



**DUPONT CIRCLE
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Letters:

To: ABC

Re: Escandelo

To: PSC

Re: Udderly Cool

To: BZA

Re: The Circle Restaurant

To: HPRB

Re: St. Matthews - PUD

To: Zoning Commission

Re: St. Matthews - PUD

To: ABC Board

Re: Lone Star/Escandelo

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 1994 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE
ANC 2B**

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on November 9, 1994 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Gamble, Shannon, Taylor, Bass, Pagano and Ray were present. Chair Gamble called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Introduction of the Commissioners

Chairman Gamble said that the agenda item concerning JR's Bar and Grill was being deferred to the December meeting of the ANC.

Adoption of the Minutes:

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded to adopt the minutes of the October 12 meeting with the following changes. It should be noted on page four that the first motion and the third motion would include "pending a Voluntary Agreement" and on page three, issue one "...willing to sign an agreement is to be changed to

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

read, "has agreed on Voluntary Agreement prior to the hearing date". Also on page three that issue 4 be changed to 3. The motion passed with one abstention.

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Lt. Walters of the Park Police reported that 20 officers have retired. He said that the Park Police has had to postpone classes for recruits due to present financial shortages and added the Park Police will be organizing classes in the spring. He gave the crime statistics comparing the month of October 1993 and 1994. He reported that when the Kennedy Center hires its own security personnel there will be more Park Police officers available for beats. He said that there is a thousand dollar reward for information leading to the arrest of the individual who has assaulted people on the bike path in Rock Creek Park.

Captain Boggs of the Third District compared the crime statistics for the month of October 1994 with 1993. He reported that with fewer special details taking officers away from their routine beats there will be an increase of personnel on the streets. He asked business owners to send in any changes of address to the Third District so they could update their files and stay current. The Third District is doing a food drive for the needy for Thanksgiving and these contributions can be dropped off at the Third District between November 21-23.

Sgt. Young of the Second District gave the crime statistics for October. He said the Second District is increasing patrols in areas of highest crime.

Mr. Bass reported that possibly the illegal auto repair shop formerly operating at 15th and Corcoran Streets N.W. is again in operation.

Issues:

1. Mr. Bass reported on the liquor licenses up for renewal. Ms. Taylor said that Escandelo 2122 P Street, had circulated ads that indicated they would be open and serving liquor until 5A.M. Mr. Bass said they needed to be informed that serving liquor past 3A.M. is illegal. Ms. Taylor said she would speak to them and ask them to enter into a Voluntary Agreement.

MOTION

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Pagano seconded to protest the reissuance of Class "CT" liquor license application No. 22982 for Escandelo 2122 P Street, NW due to issues of noise, trash and rats. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner Shannon reported on the reapplication for use of public space by Udderly Cool. She distributed copies of three letters sent to the Public Space Commission (PSC) regarding the outdoor cafe at Udderly Cool. She said at the meeting of the

ANC of July 14 the outdoor patio design which was submitted by Udderly Cool for the use of public space was considered and the plans which were presented at that meeting were supported. However, the commission was specific about the approval being based on the plans which were submitted as well as restrooms, hours of operation of the cafe, and seating capacity. She said subsequent to this approval Udderly Cool has erected a wooden structure instead of the metal one stipulated in the design, more seating than was approved, and signs on the sidewalk that obstruct foot traffic. The ANC had informed the PSC of this situation. They inspected the property, agreed with ANCs observations and told the owner that the extra table and chairs were to be removed, the signage must not extend beyond the fencing and revised drawings, which reflect the existing design, must be submitted to the PSC for approval. Ms. Shannon said Udderly Cool intended to resubmit the design to the PSC. Commissioner Shannon proposed a motion to send a letter to the PSC urging that they require immediate submission of revised plans for the use of outdoor space by Udderly Cool. Mr. Gamble said he would like to add Udderly Cool be required to remove the materials that are in violation. He added that DCCA were in agreement with the ANC.

MOTION

Ms. Shannon moved and Ms. Taylor seconded that ANC 2B request the PSC to require Udderly Cool 1613 17th St., NW to submit revised plans reflecting the modified design of the outdoor cafe and in addition be required to remove the extra table and chairs. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mr. Ray reported there would be a reception for the new commissioner of SMD01 at the Italian American Foundation, 1816 19th St., November 19. Mr. Ray said that he and others testified before the DCRA Committee on the nominees for the ABC Board and all four present strongly supported Dennis Bass and strongly oppose the confirmation of the three people who have been renominated.

Mr. Pagano reported he is negotiating a Voluntary Agreement between the ANC and Mr. P's. However, at this time the residents and Mr. Ps have not been able to agree on Mr. P's responsibility to provide security which would address the issue of disorderly conduct in front of his establishment. He said in addition the ANC's protest to the ABC Board was not filed in time. Mr. Pagano suggested that protests to the ABC be sent by registered mail. Mr. Pagano reported that the Circle Restaurant, 1629 Connecticut Ave., NW wants substantial changes in the Voluntary Agreement with the ANC. He said there has been no agreement reached on the issues of the Circles desire to increase the hours of operation of the terrace, put heaters on the terrace, and to lift the restriction on live entertainment and discount pricing after midnight. He said in

view of this he felt the ANC had no choice but to withhold support of an application to the Board of Zoning to allow a variance from the parking regulation required for the operation of a dance hall.

MOTION

Mr. Pagano moved and Ms. Shannon seconded to request the BZA postpone a decision on the issuance of BZA application No. 16004 - the Circle Restaurant 1629 Conn., Ave., NW for a variance from the off-street parking requirement for a public dance hall to allow the ANC additional time to complete negotiations of a Voluntary Agreement. The motion passed six to one. Mr. Ray opposed.

Mr. Bass commented he had reported various properties in his SMD, which had been empty for 10 years, to the Department of Finance and Revenue to make sure that they were included in the Classification "Class 5" which triples the tax rate for unoccupied buildings. The addresses of these properties are 1601 R St., 1523 16th St., and 1525 16th St. He asked other commissioners to include any such problem properties in their SMDs and he would add them to the list.

Ms. Taylor introduced Ms. Anne Cellin. Ms. Cellin updated the commissioners on the status of St. Matthew's PUD. Ms. Taylor proposed a letter be sent informing the members of the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and the chair of the HPRB, Mr. Charles Cassell of the ANCs long-standing position on the St. Matthews PUD 1717 Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

MOTION

Ms. Taylor moved and Mr. Bass seconded that the Historic Preservation Review Board deny any permits for construction or demolition on the St. Matthew's PUD property - 1717 Rhode Island Ave., NW. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Gamble moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a letter be sent to the Zoning Commission expressing the ANCs adamant opposition to any additional extensions of time for the 1987 PUD for St. Matthew's, 1717 Rhode Island Ave., NW. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gamble reported the Logan Circle Home tour will take place Sunday, December 4. The tickets may be purchased in advance from Connie Matteson - 1324 Vermont Ave., NW., WDC 20005.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Mr. Bass moved and Ms. Taylor seconded a letter be sent to the Public Space Commission requesting them to consider changes in the regulations governing application for installation of public pay phones (COCOTS) in order to prohibit for a period of five years an application for a new COCOT within a radius of 300 feet of any site which the Public Service Commission has denied a COCOT application or for which application has previously been withdrawn because of opposition during the PSC's informal hearing process. The motion passed unanimously.

A resident expressed his concern of a renewal of a Liquor license for the Fireplace Restaurant on P Street.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Martha Shannon
Secretary, ANC 2B