

	<p>ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <i>CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS • CLEVELAND PARK •</i> <i>MASSACHUSETTS AVE. HEIGHTS</i> <i>MCLEAN GARDENS • WOODLEY PARK</i></p>
<p>Single Member District Commissioners 01-Lee Brian Reba; 02-William Kummings; 03-Anne Marie Bairstow 04-Vacant; 05-Leila Afzal; 06-Trudy Reeves 07- Vacant; 08-Catherine May; 09-Nancy MacWood</p>	<p>4025 Brandywine Street, NW Washington, DC 20016-1843 P: (202) 657-5725 F: (515) 474-8595 Website http://www.anc3c.org</p>

MINUTES
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
September 21, 2009 Public Meeting
Second District Police Station
7:30PM

- I. **Establishment of Quorum:** At 7:30 PM Commission Chair Anne Marie Bairstow acknowledged that a quorum (6 of 7 commissioners) had been established and called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C's (ANC 3C) regular monthly meeting on September, 20 2009. The meeting was held in the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Commissioners present were Leila Afzal, Trudy Reeves, Nancy MacWood, Bill Kummings, and Catherine May. Commissioner Reba arrived at 7:54PM.

- II. **Verification of Notice:** Commissioner Bairstow verified that proper notice was published on the ANC 3C website, community listservs, and in the Northwest Current newspaper.

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Bairstow moved approval of the following agenda, seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed by voice vote 6/0.
 - I. **Establishment of Quorum**
 - II. **Verification of Notice**
 - III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - IV. **Announcements**
 - a. **Process for filling Commissioner vacancies in 3C07 and 3C04**
 - b. **New Ward 3 Community Service Representative: Petar Dimtchev, Petar.Dimtchev@dc.gov, phone: 202.671.2337, cell: 202.340.7229**
 - c. **October 17 Bike DC**
 - d. **October 18 Oyster-Adams Vamos 5K**
 - e. **Announcement of grant application by Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action (CAPA) for \$10,000 for project to improve the pedestrian environment on Connecticut Avenue from Calvert Street to Western Ave**

- V. **Officer's Reports**
 - a. July 2009 meeting minutes
 - b. Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Report
- VI. **Community Forum**
- VII. **Presentations**
 - a. Traffic Calming Presentation by Karina Ricks, DDOT
- VIII. **Commission Business**
 - a. Consideration of HPRB application to construct a rear addition at 2937 Ordway St.
 - b. Consideration of HPRB application to construct rear and side additions, new garage and driveway at 3420 36th St.
 - c. Consideration of grant application by Woodley Park Community Association to repaint historic callboxes
 - d. Consideration of public space permit at Something Sweet Ice Cream Shop, 3706 Macomb Street
 - e. Consideration of letter regarding valet parking permit application by New Heights Restaurant at 2317 Calvert Street
 - f. Consideration of BZA Appeal of Conversion of Garage at 2709 31st St., NW
 - g. Consideration of resolution in support of marriage equality
 - h. Election of Vice-Chair to replace Commissioner Richard Rothblum, who has resigned
- IX. **Committee and SMD Reports**
- X. **Adjournment**

IV. **Announcements**

- a. Commissioner Bairstow announced that Commissioners Hart and Rothblum had resigned their ANC3C seats since the July meeting, creating vacancies in Single Member Districts (SMD) 7 and 4. Per DC Board of Election rules, the seats would be filled by standard procedure of petition, challenge, notification, and election. The election for SMD-7 will take place in October and the election for SMD-4 will take place in January, both with prior notification.
- b. Petar Dimtchev announced his replacement of Michelle Fox as Ward 3 Community Service Representative. He pledged to "connect residents to agencies" and posted his email address, petar.dimtchev@dc.gov, for inquiries.
- c. Commissioner Bairstow announced the October 17th BikeDC event, which will pass through ANC3C. The Commission voted in July to have no objection to the route, including road closures, to the Mayor's Special Events Taskforce.
- d. *Commissioner Bairstow announced the Oyster-Adams Vamos 5K, to be held October 18th. The Commission voted in April to support the route of the run.*
- e. Marlene Berlin, on behalf of Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action (CAPA), announced a grant request for \$10,000 for a project to improve the pedestrian environment on Connecticut Avenue from Calvert Street to Western Avenue. CAPA, working with Iona Senior

Services, is pursuing a number of initiatives to slow traffic speeds, provide safer crosswalks, and better placed bus stops to increase pedestrian safety. According to Ms. Berlin, DDOT is currently “doing nothing” in regards to pedestrian safety on Connecticut Avenue.

- f. Commissioner Bairstow announced a community meeting regarding the renovation of Stoddert.
- g. Commissioner MacWood announced a community meeting regarding the KlingeTrail project.
- h. Commissioner MacWood announced the annual Second District MPD awards banquet to take place on September 29th, at Maggiano’s restaurant in Friendship Heights; tickets are \$40.00 and checks are b^eing accepted by Samantha Nolan of 2940 Northampton Street.

V. **Officer’s Reports**

- a. July 2009 meeting minutes: Commissioner Reeves introduced the July 2009 minutes as previously emailed to all commissioners. No corrections were suggested. Commissioner Reeves moved that the minutes be approved, Commissioner Afzal seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote, 6/0.
- b. Approval of the 3rd quarter Treasurer’s Report was delayed until the October meeting to allow Commissioners additional time to review the document.

VI. **Community Forum**

- a. Boris Sigal, a representative from the DC Project announced his organization’s energy efficiency and green jobs plan, and discussed the DC Project’s intentions of involving District communities and engaging ANCs. He stressed community collaboration as key to his organization’s initiatives.

VII. **Presentations**

- a. Presentation by Karina Ricks on DDOT’s traffic calming initiatives and general strategies. The presentation focused on DDOT’s efforts to be more responsive to resident’s requests, including streamlining the implementation of speed humps if adequately requested by residents, overall planning activities, including a new focus on creating livable neighborhoods through systemic studies, and providing the option of “safety audits” to concerned citizens as a way to create safer streets for motorists and pedestrians. Commissioner Bairstow inquired into the ANC’s role in approving speed hump implementation. Ms. Ricks informed the Commission that the SMD Commissioner must verify the collected signatures of requesting residents. Commissioner MacWood stated that she had not been contacted to verify signatures for the installation of Newark Street speed humps. Commissioner Reeves expressed her concern over the unmarked traffic circle in McLean Gardens and the lack of a formal process for registering safety complaints; in addition, the Commissioner expressed her doubt that the section of Porter Street west of Connecticut Avenue should be labeled a minor arterial. Commissioner MacWood inquired into the

details of upcoming livability studies; and whether or not pedestrian deaths constitute a priority for a DDOT safety study. Commissioner Afzal expressed her concern over the safety of the Newark Street and Connecticut Avenue intersection. Commissioner Reba expressed concern over two issues: the poor signage at the 24th Street and Connecticut Avenue intersection and motorists going the wrong way up Woodley Place. Commissioner May inquired as to what happens when requests for one issue are made by multiple neighbors. The audience voiced its disagreement over the use of speed humps on neighborhood streets and DDOT's process for implementing them.

VIII. Commission Business

- a. Consideration of HPRB application to construct a rear addition at 2937 Ordway Street. The planned project would remove a screen porch and construct a 16' X 33.5' addition. Commissioner Afzal clarified previously agreed upon changes to upper floor windows. Commissioner Afzal moved a resolution to have no objections to the application, with Commissioner MacWood seconding. The motion passed by a roll call vote, 6/0/1:

Reba	A
Kummings	Y
Bairstow	Y
Afzal	Y
Reeves	Y
May	Y
MacWood	Y

- b. Consideration of HPRB application to construct a rear and side additions, a new garage, and a new driveway at 3410 36th Street. The planned project would construct a 600 square foot addition on the side and rear of the existing historic structure which currently sits on two lots, one of which is a corner lot. The homeowners presented support letters from neighbors. Commissioner MacWood expressed concerns over setting an inappropriate precedent and the need for standards and guidelines concerning side additions. Commissioner MacWood moved a resolution that ANC3C have no objections to the application, with Commissioner Reba seconding. After discussion, the Commissioner MacWood edited the language to express the Commission's concern over the mass of the 2-story side addition, while continuing to have no objections to the rear addition, the garage, and the driveway. The motion passed by a roll call vote, 7/0:

Reba	Y
Kummings	Y
Bairstow	Y
Afzal	Y
Reeves	Y
May	Y

MacWood Y

- c. Consideration of a grant application to by the Woodley Park Community Association to repaint historic call boxes. There was no representative from the Woodley Park Community Association present, so the grant application was not considered.
- d. Consideration of a public space permit application by Something Sweet Ice Cream Shop, located at 3706 Macomb Street. Robert (Bo) Blair, owner of the business presented plans to construct a seating area comprised of no-back wooden benches. The benches are set back from the curb by more than 10 feet, and do not extended beyond a neighboring building's current bump-out into public space. Commissioner Reeves made a motion for ANC3C to have no objection to the application and instruct the Chair to sign and submit the Public Space form noting no objections to the project; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reba. The motion passed by roll call vote, 7/0:

Reba	Y
Kummings	Y
Bairstow	Y
Afzal	Y
Reeves	Y
May	Y
MacWood	Y

Mr. Blair announced that he is considering taking over the lease of River House Antiques, adjacent to his shop, and expanding his operations to include a sandwich shop. The current lessor of River House Antiques informed the Commission that she wants to retire. It was discussed that this would probably require a special exception through the BZA since the Macomb-Wisconsin Overlay restaurant limit of 25% has been met by existing restaurants.

- e. Consideration of letter regarding valet parking permit application by New Heights Restaurant at 2317 Calvert Street. The Commission deferred the decision on the letter until the October meeting, citing the possibility of further independent action by New Heights Restaurant.
- f. Consideration of Board of Zoning Adjustment appeal regarding the conversion of a garage at 2709 31st Street. Appellant-neighbor alleges that the appellee-Zoning Administrator improperly approved a permit for the conversion of a garage into living space. The appellant argued that the homeowner in question would be in violation of use and area violation by converting the garage, and therefore, should have been denied a permit by the Zoning Administrator. Upon denial, the homeowner could have filed for an

exception with the BZA,. The homeowner, through her attorney, though not a party in the appeal but with mutual interest in the defense of the decision, argued that for a number of reasons, the conversion of the garage would not have violated area or variance requirements. Commissioner MacWood, with Commissioner Reeves seconding, made a motion to authorize Commissioners May and MacWood to write a letter to the BZA expressing the Commission's concern over procedures surrounding the underlying appeal. The motion passed by roll call vote, 7/0:

Reba	Y
Kummings	Y
Bairstow	Y
Afzal	Y
Reeves	Y
May	Y
MacWood	Y

- g. Consideration of a resolution in support of marriage equality. Commissioner Reba moved a resolution in support marriage equality, with Commissioner Afzal seconding. The motion passed by a roll call vote, 7/0:

Reba	Y
Kummings	Y
Bairstow	Y
Afzal	Y
Reeves	Y
May	Y
MacWood	Y

- h. Election of Vice Chair to replace Commissioner Rothblum who has resigned; election of Treasurer to replace Commissioner Hart, who has resigned. Chair Bairstow nominated Commissioner Reeves for Treasurer, Commissioner May for Vice Chair, and Commissioner Kummings for Secretary to replace Commissioner Reeves, who held the Secretary position. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Afzal, and the slate of nominees was elected by voice vote, 7/0.

IX. Committee and SMD Reports:

- a. There were no committee reports.
- b. Commissioner Reba announced that a community meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 - 9:00PM at All Souls Episcopal Church to discuss Woodley Park neighborhood concerns and questions with Councilmember Jim Graham and SMD01 Commissioner Reba.

- X. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Bairstow moved that the meeting be adjourned, with Commissioner Reeves seconding. The motion to adjourn was approved 7/0 by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM.

The next meeting of ANC 3C will be October 5th at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Second District Police Station, for a special meeting regarding ANC elections and consideration of the 3rd quarter Treasurer's Report. The regular monthly ANC 3C meeting will take place on October 19th at 7:30 PM at the same location.