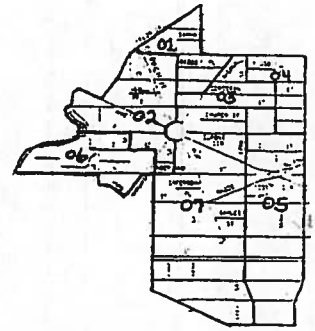




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Letters

To: City Council, Mayor, Board of Elections
 Re: Appointment David King, SMD01

To: City Council Members, DCFRA, Mayor
 Re: ANC 2B Annual Report

To: Mobil Oil
 Re: Station renovation - 22nd and P Streets

To: DPW
 Re: Street sweeping

To: Riggs Bank - Tim Coughlin
 Re: Appreciation for Fresh Farm Market

To: Control Board - Fire Department
 Re: Reassignment of Ladder truck

To: David Watts, DCRA - Sam Jordan, Office of Emergency Preparedness, and Jack Evans
 Re: Farm Fresh Market

To: Connecticut Avenue Association
 Re: Appreciation for annual Festival of Lights

Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B public meeting of December 10, 1997.

Mr. Pitsor brought the meeting to order at 7:30. Commissioners Jackson, Dehart, and Newton were present. Mr. Pitsor said that Commissioners McRaney and Angle had resigned their commissions and that Dr. Cary was out of town and would not be attending.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Minutes were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor said he had given a draft of the fiscal year 1997 Annual Report to the commissioners. He asked for comments, hearing none he moved adoption of the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pitsor said the report would be available to the public and the members of the audience could call the office if they wished to have a copy.

COMMISSIONERS

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| SMD 01 | SMD 02 | SMD 03 | SMD 04 | SMD 05 | SMD 06 | SMD 07 |
| | | Francine Cary | Donald Jackson | Meredith De Hart | Marilyn Newton | Kyle Pitsor |
| | | Vice Chair-Operations | Secretary | Treasurer | | Chair |

Mr. Pitsor said the Board of Elections notified ANC 2B that only one candidate had applied to fill the vacancy for the seat for SMD01. The board has certified Mr. David King for that position. Mr. Pitsor said under the regulations if there is only one candidate the ANC can appoint this person, and they can be seated at the next meeting. Mr. Pitsor introduced Mr. King. Mr. King gave his address and phone number to the audience and told them to feel free to call him with any of their concerns.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Ms. Newton seconded to appoint Mr. David King as the representative of SMD01. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor said the appointment is for the calendar year of 1998.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~~Mr. Jackson told the members of the audience if they wished to have the announcement of the ANC 2B meetings sent to them he could do so by fax if they would provide him with a number.~~

Mr. Pitsor announced that the vacancy in SMD02 will certify on or around December 17. Two persons have submitted petitions, George Woods and Karen Rosenthal. Mr. Pitsor said there will be an announcement in January after notification is received on the process of filling this vacancy.

POLICE CRIME REPORTS

Sgt. Kutniewski of the 3rd District gave the crime statistics. He said that over all crime is down 27%, but theft from autos continues to be a problem. He said they have a suspect in the robbery of the 1st Union Bank. He told people to stay out of dark alleys at night, and there are extra patrol officers on Connecticut Avenue for Xmas. He said the 3rd District is working with the Park Police and the Park Service to clean up areas around Rock Creek park and the Circle.

Mr. Pitsor asked about the status of the hit and run death at 21st St. and Mass. Ave... Sgt. Kutniewski said they have not made any arrest, but they do have a description of the vehicle. Mr. Pitsor asked what were the regulations about riding bicycles on the sidewalk. Sgt. Kutniewski said he would have to check on that.

Lt. Inzerille gave the crime statistics for the Park Police. He asked residents to call the Park Police about any suspicious activities they see.

JACK EVANS OFFICE REPORT

June Hirsch commented on Council activities and reported plans are being developed for a movie filming on Connecticut Avenue from Q Street to R Street January 4-6. Residents were asked to observe

the parking restrictions in effect during the is time and to expect some traffic disruption.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN FORUM

A resident, Mr. Greer, commended Mr. Pitsor for getting the lights at 18th and P Streets to work. Mr. Pitsor directed the audiences attention to the flyers on leaf collection and the collection of Xmas trees on the table at the back of the room.

ISSUES

1. Mr. Pitsor said that the presentation on the Marriott Residence Inn is informational in nature. Mr. Dan Rigoux of Donahue Construction and Mr. John Vernon of Hospitality Partners presented the plans for a Marriott Residence Inn in the 2100 block of P St. (Currently the PMF Parking Lot). Mr. Rigoux said there would be 107 extended stay units in a 10 story building with the first floor being retail space and two levels of underground parking. He said they would have the required construction permits in April - May 1998 and the actual construction would take 13 months. The Inn would open mid 1999. Mr. Rigoux said the excavation part of the construction would take about 6 weeks. He said the engineering department would take precautions that any buildings adjacent to the excavation would not be affected or damaged by the excavation. Residents raised concerns about the addition of the Inn creating parking problems in the neighborhood and also parking problems in the alleys during the construction phase. Mr. Rigoux said the two levels of parking under the Inn would more than compensate for the number of spaces on the existing lot and that the parking would be available to others as well as to the guests of the Inn 24 hours a day. He said during the construction phase all efforts would be made to keep the alleys clear of any vehicles associated with the construction of the Inn. Mr. Rigoux said that because of Pepco and Gas Company vaults there cannot be a layby in the front of the building. A resident said the area is being overdeveloped. Mr. Pitsor said that there are no zoning variances involved in the permits being sought. Mr. Vernon said the finished hotel would employ about 35 people. A resident asked about the problems with rats caused by the excavation. A resident said that the design proposed for the Inn was aesthetically unappealing and pedestrian.

Mr. Pitsor said he wanted to suggest that the community meet further with representatives of Marriott to discuss the issues that have been raised such as the design appearance, environmental, parking, congestion, noise, impact on neighboring historic buildings, and so on. He asked Commissioner Newton to chair a meeting before the January meeting of ANC 2B and report back on progress. Mr. Pitsor provided a sign up sheet for the proposed meeting. Mr. Pitsor said as he understands it Marriott is also meeting with the city to discuss some of the same issues.

2. Mr. Pitsor introduced Mr. Steven Dickens who gave a presentation on the proposed renovation of the Mobil Gas Station at the corner of 22nd and P Streets. The Mobil Station is designated a historic building. Mr. Dickens said Mobil wished to remove the service bays at the station and convert the space into a mini mart. He said according to the regulations a gas station can eliminate the service component of the operation if that service is provided within one mile of the station. Mr. Dickens said the renovation would include a clean up of the area, landscaping, and restoration of features appropriate to the historic quality and age of the building. He said that the lighting of the facility would be changed. Mr. Jackson questioned the need for another convenience store in the neighborhood. Residents questioned the need in the neighborhood of another convenience store and were concerned at the removal of the service components. Residents said the neighborhood did need the service aspects of the station. Mr. David King, a resident, ~~said a 24-hour mini-mart could become a magnet for street people.~~ Commissioners and residents in the audience expressed support of the design aspects of the presentation, but wished Mobil would reconsider the issue of the elimination of all the service bays. Mr. Dickens suggested that an alternative to a 24 hour mini mart could be the mart would close at 9p.m. with 24 hour service limited to gas, Mobil would be happy to go with a consensus in the neighborhood as to the hours of operation. Mr. Dickens said he was giving the presentation to get the thoughts of the residents and take that back to Mobil.

MOTION

Ms. Newton moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a letter be sent to Mobil Corporation expressing the desire of the residents of the neighborhood that part of the service aspect of the station not be eliminated. The motion passed unanimously.

A proposed motion to approve the design was tabled.

3. Ms. Berrice Prince of American Farmland Trust reported on the first year of operation of the Fresh Farm Market held in the Riggs parking lot and on 20th Street Sunday mornings. Ms. Prince said the market was very successful and her organization thanked the neighbors and the ANC for their support of the project. She said the Fresh Farm Market was now asking the ANC to support the 1998 season for the Market, the coming season would run from May 3 through December 20.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. Jackson seconded letters be sent to Mr. David Watts at DCRA, Mr. Sam Jordan at Office of Emergency Preparedness and Mr. Jack Evans, Ward 2 Councilmember supporting issuance of operating permits for the 1998 season of the Fresh Farm Market. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Ms. Newton seconded a letter be sent to Mr. Tim Coughlin, President of Riggs Bank, thanking him for allowing the Market to take place in the Rigg's parking lot. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Mr. Pitsor introduced Mr. Tim Coughlin of Riggs Bank who gave a presentation on the renovation of the buildings in the 1500 block of Connecticut Avenue. Mr. Coughlin said that Riggs will be using the buildings for offices of Riggs. He said the interiors of the buildings will be renovated to preserve as much as possible the original features of the design and architectural details. He added that Riggs will be using the store front windows on the first floor to present exhibits of historical interest. There will also be a wrought iron fence in the back on 20th Street in keeping with the historical look of the neighborhood. Mr. Coughlin complimented American Farmland Trust on their efforts in providing the Farmer's Market for the residents of Dupont Circle. ~~Mr. Coughlin said that the renovation project will take about 18 months. He said Riggs filed for the appropriate permits today (December 10) and the permit process would take about 12 weeks.~~

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Ms. Dehart reported that there would be no parking on the 1500 block of O Street for December 11 due to tree work. She said the Bureau of the Census will be doing a lot of hiring for Census 2000. They will be hiring administrators, management specialists, and other positions.

Mr. Jackson reported The Dupont East Community Project, which deals with homeless issues signed papers to formally start the incorporation process to become a 501(c)(3). He said the Project is looking for more volunteers, especially people to serve on the board of directors and do fund raising.

Mr. Jackson reported it had come to his attention that the ladder truck that is currently housed at the fire station at 16th and U Streets is slated to be moved to a location in S.E. Washington. He said this move is as a result of a decision to distribute the ladder trucks equally. He said the problem with this decision is that they don't need a ladder truck at the proposed location in S.E. and the remaining ladder truck company nearest to the Dupont Circle area (23rd and M Streets) is really too far in terms of distance and response time due to possible traffic conditions.

MOTION

Mr. Jackson moved and Ms. Newton seconded to send a letter to the Control Board asking them to reconsider moving the truck as it isn't needed in S.E. in the low rise neighborhood and is needed in Dupont Circle. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor reported on the curbside and street resurfacing project

under way on Q Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Heller, a resident, asked when the next H.H. Leonard hearing was before the ABC Board. Mr. Pitsor said on January 28 at 10a.m. Mr. Pitsor said that there was a tour of the premises by the ABC Board, applicants, and protestants of H.H. Leonards today (December 10).

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. Jackson seconded the ANC send a letter to the Connecticut Avenue Association commending them for their fourth year of the Festival of Lights ~~along lower Connecticut Avenue.~~ The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a letter be sent to the DPW urging them to maintain the mechanized street cleaning program through the winter months except during snow and freezing conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

A resident asked about the status of the renovation effort of the Comfort Station. Mr. Pitsor said the fund raising for the renovation is going very well.

MOTION

Ms. Dehart moved and Ms. Newton seconded a motion to give Karen Ruffin, the ANC Office Coordinator a performance bonus of 300 dollars. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Ms. Dehart moved and Ms. Newton seconded to allot between \$150 and \$175 to service the ANC's zerox machine. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor announced the next meeting of the ANC is scheduled for January 14, 1998.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Jackson, Secretary
ANC 2B, Dupont Circle