly can meet to socialize and enjoy various activities. IONA also has five different lunch sites where the elderly can enjoy a nutritious meal. If anyone is interested in volunteering for IONA they should call Mary Gray at 202-966-1055.

II. Franklin Porter, owner of Crepe a la Carte, was present at the meeting to request the ANC's support for his outdoor sidewalk cafe public space re-application. Mr. Porter explained that he came before the ANC once before requesting their support for his application and the ANC at that time, gave it's support. However, because of financial difficulties, Mr. Porter was forced to cancel his public space permit. Arrears paid, Mr. Porter would like to now reinstate his permit. Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Porter if he planned to extend the hours of the outdoor sidewalk cafe. Mr. Porter replied no, he will not extend the hours for the sidewalk cafe, but might consider keeping the Connecticut Avenue restaurant open a little later. Mr. Bass reported that Mr. Holmes, in whose SMD the establishment is located has reviewed the applicaiton and has no objection. The ANC took no position on this case. The D.C. Public Space Division will be notified of this decision.

### Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ray reported that there have been very loud, wild, parties taking place at Ambassel, 1910 18th St., N.W., and he has now taken formal action against the establishment by reporting it to the ABC and requesting an audit. He will keep the ANC informed of developments. Mr. Ray also informed the ANC that the next ANC Assembly meeting will be June 12.

Mr. Pagano thanked Mr. Bass for being so instrumental in getting the owners of Cafe Rabelais to move back the railing in front of the establishment. There is now a sufficient pedestrian walkway there.

Ms. Shannon reported that she spoke with Tom McSorley of the Whitman Walker clinic and was informed that they have as yet made no plans for Halloween 1993. However, Mr. McSorley said that he would talk with the head of Whitman Walker, Mr. Graham, about the possibility of an event and keep the ANC informed.

Mr. Bass, chair of the ANC's ABC Committee, presented copies of the committees goals and asked for any comments or suggestions. However, it was decided to give the Commissioners time to study them and discuss them at the next meeting April 14.

Ms Taylor reported that she will be doing another article for the Intowner's April issue. This time her article will focus on P Street merchants and the problems they are

experiencing in that area. At this time Ms. Taylor introduced a resident named Marty Young who informed the ANC that she suspected a male massage parlor was operating at 1315 22nd Street, N.W. She said that she contacted Capt. Swope of the second district but was told that this was a civil matter and that there was nothing the police could do. However, the ANC is very concerned and will continue to look into the matter. Ms. Taylor said that Mr. Vincent Ford, Inspector for the Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will investigate the matter. Ms. Taylor said she will keep the ANC informed.

### Old Business

Mr. Bass gave an update on the St. Matthew's PUD and said there is going to be a full scale hearing on the matter in May. He reminded the ANC that it voted to donate \$100 to pay for legal representation in the case, and suggested that another \$200 could be donated to help pay for the continued representation. However, ANC Treasurer Dennis Holmes was not present at the meeting and it was decided to wait and ask his opinion on the availability of ANC funds before voting on the matter. Mr. Bass also reported that Councilmember Evans is re-introducing the Business Improvement Districts (BID) Bill and is asking the ANC for its support. ANC 2B took no action las on the bill. Mr. Bass referred the legislation to Economic Committee Chair Dennis Holmes, and asked that he give a report on his findings to the ANC at the April 14 meeting. Mr. Bass suggested that Mr. Holmes get in touch with Westy McDermid of ANC 2E which opposed the bill, and John Ralls of Councilmember Evans' office to get more information. Mr. Bass also informed the ANC that the Mayor has yet to make new appointments to the BZA and that some current members have been held over until the appointments can be made.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded the following motion to be sent to the Mayor:

ANC 2B, recognizing that the terms of several members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Zoning Commission have long since expired, urges you to fill these vacancies now so that the best possible appointments are participating in the crucial decisions that are made regularly by these bodies.

These two agencies have a tremendous influence on development and the quality of life in this city, particularly in in-town neighborhoods like Dupont Circle where we must rely on these boards to balance competing land uses.

We also urge you to appoint new persons to these agencies who reflect your personal commitment to protect and preserve the city's neighborhoods. Please act expeditiously to put your imprint on these boards through the appointment of new and qualified candidates. This motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Mr. Bass informed the Commission that 1993 ANC Manuals are available at the Office of Constituent Services, 2000 14th St., N.W.

### ANC Budget Cuts

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion that ANC 2B opposes any change in the law which requires that total ANC funding be not less than that provided in the prior fiscal year (D.C. Code 1-125 (e)). This provision was enacted to protect ANCs from undue political pressure and it is vital that it be retained. This motion passed unanimously.

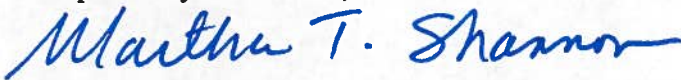
A letter will be sent to Councilmember Brazil, Chair, D.C. Government Operations Committee, reiterating the ANC's motion.

### Open Forum

Resident, and former ANC Commissioner, Harry Meier, asked the ANC whether or not the signage that has been installed inside the windows at 11 Dupont Circle is legal without approval. Ms. Taylor said that she will contact the HPRB to inquire into the matter. Another resident commented that she was against the Dupont Down Under project. The ANC informed her that there will be a discussion on the matter April 28 and suggested that she attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, ANC 2B