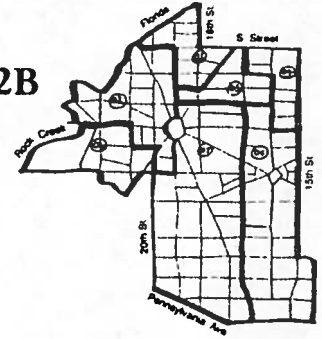




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Letters:

To: Pride, Inc.  
Re: Support letter for use of Francis Field

To: Public Space Commission  
Re: Italian Kitchen's use of public space

To: Public Works Commission  
Re: Restoring recyclable pick-up to alleys

To: ABC Board  
Re: Bruce Knarr as ANC representative - Jana Corporations  
Roll Call Hearing

To: Jack Evans  
Re: Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act 1994

To: All Councilmembers - all ANC Chairs  
Re: Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act 1994 - 2nd letter

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 1994 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on May 11, 1994 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Bass, Shannon, Gamble, Taylor, Holmes and Ray were present. Chairman Gamble called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**Introduction of the Commissioners**

**Adoption of the Minutes:**

Mr. Ray moved and Ms. Shannon seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 27, 1994 meeting of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bass Arrived.

**POLICE CRIME REPORT**

Lt. Walters of the Park Police reported that there will be a scooter officer on duty from Memorial Day until Labor Day between the hours of 1-9pm, 7 days a week. This officer will patrol the Dupont Circle, P Street Beach areas. Officer Walters suggested that another letter be written to Mr. Stanton concerning the need

**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

for regulations prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages in parks under Parks Service jurisdiction. Ms. Taylor is going to write him again concerning this matter.

Captain Kallaboher of the 2nd District reported on the statistics comparing last year and this year. A resident Oscar LeGault asked the commission and Officer Kallaboher about the problem of noise at the Dupont Circle metro stop. He said that musicians would often be set up there and play until 9 or 10pm. Captain Kallaboher said that residents could call the station and sometimes a police presence at the site helps.

Captain Boggs of the Third District reported that although there was an increase in April in crimes, that there was an overall decrease in this year as compared to last year. He thanked the Commissioners and residents for supporting the April 17 Street Fair. A resident said that there had been a half a dozen break-ins into the storage area at 1725 17th Street. She wondered if this was a pattern the police department was aware of. Captain Boggs said that it is a pattern that tends to move around. He said that they had arrested an individual for similar incidents in the area.

Officer Hampton of the 3rd District said that if any group of individuals wished to meet with him and discuss strategies concerning auto theft or any other issues they could call him between 9-5 at 673-6920. Captain Boggs said the Gun Recovery Unit of the D.C. Police had been successful in recovering guns illegally possessed by individuals. Mr. Bass cited the increase in aggressive panhandling. Captain Boggs responded that the police will soon be doing a sweep and hopes that this action will help improve the situation.

## ISSUES:

I.

Commissioner Bass reported on the status of ABC renewals. He read the list of applications for Class "C" and "D" liquor license renewal. Currently, the ANC does not have Voluntary Agreements with any of these establishments and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. Mr. Bass said one establishment that might need to be considered was Ruth's Chris Steak House. Mr. Ray said that Ruth's was on the agenda for May 25. Mr. Bass said the Jana Corporation was up for renewal of a "CH" license. He proposed that the ANC seek a Voluntary Agreement as a way to facilitate negotiations with Jana Corporation over related problems of trash, parking and noise.

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Ray seconded to oppose the renewal of the Jana Corporations Class "CH" license and to authorize Bruce Knarr as ANC 2B representative to the Show Cause Roll Call Hearing on May 18, so that the possibility of a Voluntary Agreement can be explored. The motion passed with Mr. Holmes abstaining.

## II.

Mr. Juan Vegega, president of Pride, Inc. asked the ANC to support their securing the South field of Francis School for the Pride Day Festival scheduled for June 5. He said that Pride, Inc. is being denied use of this site by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Vegega said that Pride, Inc. had not notified until recently that they could not use this site. Mr. Vegega said that for the last 7 years Pride, Inc. had followed the same procedures for securing space for the festival and had no objections until their meeting with the Department of Recreation and Parks. Dr. Beverly Wheeler said that Pride, Inc.'s request is not permission. She said the South field is not available at all because it is scheduled for another event and the issue is whether or not they would allow the festival at all, even on the North field where it had taken place in past years, given problems in the past of trash and the consumption of alcohol associated with this festival. Pam Taylor said that she felt the Department of Recreation and Parks had not worked with the community in that the community wants the festival. Dr. Wheeler said that the Department had received no communication from the ANCs. She continued that had the Department known of this concern in October they could have started working on this problems. Ms. Taylor said that she did not understand why the Department of Recreation and Parks had not notified Pride, Inc. until March that they could not use the site that they had requested. Dr. Wheeler said that the department would be willing to offer the North field for this event. Mr. Bass proposed the following motion:

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded to support the location of this year's Pride Festival at the Francis north field as an emergency measure. The ANC requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks meet with ANC representatives to discuss relocating the 1995 festival on the Francis School south field or some other appropriate site. ANC 2B does not anticipate that it can support location of the 1995 Pride Festival at the Francis School north field. The motion passed with Commissioner Taylor voting in opposition.

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Ray reported that there would be an 18th Street Business Meeting on May 18, 5:30pm. He said that Ruth's Chris Steak House and the Ambassel would be on the May 25 agenda.

Commissioner Shannon reported on the ANCs opposition to the installation of a telephone at 1619 17th Street, NW. The phone was installed without permission and will be removed. There will be a formal opposition meeting and the ANC will be present to state its opposition. Ms. Shannon said that on April 29 she testified to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment in support of the Sanitation Bill and Councilmember Evans asked The Department of Sanitation to report to him on plans for implementing this

legislation. Ms. Shannon said that she will continue to follow this issue and report to the commission. She said that the repair of 17th Street is slated for this year.

Commissioner Bass reported that the ABC Reform Bill is scheduled to go into effect on May 26. He also said the Committee of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is holding a meeting on other ABC issues on June 15. One of these issues is whether the Class "B" moratorium in effect in four and a half Wards should be extended to the entire city.

Ms. Taylor presented a photograph taken by a resident of the continued use of the illegal deck at 1312 21 Street. She said that she called the Department of Public Works and asked about the status of this situation and was told that everything is in abeyance while Mr. Reneau's appeal is being considered. Mr. Gamble said that a letter should be sent to Mr. Hampton Cross to ask why the Mayor's ruling was not being enforced. Ms. Taylor said she would contact Mr. Cross.

Commissioner Gamble proposed two motions concerning the Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act of 1994. The first motion is a letter to Councilmember Jack Evans. The second motion is a letter to all Councilmembers and copies to all ANC Chairs formally requesting that the City Council defer action on Bill 10-212 until after review in full public hearing, because the revised Act contains many changes that have not been reviewed in public hearings.

Mr. Gamble moved and Mr. Bass seconded a motion to send a letter to Councilmember Jack Evans and another letter to all Councilmembers and ANC Chairs requesting that the City Council defer action on Bill 10-212 until after this Bill has been reviewed in full public hearing, because the revised Act contains many changes that have not been reviewed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble reported that the Dupont Down Under project is still viable. The city has reviewed contracts, ANC and city attorneys have met with the developer. The developer is performing per contract. Generally, it seems that the community is in support of this project. Mr. Gamble said that the developer is still negotiating with merchants according to the mayor's office and the ANC is still meeting with various offices of the city to make sure that they are following procedures.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Bass moved and Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to send a letter to the Department of Public Works to urge them to move the collection sites of recyclables from curbside to the alleys. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS****MOTION:**

Commissioner Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to approve a lease at 1601 Conn. Ave., NW at a monthly rate of \$400 for ANC office space. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to adopt the following summer schedule: 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14 and that the meeting of 8/10 should be a Candidates Forum, and Chairman Gamble be authorized to send letters of invitation to all viable candidates. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a motion to send a letter to Delbert McRobie, Public Space Commission stating that it has come to the ANCs attention that the Italian Kitchen Restaurant - 1637 17th Street has applied for a public space permit to use the R Street side of this establishment and that ANC 2B requests it be informed of the status of this application and be given due notice of any public hearings before the Public Space Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Taylor reported that at the Conservancy meeting, May 10 the Conservancy rejected the drawings presented by Ruth's Chris Steak House. Ruth's presented drawings that appeared to represent a permanent structure. The Conservancy rejected these drawings and Ruth's will have to come back again with a new design.

**OPEN FORUM**

A resident Mr. Nick Addams presented a letter he had written to Police Chief Thomas stating his concerns that about appointments to the D.C. Police Academy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Shannon  
Secretary, ANC 2B