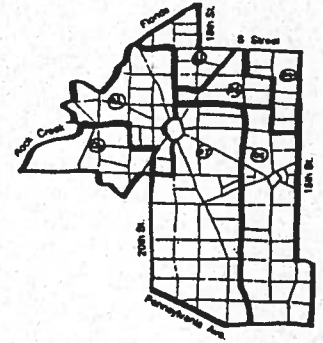




**DUPONT CIRCLE  
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Letters:

To: PSC  
Re: Removal two payphones - 2020 P Street NW  
Opposition installation 2020 Florida Avenue  
Opposition installation 2101 P Street

To: HPRB  
Re: Support application 1521-25 16th Street

To: BZA  
Re: No position 1536 16th Street NW

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 1995 MEETING OF THE DUPONT CIRCLE  
ANC 2B

The Dupont Circle ANC 2B held a regularly scheduled public meeting on March 8, 1995 at St. Thomas Parish. Commissioners Fernandez, Heller, Bass, Wemple, Haransky and Pitsor were present. Chairman Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:45p.m.

Introduction of the Commissioners

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Captain Taylor gave the crime statistics for the 2nd District. He said the 2nd District was distributing pamphlets concerning theft from autos, which continues to be a problem. He gave a Crime Hotline number 282-1162 to receive information about crime and crime prevention and his personal number 282-0032 for anyone who wished to ask him questions. Dr. Fernandez asked Captain Taylor if the 2nd District could just xerox the statistics and use the time to announce special events and address residents who expressed concerns.

Dr. Fernandez introduced Cynthia Eastman and Neil Herman, co-captains of the Orange Hat Patrol, and asked Captain Taylor to spend a few minutes to speak with them.

Ins. Proctor introduced Master Patrol Officer Williams who gave the crime statistics for the Third District. She said that theft from autos continued to be a problem.

**COMMISSIONERS**

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| 01 Brad Haransky | 02 Stephen Smith | 03 Jonathan Heller<br><i>Treasurer</i> | 04 Dennis Bass | 05 Erik Wemple<br><i>Secretary</i> | 06 Henry Fernandez<br><i>Chairperson</i> | 07 Kyle Pitsor<br><i>Vice-Chair</i> |
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Ins. Proctor said that a lot of the theft from autos occurred in parking lots and the Third District was planning to utilize a contact person to inform the lots of this problem. A resident asked if the bike patrol officers had specific routes. Ins. Proctor said that the bike officers were deployed where needed. Dr. Fernandez told the audience that the Dupont Circle Merchants Association was donating two bikes to the police department. Ins. Proctor said she was a supporter of the bike patrols but she also needed to balance personnel. A resident commented that the Washington Post reported 17% of the officers made 90% of the arrests. A resident said that the presence of the police near the MacDonald's on 17th Street has curtailed the noted drug trafficking. Mr. Haransky said that he had been told that people were being harassed by aggressive panhandlers in the vicinity of 20th and K Streets, near various parking garages. Ins. Proctor said she would communicate that to the Second District. Dr. Fernandez said he knew of some residents who were interested in attending the next training for citizens at the police academy.

#### ISSUES

I. Dr. Fernandez introduced Ms. Danielle Marchand of the Neighborhood Green Corp, who gave a report on the dangers of lead poisoning.

II. Dr. Fernandez turned over the chair to Mr. Pitsor for the duration of Issue II. Mr. Pitsor introduced Ms. Cynthia Eastment and Mr. Neil Herman of the Orange Hat Patrol. Ms. Eastment requested the commissioners ask the Public Service Commission to remove two pay phones on Hopkins Place near the address of 2020 P Street because the phones were attracting drug dealers and becoming a public nuisance. She said residents of the area often could not even use the phones because other parties would tell them they were waiting for a call. She added that the phones were in a poorly lit area and most residents were afraid to use them anyway. She also requested the commission to ask the Public Service Commission to not allow a proposed installation at 2101 P Street for the same reasons.

#### MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Heller seconded ANC 2B request the Public Service Commission remove public payphones numbers 7476 and 7477 for the following reasons: 1) Drug trafficking through use of these phones has been observed and verified by the police, 2) the phones are in a poorly lit area, which discourages their use by passersby. In addition, there are payphones in well lit areas close by, and 3) the phones have encouraged loitering and have become a public nuisance. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Wemple seconded ANC 2B oppose the installation of proposed public payphone

reasons: 1) There is no need for additional public pay phones in the vicinity of 2101 P Street as there are currently a number of public pay phones within less than a block of the proposed phone. 2) Drug trafficking in this area makes the proposed pay phone a potential public nuisance. The motion passed with Mr. Heller abstaining.

### III.

Mr. Bass introduced Mr. David Cox, the architect for 1521-25 16th street. Mr. Cox presented plans for proposed renovations to this property. Mr. Cox said that the property had been recently purchased by his client and that the plan was to first stop the deterioration of the facade and then do the renovation. He said that part of the renovation was to remove various assemblages on the back of the building that are not part of the original building and have nothing to do with the building's historical integrity.

Mr. Cox said his associate Ms. Joanna Schmickel would be giving the presentation of the concept plans for this property. Ms. Schmickel gave a presentation on the existing conditions of the property and the plans, which would include moving an existing carriage house, putting in multi-level enclosed parking, and building a garden wall that would attach to the adjacent building, the Marlock mansion. She said that the plans had been presented to the Conservancy and their response was favorable, and they were going to present these plans to the HPRB later in March. Mr. Cox said there was some disagreement from the staff of HPRB on moving the carriage house. Mr. Heller asked if there would be entrances to the parking on Church Street and on the alley. Ms. Schmickel said yes, since the alley had a higher elevation, you would enter the upper level of parking from the alley. Mr. Heller asked if the underground parking would be enclosed. Ms. Schmickel said yes. Mr. Heller asked if the carriage house would abut the neighboring building. Ms. Schmickel said that was still an issue with the Conservancy. Mr. Heller said that he wouldn't want to live next to a building where an electric garage door was opening all day with cars going in and out. Dr. Fernandez asked if there would be a rear entrance to the carriage house. Ms. Schmickel said she wasn't sure at this point, but there would probably be an entrance to the upper level. Mr. Wemple asked what was the building on the right of the proposed garden wall. Ms. Schmickel said it was an apartment building. Mr. Wemple asked if the architects had spoken to anyone on the board of this building about the proposed plans. Mr. Cox said no not yet, as the plans are still conceptual.

#### MOTION

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Wemple seconded a motion to support the concept plans as presented for 1521-25 16th Street with the provision that the neighbors to the east of the project be consulted as to the location of the proposed carriage house as indicated in the plans. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass asked Mr. Cox if the new owners of the property were aware that according to BZA guidelines 25% of the property had to remain residential. Mr. Cox said that the new owners had not yet been informed of that restriction. Mr. Bass said these buildings had been very controversial when the special exception came through in that they had been residential. The owner at that time evicted all the tenants and applied for a special exception. Mr. Bass said at that time a compromise was reached in that it was agreed that 25% of the property would remain residential.

IV.

Mr. Haransky introduced the application for the installation of a public pay phone. He said that the residents were opposed to the installation of this phone.

**MOTION**

Mr. Haransky moved and Mr. Heller seconded ANC 2B oppose the installation of a public pay phone at 2020 Florida Avenue because: 1) There is no need for additional public pay phones in the vicinity of 2020 Florida Avenue as there are currently a number of outdoor and indoor public pay phones within less than a block of the proposed location. 2) The proposed location would obstruct pedestrian traffic. 3) Drug trafficking in the area makes a pay phone at this location a potential public nuisance. The motion passed unanimously.

V.

Mr. Wemple introduced Mr. Eric Cobert, who requested the ANC 2B support BZA application no. 160324 for 1536 16th Street for continued use as office space under the special exception zoning regulations.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wemple moved and Mr. Bass seconded ANC 2B take no position on BZA application No. 160324 - 1536 16th St. for a special exception variance. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner Haransky reported that the Ambassel Restaurant had closed.

Commissioner Wemple reported that there would be a formal meeting on Stead Playground, Saturday, March 11, 1995. He said that although the street sweeping activities are suspended in designated areas on snow days and the media is notified, they do not report this information with any reliability. He said residents could call 727-4285 for this information.

Dr. Fernandez reported that lawyer Paul Thalor has offered to

work pro bono to mediate between residents and JR's Bar and Grill. He said he would be coordinating these efforts. Dr. Fernandez suggested that anyone interested in volunteering for the Orange Hat Patrol speak to Cynthia Eastment or Neil Herman.

Mr. Pitsor reported that although there is a fine for posting announcements and advertisements on public posts, it is hard to enforce. He suggested residents report these infractions to the police. A resident asked who one calls about street lights that are out. Mr. Pitsor said to call the Park Service and the City.

Dr. Fernandez said that Mr. Geary Simon will be taking over the Park with the public bathrooms at the entrance to Dupont Down Under in April. He also announced that the ANC 2B will no longer be sending post cards as announcements for the ANC meeting, but would be posting flyers instead.

Mr. Heller reported that the Annual Gay Pride Day will be held June 18, in Freedom Plaza. He said that the details would be available in the Washington Blade, which will be available March 10.

The minutes were unanimously approved after the following changes: 1) Captain MacManus is replacing Captain Boggs, and 2) Mr. Heller asked Mr. Bratschi of the Church of Scientology if he knew what the material of the proposed cross would be. Mr. Bratschi said he didn't know.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Wemple  
Secretary, ANC 2B