



**DUPONT CIRCLE
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

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Letters

To: Public Space Commission
Re: MacDonald's Restaurant

To: ABC Board
Re: Royal Palace

To: Public Service Commission
Re: applications phones - 20th and P Streets

To: J.J. Bothwell and Jay Pagano
Re: Presentation renovation of comfort station

Minutes of the December 11, 1996 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, Dupont Circle

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

Dr. Fernandez announced that the meeting was the last of the present commission, and that Commissioners Haransky and Heller would not be serving as members of the next ANC 2B Commission. He thanked both Mr. Haransky and Mr. Heller for their two years of service to the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Dr. Fernandez set the date for the next meeting of ANC 2B as January 8, 1997. He said at that time the new commission will set the meeting dates for the year of 1997.

Dr. Fernandez asked the Commissioners if there were any correction or comments on the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Heller cited three amendments.

MOTION

The minutes were approved as amended 4-0-1. Mr. Pitsor abstained.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Heller seconded to give Ms. Karen Ruffin an end-of-year performance bonus of \$300.00. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS

Captain Westover gave the report for the 3rd District. He said the 3rd District had been working on a series of robberies that had a pattern and were committed between 13th and 15th Streets from Q Street up to S Street. He said the 3rd District had suspects in these robberies. He said that the 3rd District had initiated a zero tolerance approach for aggressive panhandling, and that word was getting out into the community of panhandlers. He said that 3D has restructured the way they respond to 911 calls, due to this restructuring the beat officers will be more available to handle matters on the street as they come up. Captain Westover asked residents to use individual beat officers voice mailboxes rather than calling 911 for matters that wouldn't benefit from immediate attention. He said that 3D held meetings once a month to make information available to the public. A resident said that his condominium building had been broken into five times in about the past month and there had been evidence of other attempts to break in during that time. He asked Captain Westover if he had any suggestions. Dr. Fernandez asked if the police would do inspections for tenants. Captain Westover said yes that was a service that 3D provided. Captain Westover said neighborhood watches were a very good means of deterring crime. He said that an officer would come out and advise the tenants of measures they could take to protect the building. Sergeant Sickon gave the residents her voice mail number and said she would be happy to meet with the tenants. Mr. Pitsor said that as he remembers the concept of having beat officers was talked about 5 years ago and at that time it failed. He asked if it would be possible that the ANC be told who their beat officers are at the January 8, 1997 meeting. He asked if there could be some visual aids available about officers routes and so forth. Captain Westover said yes. Captain Westover said, in cooperation with D.C. MAP, the 3rd District had extra money to assign 16 officers during prime time in the business district to deter crime.

Captain Cocket of the 2nd District said that right now the 2nd District is running two parallel systems. She said that from March of 1997 the old scout car beat's boundaries would be redefined as they are archaic and do not conform to natural neighborhoods. Captain Cocket said the Mayor's Plan envisions a citizen working along with the lead sergeant and foot beat and scout car officers. She said it isn't clear how citizens will be drafted into this program yet. She said input will be solicited from the ANCs and other civic groups and that it is assumed that citizens will want to volunteer their time. Captain gave the crime statistics for the 2nd District. She said that burglaries are down, and they are mostly commercial. She said that 2D is working with businesses to help them improve their security and 2D is also willing to help residents and will schedule appointments to residents who call and ask for advice. She said that one of the patterns that 2D has defined is robberies on the escalators of the subway. She said

they have a description of the suspect and are pursuing it. Captain Cocket said 2D has an outreach program for the homeless and she will report on this at the January meeting. Mr. Haransky asked if persons who have taken over house that have been put in receivership can the police make them board up the buildings they have assumed responsibility for. She said that this is definitely part of the community policing project. She said that six years ago the city had more money to take care of this problem. She said that in order for the police to get this kind of job done depends on other city agencies. She said it is usually the Department of Public Works that boards up the buildings and they don't have the money to do that any longer. She said that the police will put pressure on who ever is in charge of the property. Dr. Fernandez said he had a call from a resident about a police car parked in front of 2020 O Street on the nights of December 4,5, and 6. He asked why this was the case. Captain Cocket asked if Dr. Fernandez had a number for the car. Dr. Fernandez said he didn't have it with him, but he would get that information to Captain Cocket.

Dr. Fernandez said there was no presentation from Jack Evans office, and Mr. Evans declined ANC's invitation to speak about Bill 11-505.

OPEN FORUM

A resident asked if ANC 2B would be addressing the issue of the expansion of Lauriol Plaza Restaurant. Dr. Fernandez said that the new commissioner for the area most affected by this expansion, Laine McRaney will be following and addressing that issue.

A resident asked if the ANC could invite someone from the U.S. Attorney's office. Dr. Fernandez said he could do that.

A resident announced a meeting on of the Tax Revision Commission. She gave a phone number for any interested parties to contact.

Mr. Grandis, a resident, announced that Mr. George Nelson passed away. He said that Mr. Nelson had been a community activist for many years. Dr. Fernandez thank Mr. Grandis for his announcement. Dr. Fernandez said he had personally acknowledged the passing of Mr. Nelson, but that it had not been officially acknowledged by the ANC until Mr. Grandis's announcement.

ISSUES

1. Dr. Fernandez said the first issue of the discussion of the Waste Transfer Facility, which ANC 5B asked be put on the agenda would not be addressed as ANC 5B had not sent the information necessary for the discussion.

2. Dr Fernandez introduced the discussion for a Class 'CR' liquor license renewal for Raku Diner.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. Heller seconded that ANC 2B take no action on this application. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor asked Dr. Fernandez if the ANC had a Voluntary Agreement with Escandalo. Dr. Fernandez said yes and he would renew an agreement with Escandalo.

3. Mr. Grandis, the representative for the application for a liquor license renewal for the Royal Palace introduced the owners Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen. Ms. Nguyen gave a history of their ownership of the Royal Palace. Mr. Grandis said that in 1988 the ABC introduced an option for new classifications of liquor licenses. The Royal Palace opted for a Class 'CN' license status. Mr. Grandis said that the Royal Palace entered into a Voluntary Agreement with ANC 2B in 1988, and this Voluntary Agreement was renewed in 1992 and again in 1994. Mr. Grandis said that the Royal Palace is asking that the ANC support the application for the renewal of a liquor license for the Royal Palace. He said that Royal Palace is willing to enter into another Voluntary Agreement, but they would like the restriction that is in the current Voluntary Agreement stating that the license cannot be transferred to be removed because the Royal Palace has been a good neighbor. Mr. Pitsor said as he understands it the building and business are owned by the Nguyens through their corporation. He said the current license is the one with the 1994 Voluntary Agreement (VA) with the ANC attached. Mr. Pitsor said included in that (VA) is a provision of termination of the grandfather clause which prohibits that nude and semi-nude entertainment take place outside the central business district. Mr. Pitsor said that according to ABC Statute Section 904.5 - The owner of a retail license Class 'CN' for the establishment located within the boundaries of the central business district....may permit performances by nude dancers....a licensee whose license is establishment is located outside the central business district (which is the case with the Royal Palace) and who regularly provides entertainment by nude dancers prior to November 1986, may continue to do so at that establishment so long as there is no change in the ownership of the establishment. Mr. Pitsor said his first question is, the 1994 VA states in respect to this clause, that the applicant agrees not to execute a transfer regarding its ABC license, under any conditions that would permit nude or semi-nude dancing performance of any kind. Mr. Pitsor said that is only prohibitive by terms of the ABC regulations. Mr. Grandis said that his client will abide by the ABC Regulations. He said that they are asking for the removal of that paragraph. Mr. Pitsor said that the paragraph continues - it is also understood and agreed that the adoption of this agreement by the ABC Board will operate to terminate any grandfather provisions, which would permit nude or semi-nude dancing. Mr. Heller said that the way the language works is that the old VA will be terminated and the new VA will be instituted. He said, given that, the terms of the old VA

would no longer apply. Mr. Pitsor said that when the agreement was signed in 1994 the Royal Palace agreed to terminate the grandfather provisions that granted permission under the statute to have nude or semi-nude dancing out side the central business district. Mr. Heller said he did not read the VA that way. Mr. Pitsor said that there was a question for the ABC Board as to the enforcement and implementation of this paragraph. Mr. Heller said that was for the ABC Board to determine at the hearing. Mr. Pitsor said that the ANC is a signatory to the VA. Mr. Grandis said the VA is only for a period of time, which tracks the license and the license is now up for renewal. He said it was the intent of his client to comply with the contract (VA) during the term of the agreement. Mr. Pitsor said the grandfather clause was applicable because the establishment operated prior to 1986. He said that a VA was signed in 1991 where the owners agreed to terminate their right to the protection of the grandfather clause within 5 years. He said this was restated in the 1992 VA. He said in the 1994 agreement it says that the owners agree by their signatures for the ABC Board to terminate the provision of the grandfathering. Mr. Grandis said he cannot speak to this as he was not their lawyer at that time. Mr. Grandis said that if his client wishes to transfer the license it will go before the ABC Board to determine if there is a substantial change in the operation of the business. Mr. Pitsor said he is not talking about hypothetical situations, he is talking about agreements that had been made between the applicant and the ANC, agreements which set forth conditions, so no protest would be filed and the establishment could continue to operate. He said part of that contract is that Royal Palace (RP) agreed to terminate the entertainment provisions that had been grandfathered. Mr. Grandis said they have lived up to those terms. Mr. Pitsor asked if the RP still offered nude entertainment. Mr. Grandis said yes. Mr. Pitsor said that seems to be contrary to the fact that they were to terminate that entertainment under this licensing period. Mr. Grandis said his client wishes to renegotiate this paragraph. Dr. Fernandez said that he wished to state for the record that both the Rector and senior Warden of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church have both asked that the ANC maintain the terms of the VA, and that the agreement be enforced. Dr. Fernandez said that the Royal Palace voluntarily entered into a contract with the community as represented by the ANC. Members of the community want the terms under which they dropped their protest upheld by the Royal Palace. Dr. Fernandez said that DCCA passed a motion 6-0-1 urging the ANC to adhere to the agreement brokered between ANC 2B and Royal Palace. Mr. Grandis said that the 1994 agreement is no longer in force. Mr. Grandis said that his clients have not adversely affected the value of the property. He said it is a very peaceful and quiet location. Mr. Pitsor asked Mr. Grandis about the 1991 agreement. He said the agreement states that any renewal applications will not include approval for the performance of any acts described. Mr. Grandis said he could not really speak to that as he was not their lawyer at the time. Mr. Grandis said that he didn't see that the memorandum had any relevance to the VA of 1994.

Mr. Grandis said the points that the ANC is raising are interesting, but this is a business that has no complaints raised against it. He said that Royal Palace is in compliance with all rules and regulations. Mr. Haransky cited a letter written to him and the ANC by Larry Ray, a former ANC 2B Commissioner expressing his support of the Royal Palace as a good neighbor. Marie Drisell, a resident, said that in the past she and other neighbors had to organize and insist that RP address the problems they were creating with drunken patrons and late night disturbances from the Royal Palace. She said Royal Palace agreed to the terms of the Voluntary Agreement because it was made clear that the neighbors would have their business closed down if they didn't. She said that she was able to get 100 signatures of residents within a 200 foot radius of the Royal Palace. She said that St. Margaret's was part of that effort. She said the neighbors had meetings with Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Lee of the Empress Restaurant, and Mr. Nguyen blamed all the noise and disturbance on Mr. Lee's establishment, whereas Mr. Lee attempted to cooperate with the neighbors and Mr. Nguyen did not. Mr. Ray, a resident said he has been in the RP 22 times delivering his newsletter over the past couple years. He said the establishment causes no problems. He said it is not fair and perhaps not legal to bind the RP to the terms stated in a VA after the VA is up. A resident said that they see the terms of the VA as the reason the RP cooperated. Mr. Grandis said that the RP has lived up to the terms of the VA, and that they are good business people. Mr. Grandis said that the only thing that is valuable about the RP is the 'CN' license. Dr. Fernandez asked Mrs. Nguyen where she lived. Mrs. Nguyen said in Virginia. Dr. Fernandez said he wished to acknowledge that he had no complaints in relation to the hours of operation or signage, but that he was concerned about the aspects of the contract. Dr. Fernandez said that his family also fled a take over by a communist regime, and that one thing that they learned was the necessity for citizens to abide by the terms of an agreement, especially a legal agreement. Dr. Fernandez said that when Mr. Nguyen entered into the agreement with the ANC he had legal counsel. Mr. Fernandez said that as he understood it, Mr. Grandis was on the ANC Commission at the time the original VA with the RP was negotiated, and that he (Mr. Grandis) introduced a motion that the ANC approve the original VA, so Mr. Grandis must have thought it was a fair motion. Mr. Grandis said that his recollection is that he introduced a motion to support the application for the liquor license. Mr. Fernandez read the original motion which states that Mr. Grandis moved to approve the terms of the agreement (VA). Dr. Fernandez said that in that Mr. Grandis introduced the agreement he must have thought the agreement was fair. Mr. Grandis asked what the date of the ANC minutes was. Dr. Fernandez said September 26, 1990. Dr. Fernandez said the terms not only included the terms that the license was not transferable, but that the nude dancing would cease in five years. Dr. Fernandez said, given that, the protest lodged by the community was dropped. Mr. Grandis said there were many circumstances over a period of 18 months that lead up to that agreement. Mr. Angle,

a resident and newly elected commissioner, said that the deal struck between the RP and the ANC in 1990 called for the RP to come up with an alternative to the kind of business that they are running (nude dancing as entertainment), and that if RP has not come up with an alternative business plan over the past five years, then that is a problem that they have created. A resident asked if the Nguyens are allowed to sell their property. Dr. Fernandez said yes they are allowed to sell the property as well as the actual business. The resident said, as she understands it, no one would be interested in buying the property if it wasn't a night club. Dr. Fernandez said that there is a provision of the ABC regulation which prohibits the transferring of the license. Mr. Pitsor said from reading the section of the regulation they can sell the 'CN' license, but the license would not permit nude or semi-nude dancing. Dr. Fernandez said there could be another type of entertainment that could happen. Mr. Bill Carter, a resident, said that he has been active in the community for the past 10 years and that he would be the first to object if there was a problem with an establishment that affected the neighbors. He said that in all the years he has been a resident that there have been, to his knowledge no violations by the RP; that it is a clean, quiet, legitimate place. A resident asked if a business can be transferred to a family member. Ms. Pam Taylor, a resident of Kalorama, said the issue is whether or not the RP is willing to honor the VA that they signed. Dr. Fernandez read the letter from St. Margaret's: "The entire membership of the Parish is united in (its) opposition to the renewal of the license (RP). It was our understanding five years ago that the RP would not be seeking such a renewal, and to do so would constitute a major breach in the public trust of the ANC to keep its commitments. St. Margaret's church and its priests were quite vocal in (their) opposition to such an establishment in the neighborhood, relenting only when it was agreed that the renewal of a license would not be sought for or granted." Mr. Heller said he wished to address a few of the points that have been brought up. He said he read the file on this issue. Mr. Heller said that Ms. Drisell said the VA was signed under duress, and Mr. Ray said that it could be considered not a legal agreement. He said that the ANC is not here today to address complaints of six years ago. Mr. Heller said that it is a constitutional right of citizens not to have the morality of the church imposed on their actions. Mr. Heller said the ANC is not the Dupont Circle Corporation Council Commission or the Dupont Circle ABC Board commission. He said we are an advisory commission and our job is to determine if businesses are good neighbors. He said that is the case with the RP. He said that all legal determinations are up to the ABC Board. Mr. Grandis said that it is the obligation of the ANC to apply fair standards to all applicants, and to interpret actions of former ANCs is beyond the ability of this body. Mr. Grandis said that he believed that his client had complied with all rules and regulations. Mr. Haransky said the ABC Board is clear about issues of transferability and that was an issue between the RP and the ABC Board. Mr. Haransky said he wanted to move that ANC

support the proposed VA and for the continuation for the 'CN' license. Dr. Fernandez asked if there was a second to the motion. Dr. Fernandez asked Mr. Haransky if the terms, that Mr. Grandis is asking the ANC to strike from the proposed agreement, were effective. Mr. Haransky said he did not know if it was working strictly because the limit is for five years. Mr. Haransky said he thinks the owners have dealt with the pressure and seem to be able to keep the business under control. He said that the owners are aware and have a different vision for their business because they know at any time a show cause hearing can happen and they could lose their license. He said he thinks that this was not as clear to the owners in the past. Dr. Fernandez said there is a question about whether or not the ANC should enforce the provision that nude dancing be stopped. Dr. Fernandez asked if the ANC could suggest to the proprietor that the current VA and all its terms be extended for an additional two years. Mr. Haransky said that the ANC two years from now would be then addressing the same problem. Dr. Fernandez said that perhaps the current agreement has helped keep the establishment quiet. Mr. Haransky said that was a big question mark. He said that he questions if the owners were aware of the implications of the agreement they entered into before. Mr. Haransky said he has no complaints against the RP from his SMD. Mr. Haransky said he doesn't think it is the five year clause that has influenced the owners. He said he thinks that they have come to an understanding of the necessity of complying with the terms of the agreement. Mr. Haransky said he has a big problem with any organization putting term limits on a business. Dr. Fernandez said that the RP willingly signed to the terms of the VA. Mr. Pitsor said a key issue for him is the reliance on the VA as a contract that is entered into in good faith through a negotiation. He said that the fact that the community worked on a negotiation that the nature of the business would change within five years is the key issue, which the proposed VA does not deal with. He said in looking at the five year phase out that was negotiated previously in three different instances he wished to propose an amendment to the motion on the floor. He said the amendment would read at the end of paragraph 4, "This exception for the first floor use shall expire on November 20, 1997." He said the reason for November 20 is that would be five years from the VA signed in 1992. Mr. Haransky said he wouldn't want that added on to his motion. Dr. Fernandez asked for a second to the amendment (there was no second). Dr. Fernandez said because there was no second the amendment dies. Dr. Fernandez stated that he would vote against the motion because he thinks the owners of RP should honor their agreement with the community and that the agreement they have made in the past was not signed under duress. He said if it was signed under duress then that issue could be brought before the courts. He said because the establishment has not had any known problems he would be willing to extend the existing agreement for an additional two years. Mr. Heller said that the current ANC is not bound to the rule-making of the former ANC. Mr. Haransky asked Mr. Grandis if he would agree to just an extension of the present agreement.

Mr. Grandis said no. Dr. Fernandez said that the motion on the floor was the one that Mr. Haransky introduced.

Mr. Haransky moved and Mr. Heller seconded that ANC 2B support the application for a "CN" liquor license renewal for Royal Palace (address) providing that the applicant signs the proposed Voluntary Agreement. The motion passed 3-2. Mr. Pitsor and Dr. Fernandez opposed.

4. Dr. Fernandez said the discussion of the renovation of the Dupont Circle Comfort station will not happen at this meeting.

5. Mr. Jun Rhee of MacDonald's Restaurant - 1619 17th Street said he would like to have the support of the ANC for his application for use of public space for an outdoor cafe. Mr. Rhee said that he took over the store on 17th Street in May of 1996. Mr. Rhee said that in the summer a lot of his customers wanted to sit outside. Mr. Rhee said he felt if his establishment had outdoor seating then it would discourage the panhandlers that congregate in front of MacDonald's. He said he wished to beautify the area in front of the store and would have 10 tables and 24 chairs. He said that he thought the outdoor area would be an asset to the area. He said that many other establishments on 17th Street have outdoor cafes. Mr. Heller asked if there would be a person to monitor the outdoor area. Mr. Rhee said there would be a person who would do the inside and outside area combined. Dr. Fernandez said there have been problems with alleged drug dealers sitting inside the restaurant, as well as standing outside. Mr. Rhee said he has changed the environment of the restaurant. He said he has installed surveillance cameras and cleaned up the store. He said there are not those kind of people in the store now. Mr. Heller asked if Mr. Rhee would add on 4 extra trash receptacles and accept that in a Voluntary Agreement. Mr. Rhee said yes. Mr. Heller asked Mr. Rhee if he would be taking in the tables at night. Mr. Rhee said he has not decided on that yet. He said that he had considered concrete, but that he was advised those might be broken up at night. Mr. Heller said that it is Public Space Commission regulations that all patio furniture be portable. A resident asked if food would be take out. Mr. Rhee said yes. Mr. Mike Fasano said that MacDonald's creates a problem with trash in the neighborhood. A resident said that other restaurants in the area that have outdoor patios also are self service. A manager for MacDonald's said that Macdonald's is a Community Police Station and that has helped with the problem that MacDonald's has had with vagrants and drug dealers. Mr. Haransky said that the concern about MacDonald's is because of the nature of the business. He said that fast food restaurants have a high turnover, volume, and generate a lot of trash. Mr. Rhee said that MacDonald's cleans the area for a one block radius of the store. He said he is going to get a new trash compactor. Mr. Haransky said he thought that MacDonald's needed to show the neighborhood that the management had

more control over the outside. Mr. Rhee said that since he has taken over the store neighbors have said to him that the outside of the premises looks good. Mr. Rhee said that the problems have been addressed. Mr. Heller said that the message that would be sent by not approving the application is that ANC 2B approves upscale restaurants but not for places that service low income people. Dr. Fernandez asked if Mr. Heller if he thought the Java House or Pop Stop were upscale. Mr. Jackson said that he didn't think it was a matter of upscale or not, it was food that was packaged to go, generates a problem with trash. Mr. Jackson said that he sees Macdonald's debris blocks away from the restaurant. Mr. Jackson asked how Mr. Rhee was going to control who congregates on the patio during slow hours in the restaurant when the outside tables would be empty of customers. Mr. Pitsor said that MacDonald's is different than the other establishments mentioned because it is fast food. He said that the service staff of Macdonald's is behind a counter. Mr. Pitsor said that the situation needs further examination to determine if it is in the public interest. Mr. Rhee said that his staff would monitor the outdoor area. A resident said that seventy-five percent of the restaurants on 17th Street already have outdoor service areas. The resident said that it is necessary to preserve sidewalk area for traffic. Dr. Fernandez said he is not going to support the application because of past problems with loitering. Dr. Fernandez said he was glad that Mr. Rhee had taken over the restaurant. He said that he had sent letters to the corporate office in Virginia. He said one of MacDonald's employees has been seen having conversations with alleged drug dealers, and not ejecting them. Dr. Fernandez said he was glad Mr. Rhee was aware of and dealing with the problem. He said if this application comes up again in six months or a year he would possibly vote in favor of it, but until Mr. Rhee's reputation is established in the neighborhood he would oppose it. Mr. Rhee said he would be better able to control the loiterers if he had seating outside. Dr. Fernandez said that the problem is with people inside the restaurant. He said that if after six months he doesn't see people loitering on the inside he would consider the application again. Mr. Heller asked Dr. Fernandez if he was making the assumption that if everyone who sits in MacDonald's for longer than 20 or 30 minutes is a drug dealer. Dr. Fernandez said no, but according to Officer Zelenka people that sit around in MacDonald's are participating in drug deals. Mr. Jackson said his constituents would like to see what takes place over the next six months. He said that the issue of sidewalk congestion is also a problem. Dr. Fernandez suggested that if the motion for support of the use of out door space fails Mr. Rhee meet with the commissioner of SMD04 to work out an agreement about issues of trash, loitering, etc.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Pitsor seconded ANC 2B oppose the application for use of public space by MacDonald's Restaurant, 1619 17th Street on the ground of questionable management practices within the operation of the restaurant such as failure to move

loiterers, trash problems, and lack of waiter service. The motion passed 4-1. Mr. Heller opposed.

Dr. Fernandez said he was glad Mr. Rhee had taken over the restaurant and with proven management ability in six months the ANC would like to entertain another application again.

5. Dr. Fernandez said respective to the issue of the installation of public pay phones at 20th and P Streets the Orange Hat patrol had been successful in removing two public pay phones at the corner of P Street and Hopkins Place because of drug dealers making use of those phones. He said for this reason he urged his fellow commissioners to oppose the installation of two phones near that corner. He said there are plenty of pay phones in restaurants along that area of P Street. He said there are also other outdoor phones by Dupont Circle and more phones are not needed.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Pitsor seconded to send a letter to the Public Service Commission opposing the proposed installation of two public pay phones at the corner of 20th and P Streets on the grounds that two phones were removed on the corner of P Street and Hopkins Place, which is only a block away, and because of a history of drug activity. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mr. Haransky said that serving on the ANC had been an enjoyable experience.

Mr. Heller said that he was proud to have served the Dupont Circle ANC. He said he had accomplished what he had set out to do, and he felt his presence had provided a voice for fairness to the deliberations than had been previously accomplished. He wished his successor good luck.

Mr. Jackson reported that two weeks ago he had met with people at Foundry Methodist Church about the issue of homeless along the 16th Street corridor and the meeting was very helpful. He said that some of the residents said they would be willing to volunteer some of their time if Foundry opened a shelter. He said there will be another meeting next week to talk about getting some of the finite plans to work. Mr. Jackson said the Jewish Community Center said that construction is still going on at the JCC.

Dr. Fernandez reported that he has been involved for the past two years on school reform on the Goals 2,000 panel. He said next week that he and his panel members will be meeting with General Beckton. He said that he feels school reform will be accelerated. He said he has met with Inspector Barnes and Proctor many times over the past two years, and that he will be watching the effects of the

implementation of the new philosophical approach by the Metropolitan Police towards lowering crime.

Mr. Pitsor reported that the balustrades had been painted the correct color. He said the re-lamping of the balustrades has also been finished although they haven't been powered yet. He said the DPW is doing all the street and sidewalk markings around the Circle, which will improve the flow of traffic. He said he wished to extend his appreciation to the members of the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Heller said that he was not clear on the reason why the people involved on the renovation of the Dupont Circle Comfort Station have not shown up to give a presentation for the past two meetings. He said he felt this did not show a lot of consideration for neighborhood input. He said he would wish to propose a motion that a letter be written to the Park Service asking them to create a committee to oversee the project. He said he would like the committee to be comprised of a member of the Park Service, the Metropolitan Police, ANC 2B, and residents. Dr. Fernandez said that Mr. Bothwell suggested that he give a presentation in November, but he did show up. Dr. Fernandez said he had suggested it be on this month's agenda, but Mr. Bothwell was not contacted, so didn't know he was scheduled to appear. Dr. Fernandez said that he agreed with Mr. Heller and felt it might be a good idea to have a committee with the police involved to try and move the project forward. Mr. Angle, an incoming commissioner, said that too many organizations working towards the same end might be disruptive to the process. A resident said that it might be a good idea to appoint a member of the ANC to work on the comfort station issue.

MOTION

Dr. Fernandez moved and Mr. Haransky seconded a letter be sent to Mr. J.J. Bothwell and Mr. Jay Pagano asking them to give a presentation on the progress of the renovation of the Dupont Circle Comfort Station. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haransky said that a new chair should be purchased for use by the Office Coordinator.

Mr. Haransky commented and thanked Dr. Fernandez for doing a great job as chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Jackson
Secretary
ANC 2B