

Letters:

To: HPRB

Re: Historic Landmark Designation for the Arden Bldg. and the Waggaman/Ray Commercial Row

To: Councilmember Linda Cropp

Re: Thanks for attendance of May 12 ANC meeting

To: Ferraras Coffee

Re: Support for mural by Byron Peck

To: All Councilmembers

Re: Aggressive Panhandling legislation

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on May 12, 1993 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Shannon, Bass, Gamble, Taylor, and Pagano were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Sgt. Walter James of the second district gave a police report.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 1993 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed unanimously.

Issues:

I.

Mr. Kyle Pitsor, President, of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, was present at the meeting to discuss the HPRB application for historic landmark designation for the Arden Bldg., 1147 Conn. Ave., N.W., Case 93-4 and Waggaman/Ray Commercial Row, 1141-1145 Conn. Ave., N.W., Case No. 93-3. The DCCA, Dupont Circle Conservancy, and the D.C. Preservation League are co-applicants in this case. Mr. Pitsor informed the ANC that the Arden Building was designed by architect Mott B. Schmidt in the Georgian Revival style and the Waggaman/Row buildings were designed by two architects, Clarke Waggaman and George N. Ray, in the Classical Revival style. Commissioner Gamble commented that in the future he would like to be informed of these types of applications a little earlier to give the ANC more time to review them and asked whether or not the owners of the buildings have commented on the applications. Mr. Pitsor said that the owners had been notified and had not responded. Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Pitsor if these buildings were in danger of being torn down. He replied that although there is no immediate danger, the zoning for these buildings is C-B-3, which is medium density, and they could be torn down because they are not protected.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the HPRB applications for Historic Landmark

Designation for the Arden Building, 1147 Conn. Ave., N.W., Case 93-4, and the Waggaman/Ray Commercial Row, 1141-1145 Conn. Ave., N.W., Case No. 93-3. This motion passed unanimously.

II.

Councilmember Linda Cropp, who has been on the D.C. Council for 2 1/2 years, and is the new Chair of the Committee on Human Services, was present at the meeting and discussed a number of topics. She informed the ANC that the District of Columbia is losing many hundreds of residents a year and losing its tax base, while the dependent population is increasing. She said one of her goals is to work to attract more people into D.C. She is also interested in welfare reform and changing the mindset and philosophy of welfare. She is proposing programs such as job training, and ways of keeping families together. Youth Services is another area of concern for her. She is currently researching ways to improve youth rehabilitation facilities and alternatives to youth incarceration such as "boot camps" with highly structured training programs which will enable the young offenders to return to society with a skill and follow-up programs for those youths that return to society to help maintain permanent behavior modification. Ms. Cropp is also interested in improving health care. She is looking into programs for long-term care patients. She was asked by Commissioner Ray about her position on the Reorganization of the Police Districts Bill and she said that if the police districts match ward lines, it would possibly improve policing. She was also in favor of researching the idea of police sub-stations. In regard to the Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act, Ms. Cropp said that she is in favor of developing downtown housing but stressed that there is also a need for moderate income housing as well. As far as the ABC Regulations Amendment Act, she said that at first glance the "nightclub zone" sounds like a good idea, but there are still concerns. Ms. Cropp also informed the ANC that she supports the Aggressive Panhandling Bill.

III.

Mr. Ray is going to research further, the Reorganization of the Police District Bill and report back to the ANC at the May 26 meeting.

Mr. Pagano moved, and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to postpone discussion of this bill until the May 26 meeting of the ANC. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ray left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

IV.

Commissioner Gamble discussed the Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act and presented to the ANC his proposed resolution on the amendments. Mr. Gamble said that the proposed amendments will in part, seek to expand the Central Employment area, which includes the southeast area of Dupont Circle, to the detriment of housing. Mr. Bass suggested that Mr. Gamble include in his testimony on this bill, the language of the Dupont Circle Overlay which was approved by the BZA and to include a provision that there be no change to the Central Employment Area. Mr. Kyle Pitsor, President of the DCCA, suggested a provision regarding SP use which would propose a requirement that perhaps a 50% residential component be included in SP mixed-use zoning. Mr. Gamble will represent the ANC at the May 18, 1993 hearing on this matter.

(Mr. Pagano left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.)

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to include a 50% residential component in SP zoning. It passed with Commissioners Pagano and Ray absent from the vote.

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to adopt the resolution on the Comprehensive Plan and support its terms as the crux of Mr. Gamble's testimony with the suggested amendments. This motion passed with Commissioners Pagano and Ray absent from the vote.

V.

Mr. Bass presented to the ANC a draft position statement on the ABC Regulations Amendment Act.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion that ANC 2B approve the position statement. [copy attached]

Ms. Taylor moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion to amend the main motion by adding the ANC's opposition to the extension of hours to 4-6 a.m. This motion passed with Commissioners Ray and Pagano absent from the vote.

The main motion was approved with Commissioners Ray and Pagano absent from the vote.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Gamble reported that the contractor for Stead Playground is working at a slow pace. He said that he is not sure that the playground will be open by Memorial Day as promised.

Ms. Taylor introduced local artist, Byron Peck, to the ANC and announced that he will be painting a mural on the wall above Ferraras coffee house at 1528 Conn. Ave. Mr. Peck presented his proposed drawing of the mural to the Commission and informed the ANC that the building on which he will be painting, is not in the best condition. The building at 1528 Conn. Ave., N.W. is owned by Riggs Bank. The ANC liked the drawing Mr. Peck presented and is supportive of the project. Ms. Taylor suggested that the ANC write a letter to Riggs Bank asking for their cooperation and support in this matter and requesting that it do the necessary repairs to the building. Ms. Taylor also suggested writing a letter to Ferraras asking for their support of the project and requesting a contribution to Byron Peck.

Ms. Taylor discussed the Dupont Conservancy meeting she attended and said that there is someone who has been looking into the old Larimers building. She also reported that she is still trying to organize a meeting between the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and other constituents to discuss the amenities at Francis Pool.

Mr. Bass reported that the 14(e) petitions for H.H. Leonards were thrown out by the ABC Board at the May 12 hearing on this application. He said that now the 14(b) petition by the ANC is all the ANC has now to support its position.

Mr. Bass also reported on the ABC hearing for Rascals and said that it has been continued to June 9 and June 22.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion to send letters to all Councilmembers urging his/her support to enact the Panhandling legislation on an emergency basis so it can go into enactment by early June. This motion passed with Commissioners Ray and Pagano absent from the vote.

Open Forum

A resident asked the ANC what she should do about tour buses that keep their engines running in front of neighboring hotels during early morning hours. The ANC suggested that she call Capt. Swope of the second district to report them. It was also suggested that she talk to her Commissioner Jay Pagano.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, ANC 2B