

Letters:

To: DPW  
Re: Comprehensive Sanitation Services Plan

To: PSC  
Re: Installation of Payphone at 1525 15th St., N.W.

To: Zoning Commission  
Re: PUD Modification at 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

To: Council Chairman Dave Clarke and At-large Councilmembers  
Re: Bill 10-182, Split-Rate Tax Proposal

To: All Councilmembers & All ANCs  
Re: Litter Control Fine Increase Amendment Act of 1994

#### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 1994 PUBLIC MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on January 12, 1994 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Ray, Shannon, Bass, Gamble, Holmes, and Taylor were present. Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

#### Election of Officers

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion to elect Martha Shannon as ANC 2B Secretary for 1994. This motion passed with Commissioner Ray in abstention.

Ms. Shannon moved and Mr. Gamble seconded, a motion to elect Dennis Holmes as ANC 2B Treasurer for 1994. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion to elect Pam Taylor as ANC 2B Vice-Chair for 1994. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion to elect Russell Gamble as ANC 2B Chair for 1994. This motion passed with Commissioner Ray in abstention.

#### Police Reports

Capt. R.V. Boggs of the third district gave a police report. Ms. Shannon asked him about a shooting that occurred ~~right out of the ANC 2B borders~~ at 16th and U. Capt. Boggs said that it appeared to be a random shooting involving a mugging. Mr. Bass asked him if he was aware of drug activity taking place on S Street between 16th and 17th Sts.

Capt. Boggs said he could not comment on that case, but that the police are very aware of the situation. Capt Ross Swope of the second district gave a police report. He warned that there has been an increase in burglaries some occurring in the daytime with entry through the front door. He suggested that everyone get to know their neighbors and to look out for one another. He also said to report any suspicious behavior. Both Officers replied to a question by Ms. Shannon regarding phone solicitation for the police. Capt. Swope said that the only two legitimate police organizations that solicit donations that he is aware of are, HERO, Inc. and the MPD Boys and Girls Club. <sup>Neither of them solicit funds from residents by phone</sup> The Officers warned to be wary of phone solicitors who say they are working for the police, ~~they may be using that as a front to get money from you.~~ Lt. Dan Walters of the U.S. Park Police also gave a police report.

#### Adoption of the Minutes

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Ray seconded. a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 1993 meeting with the following amendment:

Under Commissioner Reports; Public Safety: Committee Chair Ray reported that he along with newspaper vending box distributors conducted an on site visit in Dupont Circle focusing on Connecticut Avenue and the metro stations. They agreed that the egregious situations such as broken and abandoned boxes, boxes blocking the crosswalks, and boxes impeding pedestrian traffic need to be abated. Ray is working on a voluntary agreement between the distributors and ANC 2B. This motion passed unanimously.

#### Issues:

I. Leslie Hotaliy of the Dept. of Public Works, along with other DPW representatives, were present to discuss the DPW Comprehensive Sanitation Services Plan. This plan ~~is short,~~ would include cleaning alleys on a regular schedule, cleaning streets every week from curb to curb, identifying and towing away abandoned cars, and increasing surveillance and baiting for rats. The plan will start Tuesday January 18 in a targeted area which will cover 16th Street N.W. on the west, U Street on the north, North Capital Street on the east, and Mass. Ave. on the south. Dupont Circle and especially the ANC 2B area will be added to the cleaning area at a later date. Residents voiced concerns over the parking predicament that will take place once the plan goes into action. Many residents will be asked to move their cars on certain days, to ~~certain sides of the street~~ <sup>then: 2nd side of the street to the other</sup> in order to allow the street sweepers to pass through. Residents complained that trying to remember when to move their cars is going to be difficult and they will be ticketed for having their car parked in the wrong place. Ms. Hotaliy said that although it may seem confusing at first as to when you should ~~move your car,~~ once you have done it for a month or so, you will get used to it. She also pointed out that for the first month the program goes into effect, no parking tickets will be given in the cleaning areas. situation

Ms. Taylor moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, a motion that ANC 2B supports the

Comprehensive Sanitation Services Plan in Ward Two and urges the DPW to expand this project to include the entire ANC 2B area. This motion passed unanimously.

II. Marilyn Groves of the DCCA Environment Committee was present at the meeting to ask the ANC's support of the "Litter Control Fine Increase Amendment Act of 1994". This legislation would change radically the fine structure for residential and commercial property owners charged with litter control law offenses. Multiple offense charges would also increase.

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the Litter Control Fine Increase Amendment Act of 1994." This motion passed unanimously.

A letter to all Councilmembers and All D.C. ANCs stating this support will be sent.

III.

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded, a motion that ANC 2B support the passage of Bill 10-182 directing a study of the District's property tax structure, particularly the impact of an alternate "split-rate" tax system or other formats, that could provide the basis for a more equitable tax structure, encourage the development of underutilized/vacant property, and ultimately enhance the District's tax base. This motion passed unanimously.

At this time, representatives from Habitat for Humanity introduced themselves and informed the ANC that they will be working in the northwest Washington area. They will need volunteers. Anyone interested should contact the Habitat for the Homeless office.

### Commissioners Reports

Mr. Ray reported that he will be distributing the Public Safety Committee's theft from auto flyer in March.

Mr. Gamble reported that the BZA hearing for the Shoreham Building, 806 15th St., N.W., is coming up and since the ANC has already rendered a position on this case, no further action is needed. Mr. Gamble briefly discussed a Zoning Application for 1616 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. for a temporary modification to the PUD for use as a parking lot. He suggested the ANC write a letter to the Zoning Commission and include the following:

ANC 2B has no objections to the temporary modification of the PUD located at 1616 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. for use as a parking lot, subject to the termination of this usage no later than 3 years, and its return to its present usage as a mixed-use PUD.

### Old Business

Cirde's (Rascals)

Commissioner Ray went on record to say that he felt the recent ad in the Washington Blade thanking the ANC for working out a voluntary agreement with the owners of ~~Rascals~~ was an abuse of the voluntary agreement process.

New Business

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded, a motion that ANC 2B oppose the application for a new Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone at 1525 15th Street, N.W. (Certification No 7094). The immediate area has experienced an upsurge in drug-related crime and the addition of a pay phone will attract persons who make noise which disturbs residents, and maybe use the phone for illegal purposes. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass informed the ANC that the Residential Action Coalition is hosting an ABC debate and the entire ABC Board will be there. RAC asked the ANC to co-sponsor the event. It was decided by the Commission to send Dennis Bass as the ANC 2B representative but not to co-sponsor the event.

Open Forum

A Resident informed the ANC that he is experiencing problems with noise coming from Badlands located at 22nd and P Sts. Ms. Taylor, within whose SMD this establishment lies, will set up a meeting between the owners of Badlands, ~~the manager of the Fireplace,~~ and the resident, to try and resolve this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha T. Shannon  
Secretary, ANC 2B