



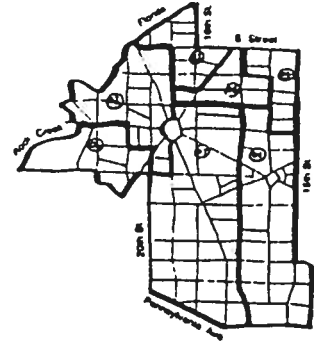
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MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 1995 MEETING - ANC 2B

Dr. Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m. Commissioners Smith, Wemple, Heller, Pitsor and Bass were present.

The minutes of March 8 were adopted unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS

Officer Merrick of the 3rd District briefed the meeting on recent crime cases and problems. He spoke of a rash of armed robberies in the Dupont Circle area. Also, he noted that the 3rd District has a force of tactical casual-clothes officers that circulate in the area to apprehend perpetrators of theft from auto.

Commissioner Heller asked for a status update on the robbery at MacDonalds, 17th Street. Officer Merrick said the case is still open.

Officer Connor of the 2nd district gave the crime statistics.

Officer Brosch of the Park Police reported on an ongoing effort by his officers to curb sex offenses in P Street Beach.

ITEMS

1. Discussion HPRB application for 1638 R St., NW. Jean Vogel presented plans to repair and renovate the building, which is currently in use commercially. The proposed changes included an elevated berm, a handicap access ramp, and parking for four cars. Commissioner Pitsor asked whether the plan had the support of the Dupont Conservancy. Mr. Vogel said it did.

MOTION

Mr. Heller moved and Mr. Bass seconded to send a letter to HPRB supporting the proposed alterations. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Bill Sawicki and Mr. Mark Ksiazewski of Sutton Place Gourmet presented proposed plans for renovation of 1647 Connecticut

COMMISSIONERS

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| 01 Brad Haransky | 02 Stephen Smith | 03 Jonathan Heller | 04 Dennis Bass | 05 Erik Wemple | 06 Henry Fernandez | 07 Kyle Pitsor |
| | | <i>Treasurer</i> | | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Chairperson</i> | <i>Vice-Chair</i> |

Ave. The plans included renovation of the interior of the building and an unenclosed out door cafe with an enclosed area for selling vegetables. Mr. Heller asked about the hours of operation and the time of day the dumpster would be emptied. A resident said he was happy that Sutton Place was going in to this location. Mr. Bass expressed concern over the 10' access requirement for outdoor cafe area.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved and Dr. Fernandez seconded to support the plans as presented with an amendment by Mr. Bass that the application comply with all public space regulations including a 10' clearance between tree boxes and cafe railings. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Mr. Elliot Canada explained the function of the Public Service Commission to the Commissioners.

5. Discussion of Fox and Hounds proposal to extend hours of operation for its sidewalk cafe. Mr. Ed Grandis offered an historical sketch of the Fox and Hounds' use of public space. He said that in 1980 the restaurant secured its permit to use public space and that from 1984 though 1990 the sidewalk cafe was open until 3a.m. In 1990, the restaurant applied for renewal and the ANC 2B worked out an agreement to have it close at 2:a.m. The agreement extended until 1993. In the 1993 renewal process, Mr. Grandis said the discussion with the neighbors for a new agreement allowing Fox and Hounds to stay open until 2:30a.m. broke down. Neighbors then petitioned the Public Space Committee to hold a hearing on the issue. Pursuant to the hearing, the committee asked the restaurant to close at 12 midnight. Mr. Grandis appealed to the neighborhood and the ANC to work out concerns on this proposal. He said there is no proposal in the works, only a good faith effort to accommodate community concerns in seeking extended hours. He said that the community consultation process could take several months.

Commissioner Wemple suggested that the discussion of the proposal be rolled into an ANC policy to guide future rulings on controversial public space matters such as this. Mr. Grandis opposed this suggestion and vowed not to participate in articulating such a policy.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Wemple seconded to table the discussion of Fox and Hounds. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chris Long, Co-Chair of the Freedom Festival, presented the plans for the festival, which would take place on June 24.

MOTION

Mr. Heller moved and Mr. Wemple seconded to support the efforts of the organizers of the 1995 Freedom Festival. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Dr. Fernandez presented the discussion of State Liquors. (Mr. Bass recused himself from the discussion and vote). Dr. Fernandez said that State Liquors had been cited for selling liquor to minors and intoxicated persons.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and seconded to oppose the reissuance of a liquor license for State Liquors as they had been cited for non-compliance with ABC Regulations. The motion passed 4-1-0. Mr. Heller opposed and Mr. Smith abstained.

6. Discussion of an ANC 2B Public Space Policy. Mr. Bass noted that he had drafted a policy in December 1994 for consideration by the previous ANC commissioners. However, the draft was deferred because of the change in commissioners after the election. Dr. Fernandez proposed creating a committee composed of residents and merchants to work out a common position on public space issues. Mr. Smith said he was opposed to a public space policy on the grounds that the ANC would have to look at these issues on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Heller said that some people have denied the democratic process in the Dupont Circle area. He said that no individual commissioner should be obliged to adhere to a policy on public space.

Dr. Fernandez created an ANC committee on public space to develop guidelines and appointed Mr. Wemple to chair that committee. The Committee was instructed to hold public meetings and draft guidelines for the use of public space to be approved by the ANC. Dr. Fernandez requested that the Committee have representatives from residents, business owners, and other constituencies.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Mr. Pitsor said there was interest in the community to ban truck and bus traffic from 17th street and make parking available on both sides of the street.

Dr. Fernandez introduced representatives from Ruth's Chris Steak House who presented revised plans for an enclosed outdoor cafe. Dr. Fernandez presented a statement for Mr. Haransky, who was not present, that Mr. Haransky was in favor of the revised plans.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Heller seconded support for the revised plans for Ruth's Chris Steak House. The motion passed 3-2-1. Mr. Wemple and Mr. Pitsor opposed and Mr. Bass abstained.

Mr. Wemple reported that the Friends of Stead will hold its inaugural festivities on Earth Day, April 22 at the Stead Playground.

MOTION

Mr. Heller moved and seconded to approve Financial Reports for the 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 1994, the 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 1995, 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 1996, but not approve any expenditures made by the previous ANC and reported in above. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Wemple
Secretary
ANC 2B Dupont Circle