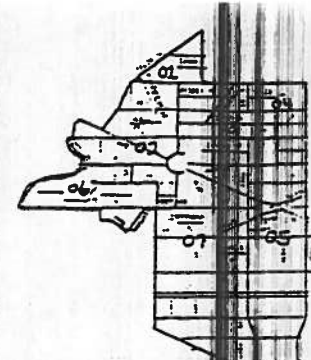




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Letters

To: City Council Members  
 Re: Alcohol and Tobacco Bills

To: PSC  
 Re: WrapWorks

To: BZA  
 Re: Accessory Parking - Masonic Temple, 16th Street

To: D.C. Gas Station Committee  
 Re: Mobil Station, 22nd and P Streets

Minutes February 11, 1998 Public Meeting Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B.

Mr. Pitsor called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Commissioners Jackson, Dehart, Newton, and King were present.

Introduction of the Commissioners.

The minutes of the January 14, 1998 meeting were approved.

Mr. Pitsor noted that a special elections of SMD02 voters was being held tonight from 7 to 8:30p.m. The election results will be reported later in the evening.

Mr. Jackson reported a special meeting will be held on March 8, 1998 at St. Thomas Parish, 1772 Church Street for concerned parties to discuss the proposed new Convention Center. He said the meeting is not an official ANC meeting. Mr. Jackson asked the audience to let him know of any concerns that they wished addressed.

POLICE CRIME REPORTS

Officer Lancaster of the Third District gave the crime statistics. He said there has been an increase in street robberies. The police will conduct a line up which should close three of the cases. A resident said that one of the hold ups they had heard of involved an assault. Officer Lancaster said the assault is part of the report. Mr. Pitsor asked if the police were watching the smaller streets. Officer Lancaster said yes, special attention was being given to this. Mr. Pitsor said the City has what he calls a

COMMISSIONERS

SMD 01 David King	SMD 02 (Vacant)	SMD 03 Francine Cary Vice Chair	SMD 04 Donald Jackson Secretary	SMD 05 Meredith De Hart Treasurer	SMD 06 Marilyn Newton	SMD 07 Kyle Pitsor Chair
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reverse 911 number where the police call residents in areas where crimes are occurring. He asked if this system was being used to alert the residents of the increase in robberies. Officer Lancaster said he didn't know in this instance, but he would check on it. Mr. Pitsor said the issue of man power was discussed in a meeting that he attended with Councilmember Evans, Chief Proctor, Commander Stanley, Frank Hornstein - Chair of the Public Safety Committee of DCCA, Margie Young and Don Jackson. He said there will be a follow up meeting to review the situation. A resident asked if the police can do anything about trash pickups before 7a.m. Officer Lancaster said that citations can be issued.

Mr. Jackson announced that part of the PSA system includes monthly meeting between the police and the citizens. He said the regular meeting for PSA 309 is held on the third Thursday of the month at 1400 Q Street. Officer Lancaster said there has been an increase in burglaries in english basement apartments. He suggested motion detectors as a deterrent in this instance.

Lt. Enzoral of the Park Police gave the crime statistics. He said the Park Police have increased their enforcement of quality of life crimes, for instance camping on public space. He said the police are also referring the homeless to shelters for care. He said there has been a decrease in liquor law violations. He said there will be an officer dedicated to Dupont Circle from March through September. He said the Park Police are going to initiate tough policies for any crimes committed in P Street Beach. He said the Park Service is going to clear the area of under brush to make it harder for people to hide themselves and objects.

Ms. Dehart said there is a small group that has lived in Scott Circle for some months. She said the MPD sometimes orders them to move, but they always come back. She said they also sometimes panhandle aggressively. Lt. Lancaster gave Ms. Dehart a number to call to have someone dispatched. He also gave Ms. Dehart his number if she did not get results.

Officer Bais of PSA 307 gave the crime statistics. He said his patrol area in ANC 2B is small and is mostly in a commercial area. He said his area has problems with late night burglaries which occur after the clubs close.

Mr. Hornstein, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Dupont Circle Citizens Association reported that at the meeting with Chief Proctor in Jack Evans office a question that was raised was where are all of the 3,400 officers and why are 2,000 still in offices. He said another question at another meeting with the Commander of the Third District was what did they need in the way of equipment. Mr. Hornstein said the DCCA is starting a volunteer program and is asking for people to come forward to volunteer to do things like answer the phones. He said the program is also looking for people who would be willing and able to help fix broken equipment and cars

and to help with computer problems, and also to donate equipment. Mr. Hornstein passed a sheet for telephone numbers of person able to volunteer for this program.

## ISSUES

Mr. Pitsor said the public space applications for Sign of the Whale and Xando will be addressed in April by the ANC at the applicant's request.

1. Mr. Pitsor introduced Mr. Tom Day, head of the Department of Public Work's Sanitation Department's Inspection Division. Mr. Day said that DCCA's efforts were instrumental in the having an additional twenty four inspectors hired for the Division. Mr. Day said that the CVS Drug Store has agreed to improve the sanitation conditions at their store, and the galleries on R Street have hired private collection for their businesses. Mr. Day said that Mr. Micheal Kane has installed all new containers for his buildings on Connecticut Avenue. He said that the department has targeted the illegal posting of announcements on public furniture, and that it was illegal to put flyers on cars and gave a number for residents to call to report this infraction. Mr. Day gave the fine schedule for illegal posting. Mr. Day said that city pick up is provided for residential properties of three units or less. Mr. Day said to call with any complaints of haulers picking up trash before 7:a.m. Mr. Page of the Sanitation Division gave a number for residents to call if they have any problems with rats. Mr. Pitsor asked about the Division's procedure for enforcement. Mr. Day said education is first as a warning and after that comes enforcement. Mr. Pitsor asked if the Division had the tools they need to operate effectively. Mr. Day said the Division was lacking the tools it needed to operate in the field. Mr. Pitsor asked if the fact that a property owner had an outstanding sanitation violation was entered into a data base so that DCRA would know about it and be able to hold up the issuance of permits until the outstanding fine or situation was corrected. Mr. Day said that at this point the Division's fines are liens, but they are not tied into the DCRA system. A resident complained that commercial establishments over fill the dumpsters. Mr. Page said to call Mr. Day to monitor the situation to see if more dumpsters were needed. He said if the establishment is a restaurant the residents could call the restaurant inspectors and gave the phone number. Ms. Dehart asked who has jurisdiction over commercial dumpsters which are on public space. Mr. Day said there are no permits issued to put dumpsters on public space, it is allowed if there is no other space. Mr. Day said that often the problem with commercial establishments is with management.

Mr. Pitsor thanked Mr. Day and his staff for giving the presentation and asked how the community could be of assistance to the Division in helping them get the equipment they needed to do their job.

2. Mr. Jackson noted that the Masonic Temple had been informed of tonight's discussion and asked if there was a representative for the Masonic Temple present. No representative was present. He said the ANC heard the request by the Masonic Temple at its January meeting to add five additional parking spaces behind the temple on 16th Street. Mr. Jackson said after reviewing the site, speaking with neighbors, even though no representative of the Temple was present he would introduce a motion regarding the proposed application.

MOTION

Mr. Jackson moved and Ms. Newton seconded ANC 2B send a letter to the BZA opposing application number 16296 for accessory parking on the south side of lot 21 - square 192 due to the proximity of the lot to residential property, and the potential damage to that properties from the minimal turning radius provided, and lack of a buffer. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Alan Hamm, architect for Wrapworks, presented the application for a proposed outdoor cafe. He said that WrapWorks had expanded to the space next door and re-configured the plans that were previously presented to the ANC for use of public space. He said that the sidewalk cafe would seat 22, have a designated bus person, and planters on wheels which could be moved and stored during the off season when the patio was not in use. He said the cafe would offer no alcohol (at this time) or music and the corners of the planters would be rounded. Ms. Scanlon, representing DCCA, expressed support for the new plan. A resident asked if Wrapworks could provide a trash receptacle. Mr. Hamm said he would take that under advisement.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. King seconded ANC 2B advise the Public Space Committee of its support for the new design concept as presented by WrapWorks for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe on the Q Street side that (1) would be limited to a maximum of 22 seats, (2) close at 11p.m. weekdays and midnight on weekends and holidays, (3) would have a full-time assigned staff person to bus and keep the area clean and tidy, (4) would operate from April 1 through October 31 and during the off season the patio furniture and furnishings would be stored off site, and (5) the corner of the space at Connecticut Avenue and Q Street would be rounded and contoured to provide pedestrian passage and relate to the street corner design. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Mr. Pitsor introduced the issue of Bill 12-281 "Enforcement of the Prohibition of Tobacco Products Sales to Minors Act of 1997". In consideration of this issue Mr. Pitsor asked for support to prohibit the advertisement of tobacco products anywhere near where children walk or play. Information on the bill had been presented at the previous meeting.

MOTION

Mr. King moved and Mr. Pitsor seconded a letter of support for Bill 12-281, "Enforcement of the Prohibition of Tobacco Products Sale to Minors Act of 1997" be sent to the members of the City Council and the Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Mr. Pitsor introduced the issue of Bill 12-320 "Prevention of Child Consumption of Alcohol Beverage Act of 1997". In consideration of this issue Mr. Pitsor asked for support to prohibit the advertisement of alcoholic beverages anywhere near where children walk or play. Information on the bill had been presented at the previous meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a letter of support for Bill 12-320 "Prevention of Child Consumption of Alcohol Beverage Act of 1997" be sent to the members of the City Council and the Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Ms. Newton reported on the intent of Mobil Oil to remove all the service bays from the gas station located at 22nd and P Streets. She said due to residents opposition to this plan she would introduce a motion. This subject had been discussed at a previous meeting.

MOTION

Ms. Newton moved and Mr. Jackson seconded to oppose the plan by Mobil Oil to entirely eliminate the full service features (all of the service bays) presently available at the Mobil station located at 22nd and P Streets N.W. and replace the service bays with an "On The Run Mini Mart". The motion passed unanimously.

The ANC will so inform the D.C. Gasoline Station Advisory Committee.

Ms. Dehart presented the Quarterly Financial Report.

MOTION

Ms. Dehart moved and Mr. Pitsor seconded to adopt the Quarterly Financial Report of the ANC. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dehart asked that the issue of the Embassy of Kazakhstan's purchase of a property in her SMD be put on the April agenda.

Mr. Pitsor reported that Fresh Fields was considering three possible sites for a new store, including 2 in the Dupont Circle-Logan Circle area.

Mr. Pitsor said the ANC had written to the city with respect to the location of the recycling program. He said the city has put out

bids for both recycling at curbside and in the alleys, those bids are being evaluated. He said ANC wrote to the city about continuing mechanized street cleaning in Dupont Circle through the winter weather permitting. He said the response was the city would continue the service as long as the temperatures stay above freezing and if it was suspended due to weather the residents would be informed.

Mr. Pitsor said the results of the special election for SMD02 this evening was Ms. Karen Rosenthal 43 votes, Mr. George Woods 7 votes.

MOTION

Mr. Pitsor moved and Mr. King seconded that the ANC formally request the Board of Elections declare the vacancy in SMD02 filled by Karen Rosenthal and publish this in the D.C. Register. Copies of this resolution to be forward to appropriate parties. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pitsor announced the next public meeting of ANC 2B will be March 11. He reminded everyone of the special meeting on March 9 to discuss the proposed new convention center. In addition, the ANC will conduct a public discussion on the East Dupont Circle Liquor License Moratorium at the March 11 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Jackson, Secretary  
ANC 2B, Dupont Circle