

Letters:

To: Council Chair, Dave Clarke
Re: Downtown Housing

To: ABC
Re: Buffalo Billards, ABC Application No. 32795

To: Councilmember John Ray
Re: ABC Law Amendments

To: St. Thomas Parish
Re: \$500 grant

To: Zoning Commission
Re: WETA/GWU

To: Odeon Cafe
Re: Proposed plans for a sidewalk cafe

To: P Street Merchants
Re: West Dupont Citizens Association Rat Patrol

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 1993 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on November 17 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Bass, Gamble, Taylor, and Pagano were in attendance. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and introduced Council Chair Dave Clarke.

I. Chairman Clarke began the discussion by stating that the most important problem he is working on right now is the District's serious cash flow problem. The second most important problem facing the District of Columbia is the increase in violence. He contributes this increase largely to the fact that guns are so easily accessible. He went on to say that the one thing he is proud to be working on is the Comprehensive Plan which he said is the best protector of neighborhoods in D.C. When asked about the problem of Panhandling he said that he thinks an important step has already been taken with the passing of the Aggressive Panhandling Bill. Mr. Clarke said that he is also in support of proposed programs to help the homeless. Commissioner Gamble asked Mr. Clarke what his thoughts were about the Comprehensive Plan in respect to downtown housing. Mr. Gamble said that he hopes the Housing Production Act will not go through gutting provisions for downtown housing. Mr. Clarke said that he is committed to seeing that provisions for downtown housing are included. Chairman Bass reiterated the ANC's position that it is opposed to any reduction in the amount of residential housing mandated by the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Commission Orders that are currently in effect for the Downtown Development District (DDD).

Local Crime Reports

Capt. Ross Swope of the second district gave a police report. He cited a decrease in theft from auto and an increase in robberies. He said that because of the recent rash of robberies in the area, additional officers will be deployed. He also informed everyone that there is going to be another D.C. Night Out on December 2. Lt. Bruce Cunningham of the U.S. Park Police also gave a police report. He reported that there have been several assaults and well as sex offenses in the P Street Beach area. He also reported that there was a Hate Crime that took place in Dupont Circle on November 12 where four men were maced.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 27, 1993 meeting of ANC 2B with the following amendment:

Under the discussion of BZA Application No. 15855 for 1740 Corcoran Street, N.W. the motion should read: "ANC 2B requests that the applicants and the neighbors come together with the assistance of a mediator to try and resolve their dispute". This motion passed unanimously.

II. Mr. Dave Garrett, representative of the D.C. Drivers Association was present at the meeting to introduce the ANC and those present to this organization. The D.C. Drivers Association was founded 6 months ago by a group of northwest citizens fed up with parking problems such as predatory parking ticket writers, and outdated parking signs. Mr. Garrett said that some new signs have been posted but many more are needed. The Association is also currently working on a new system for challenging parking tickets, and a 24 hour "boot removal" service. The Association also employs an attorney who will help fight parking violation cases. The Association is new and is looking for any suggestions on how to serve the community better.

IV. Buffalo Billards, ABC Application No. 32795, 1330 19th Street, N.W.

Commissioner Pagano began the discussion by saying that he has worked out a voluntary agreement with the owners of this establishment, Mark Handwerger and Geoff Dawson.

Mr. Pagano moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion that ANC 2B approve this voluntary agreement with the added provision that if the applicants propose any change in their ABC license they will notify the ANC immediately. This motion passed unanimously.

V. Planned Unit Development at 1622 P Street, N.W.

Neel Teague and Reed Holliman of Stout and Teague along with Dudley Cannada, architect for the property at 1622 P Street, N.W., came before the ANC to brief them on thier plans to construct four three-story townhouses on the site. The proposed town-houses

will be much smaller than what is actually allowed on the site. Because the final application has not been filed on this matter, ANC 2B tabled the discussion until a later date.

VI. ABC Law Amendments

Chairman Bass read from a proposal for amendments to the Alcohol Beverage Control Act and asked that the ANC support this proposal and send a letter to Councilmember Ray requesting immediate enactment of these amendments which would include in part: 1) The Council should add a provision to the law making it directly clear to the ABC Board that the Board has the authority to impose conditions and restrictions upon license applicant that exceed the minimum requirements of the law. (i.e., in order to impose additional conditions on a licensee, the Board should not require that there be a protestant and a voluntary agreement.); 2) The current ABC Board should be abolished and the terms of the existing members terminated by the new law. Existing members of the Board must be reconfirmed as members of the new ABC Board; the current Board could continue to function until the first three nominees to the new Board were confirmed by the Council. At that point, the first three members could begin to function as the first panel, to be joined later by the other six confirmees; 3) Restrict the number and density of Class "CN", "CT", "DN", and "DT" licenses in or adjacent to predominately residential areas.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that ANC 2B adopt the proposed amendments to the ABC Act. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ray asked that everyone take a copy of his recent newsletter for the latest updates on issues in his area. However, he briefly mentioned that he is still very much involved with the Ambassel issue and will keep the ANC informed.

Mr. Pagano reported that the PSC hearing on removal of the public payphones in front of the Fireplace on P St., N.W., will not go forward because the parties have reached an agreement.

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that, because the owner of Mr. P's has agreed to restrict the use of the payphones to out-going calls only and imposing a restriction time for 911 calls only, ANC 2B will not oppose continued use of these phones at this location. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble reported that there is a public space hearing on the 24th regarding Fox & Hounds. Mr. Gamble said that the owner of Fox & Hounds and the ANC had been unable to agree on a compromise, the ANC would go forward to the hearing with its previously adopted position on public space hours: 11 p.m. week nights and midnight on weekends.

Ms. Taylor reported that the owners of the Odeon Cafe at 1714 Connecticut Avenue

have plans to apply for a sidewalk cafe permit. She commented that that strip of Conn. Ave. is already so narrow that a sidewalk cafe would be impossible and would further impede pedestrian traffic. It was decided that the ANC would write a letter to the owners of the Odeon and call their attention to a public space requirement of a 10 foot public access between the treebox area and the boundary of the property. Ms. Taylor also reported that the West Dupont Citizens Association has formed their own Rat Patrol and would like the ANC to send a letter to P Street Merchants encouraging them to get involved with the patrol.

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support ANC 2A's opposition to the proposed Planned Unit Development filed by George Washington University and the Greater Washington Education Telecommunications Association. ANC 2B concurs with their findings that the proposed project violates the Height of Buildings Act, is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Map and does not provide amenities and benefits to the District and the affected neighborhoods. ANC 2B also opposes this application in keeping with its well-known position regarding PUD's in residential neighborhoods which gave rise to the creation of the Dupont Circle Overlay. We therefore call on the Zoning Commission to deny this application. This motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion to adopt the ANC's 4th quarterly report when it is balanced and adoption of the ANC's annual report. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Pagano seconded, a motion that ANC 2B oppose the issuance of any demolition permit for the St. Matthew's PUD on the following conditions: (see attached). This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Ray seconded, a motion that ANC 2B appropriate a \$500 grant to St. Thomas Parish. This motion passed unanimously.

This grant is intended to help defray the cost of cleaning and electricity for the use of the upstairs chapel by the ANC for its monthly meetings.

New Business

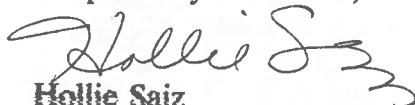
Mr. Ray, chair of the ANC's Public Safety Committee, requested the ANC appropriate \$300 to help pay for the cost of printing his anti-theft from auto flyers. It was decided that this issue would be discussed at the ANC's December meeting when ANC Treasurer, Dennis Holmes, is present. Mr. Ray also requested that the ANC send letters to Deputy Chief Larry Soulsby of the third district and Inspector Charles E. Collins of the Second district congratulating them on their recent promotions.

At this time Capt. Boggs of the third district gave a police report. He said that there

is a special detail assigned to the area to help curb theft from autos for the Holidays. He also briefed the ANC on the Crime Emergency Plan implemented by the Mayor which would include: 1) a freeze on shifts through the end of the year, insuring that the same officers will be assigned to the same shift each time; 2) 12 hour shifts on Fridays and Saturdays; 3) more footman on the beat. Capt. Boggs commented that these new provisions will be costly because of the overtime officers will be working.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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