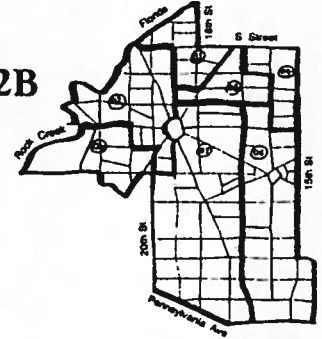




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Letters:

To: Annie's Paramount Steak House
Re: agreement in good faith

To: BZA
Re: addition 2011 Q st., NW

To: ABC
Re: H.H. Leonards - opposition

To: DC Council
Re: Maybelle Taylor - opposition

To: Dept Finance and Revenue
Re: 1601 R st., NW - change tax status

To: Public Service Commission
Re: phone 17th St., NW - opposition to installation

To: BZA
Re: JCC, addition - support

To: Dept Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Re: JCC - windows and exterior hardware

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 1994 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on March 23, 1994 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Shannon, Gamble, Bass, Taylor, Pagano, Holmes and Ray were present. Chairman Gamble called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Introduction of the Commissioners

Adoption of the Minutes.

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Shannon seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 1994 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed with Mr. Ray abstaining.

ISSUES:

I. Police Crime Report

COMMISSIONERS

01 Larry Ray
Parliamentarian

02 Jay Pagano

03 Martha Shannon
Secretary

04 Dennis Bass

05 Russell Gamble
Chairperson

06 Pam Taylor
Vice Chairperson

07 Dennis Holmes
Treasurer

Officer Brunswick of the 3rd District reported a serious problem with burglaries on Church Street, especially in the past week. A suspect was locked up on Friday, but was probably released. The method of entry is to pry the front locks. Also the suspect in these robberies first covers the peep holes. The officer said that residents should be warned of this and if they can't see who is standing at the door or if they hear or see anything suspicious then they should call the police at the Third District. The Officer gave the number as 673-6832 or residents should call 911. The Officer added that rarely does the Third District get calls of suspicious activity from residents.

A resident, George Nelson, expressed concern and inquired about the progress on the situation at 1605 S St., NW. Mr. Gamble said that this issue was addressed two weeks ago. Mr. Bass added there is a process under way to confiscate the house. Mr. Bass said that the issue of this property is in the hands of the corporation council. And, in addition, the ANC is trying to get the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to do an inspection and close it down for housing violations.

II.

Commissioner Ray offered a motion that the ANC 2B co-sponsor a crime prevention fair with the Third district, scheduled for April 23rd. at 18th and T Sts., NW. He says that he is asking the DCCA and ANC 1C to co-sponsor.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes and approved with Mr. Pagano abstaining.

III.

Commissioner Bass presented the issue of the renovation of the District of Columbia Jewish Community Center. He stated that the variance to move the penthouse to the south side has been approved by the ANC. The issue to be discussed at tonight's meeting is the design of the windows, which does not require a variance. Ms. Arna Mickelson the JCC's representative introduced the architects who then presented their proposed window design (which is aluminum - the existing are wood) and cited the reasons they decided on this design. The architects asked the ANC to approve the window as well as the installation of some exterior hardware to serve as supports for exterior banners. They also presented a design for a proposed entrance to the day care center in the JCC. Mr. Bass stated he would be in favor of the windows and the hardware, but wanted to reserve judgement on the proposed entrance until the ANC had time to review it more thoroughly.

Commissioner Bass moved to accept the proposed windows and the exterior hardware Ms. Taylor seconded the motion The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bass will write a letter to the BZA regarding

application No. 15943. The letter will state that the ANC 2B supports BZA Application No. 15943 - DCJCC - for special exceptions 1) allow a roof structure that does not meet the set back requirements and 2) extension to building providing the extension is approved for the building already in existence.

IV.

Robert Day, 1625 R St., expressed concern over the property at 1601 R St., NW. He said the property had not been maintained for ten years; trash accumulated and people went in and out of the empty building. Mr Bass added that the owners do not have adequate resources to maintain the building.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Shannon seconded that the ANC request the Department of Finance and Revenue to reclassify property from Class Two to Class Five. The motion passed unanimously.

V.

The property owner at 2011 Q St., NW asked the ANC to approve application No. 15952 to the BZA for an addition of one room to the rear of the residence.

Motion by Mr. Pagano, seconded by Mr. Ray, and approved unanimously to support Application No. 15952 to the BZA for addition to rear of residence at 2011 Q St., NW.

VI.

Commissioner Gamble alerted the Commissioners and residents of the Department of Sanitation's street sweeping program and that those parking in posted zones east of 16th St. will be ticketed starting the 28th of March.

VII.

Mr. Bass brought the ANC up to date on the renewal of existing ABC licenses. Mr. Bass introduced the general issue and asked commissioners to comment on those within their districts. Mr. Bass presented a list of all the establishments with which the ANC has voluntary agreements. All the Commissioners have received lists of the licenses that are coming up for renewal. Mr. Bass read a list of establishments for which there are no Voluntary Agreements. He asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment about any of these establishments. Mr. Bass said that these are establishments that the ANC has no comments concerning license renewal. Mr. Bass then read the list of establishments that the ANC does have Voluntary Agreements with. Commissioners commented on the status of the Voluntary Agreements in their districts.

Commissioner Bass offered a motion to renew Voluntary Agreements with Skewers, El Raddichio, Trumpets (with a new paragraph about trash collection), Pesce, and Carmella Kitty's. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shannon and passed unanimously.

VIII.

Mr. Bass recounted that last year the ANC vigorously opposed the issuance of an ABC license to H.H. Leonards because it was in a residential zone. That case was lost and the license was issued in January of this year. The issue now is whether or not the ANC should seek a Voluntary Agreement with H.H. Leonards. He has been advised that this negotiation would not affect an existing appeal by the neighboring residents. Mr. Bass said that the ANC needed to vote on the renewal of this license to preserve the ANCs right to negotiate a Voluntary Agreement. Ms. Taylor said the residents who have filed this appeal do not want the ANC to negotiate a Voluntary Agreement. Mr. Gamble said that he has also spoken to H.H. Leonards and her attorney and made it clear to them that we had to oppose them at this stage and we would continue to negotiate in good faith.

Commissioner Taylor moved, and Mr. Bass seconded a motion to send a letter to the ABC board opposing the renewal of the CX ABC license for H.H. Leonards so that this ANC may preserve its rights under applicable ABC statutes. And further the ANC opposes on the renewal on the grounds that this establishment disturbs the peace, order, quiet and parking of the surrounding neighborhood. The motion passed unanimously.

IX.

Commissioner Shannon reported that Annie's Paramount Steak House feels that they have responded to the ANCs concerns and they do not wish to sign a Voluntary Agreement. Ms. Shannon proposed sending a letter to Annie's Paramount Steak House repeating the ANC's concerns. No motion was necessary to send the letter.

Commissioner Ray commented that Voluntary Agreements too often just restate the law and serve as reminders. He said the Voluntary Agreements need to be rethought. Mr. Bass said that the Voluntary Agreements will be taking on an added significance because of the ABC Reform Bill adding a provision that assesses fines for violations of ABC Voluntary Agreements.

X.

Commissioner Holmes reported that he had sent a letter to the China Joy 1827 M St., NW, asking them to appear at this meeting and tell the ANC why they were applying for a CT instead of a CX ABC license, a CT license representing an upgrade. There was no representative of the China Joy present.

Commissioner Holmes moved and Ms. Taylor seconded that the ANC take no position on this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Ray reported that there is to be a show cause hearing concerning the Ambassel Restaurant on April 27, 1994. Mr.

the SE corner of 18th and T Streets, NW and they are going to host the Crime Prevention Fair on Saturday April 23rd.

Commissioner Shannon reported that Carmella Kitty's and Mr. Engler have organized a clean up on 17th Street on Saturday March 26th. DCCA has organized clean ups of two of the small parks, at 17th and S Streets. The Environmental Committee of DCCA and the Tree Committee are also meeting March 26.

Commissioner Bass reported that the ABC Reform bill was passed by the Council on March 1st. On March 12th the Dupont Circle Citizen Association met with Mayor Kelly. She said she was committed to assigning a Sanitation officer to Ward 2 exclusively, appoint one ABC Board member from the community, adding three ABC Investigators, starting comprehensive clean-up west of 16th St., and assisting with the clean-ups of the 17th St., parks.

Commissioner Holmes reported continuation of problems at 1867 P Street, NW. Last week constituents called him about a burglary in the building. Also, there continues to be activity in the rear of that building. An officer from the 3rd District informed Mr. Holmes that both the narcotics and the vice divisions are aware of this activity. Mr. Holmes suggested that the only way to deal with the leaves and trash on Q and P Streets is in the next several weeks to organize a clean-up. The city will provide a truck if they are aware of the clean-up.

Commissioner Gamble reported that he had been meeting with DCCA and the Executive Director of DC Map to discuss an on going project regarding zoning and street vendors. The effort is to get some consistency in the regulations, which are vague. Mr. Grandis is doing a legal analysis of the various codes and preparing a cohesive plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shannon moved, and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to send a letter opposing the installation of a public phone at 1619 17th Street, NW. because there are already several public phones in the area. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ray brought up three "housekeeping" items. 1) access to the ANC internal office; 2) request that Commissioners receive drafts of letters that the Chair writes representing the Commissioners; 3) propriety of dinner meetings.

Mr. Bass reported that the Council will be voting soon on whether or not to reconfirm Ms. Maybelle Taylor Bennett as a member of the zoning commission.

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded the motion to send a letter to opposing the reappointment of Maybelle Taylor Bennett to the Zoning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Shannon
Secretary, ANC 2B