

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nancy MacWood called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC3C's) Special Meeting for August 29, 2005 at 7:37 p.m. The meeting was held in the Mansion at the Washington International School. Other commissioners present included Bruce Beckner, Dia Black, Catherine May and Stephanie Zobay. Commissioner Reeves arrived at 8:13 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE

Chair MacWood verified that the proper notice was published in the Northwest Current and posted on the Cleveland Park list serve and the ANC3C website.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner May announced she plans to introduce a resolution at the September meeting requesting diligent enforcement of current parking regulations by the District of Columbia parking enforcement and the police.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chair MacWood acknowledged that a quorum (at least five members of the commission) was present.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No approval of the agenda was necessary as this is a special meeting and neither additions nor deletions of agenda items are allowed.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. Chair MacWood provided a brief historical overview of events to date: ANC3C passed a resolution in June 2005 on the entire St. Albans School BZA application, opposing the application and urged more negotiations on critical neighborhood issues including parking and outside usage. St. Albans agreed to negotiate with neighborhood representatives. Note that the BZA held hearings on the St. Albans application in mid-May 2005 as well as in July 2005. Prior to each of these hearings, no agreement had been reached between St. Albans and the neighborhoods on the critical neighborhood issues. At the July 2005 BZA hearing, St. Albans presented to the BZA a proffer of conditions they were willing to consent to. The BZA then asked

ANC3C to develop a set of conditions which ANC thinks ought to be included in the BZA Order. That resulted in the current resolution. Chair MacWood moved a resolution outlining conditions to be met by St. Albans before ANC3C would remove their objection to St. Albans BZA application. The resolution included the adverse impact of each condition and the rationale for each condition. The motion received a second from Commissioner Beckner, co-sponsor of the resolution.

Commissioner Black offered editorial comments and Commissioner Zobay suggested a map be included with the resolution to visually represent the referenced streets in the proposed parking zone.

Discussion included questions as to enforcement of the conditions and the evolution of the proposed conditions.

Commissioner Beckner offered an overview of the process of preparing the resolution: the starting point was the conditions offered by St. Albans and the resolution moved forward from there. The goal of the resolution was to clarify the vague St. Albans language and to have the document clearly stated so as to withstand successive participants and be understood them.

According to Chairman MacWood, ANC3C has been having discussions with St. Albans for quite awhile regarding neighborhood issues. Commissioner May stated she had canvassed the neighborhood personally and got a feel for the neighborhood preferences.

Vance Wilson, Headmaster of St. Albans, offered that St. Albans continues to meet with neighbors to hear their concerns. He said St. Albans has made a good faith effort to get parking issues resolved: Offering \$6 million towards the building of a parking garage, implementing a campus wide parking policy. But St. Albans could not monitor parking of a legal street/zone sticker in a RPP space. With respect to usage of the Performing Arts Center, he said St. Albans cannot be compared to Sidwell Friends School, as there are four institutions located on the Close that will use the facility. This is why St. Albans requested 100 days of events in the PAC. It is severely limiting to only be granted 50 days by the ANC conditions. Finally, with respect to the Liaison committee, St. Albans is quite willing to continue conversations with the neighborhood but St. Albans will not allow the neighborhood to interfere with the governance of the school. Chairman MacWood replied that the ANC has tried to be reasonable and rational in formulating its conditions and does not feel that they interfere with the governance of St. Albans. ANC3C has been hearing concerns regarding daily parking and outside use issues from the neighbors for years. ANC is only asking St. Albans to be responsible for its students and staff with respect to parking. Furthermore, the community was told that the parking garage was designed to accommodate all the institutions

on the Close and that the building of the garage would remove parking from the neighborhood.

Steve McGregor, Chairman of the St. Albans Board of Trustees stated that the parking policy has been announced and all families have been notified of the policy, thus steps have been taken to keep commuters on the Close. The conditions proposed by ANC3C are an invasion of the internal governance. Commissioner May asked for the number of students who drive to school. Mr. McGregor replied approximately 80. In addition, only 16% of the faculty/staff/student body has Zone 3 stickers, which amounts to only 22 cars. By deduction, St. Albans has approximately 135 total commuters.

Several Garfield Street residents expressed the need to curtail St. Albans' effect on parking supply and problems stemming from the usage of their facilities.

Another nearby resident thought that conditions should not restrict St. Albans until the parking garage was built and experience showed the need for more stringent restrictions on the school.

Commissioner May commented that she participated in drafting the resolution, but felt there needed to be some balance between the complexity of the ANC resolution and the vagueness of that offered by St. Albans. Commissioner May offered an amendment to the conditions of the resolution.

Chairman MacWood objected to receiving the document at 9:30p.m., but discussion continued on the substitute conditions. Commissioners offered friendly amendments and posed clarification questions to Commissioner May. Chairman MacWood called the question and a roll call vote on the amendment to the resolution in the form of substitute conditions:

Commissioner Reeves:	yes
Commissioner May:	yes
Commissioner Beckner:	yes
Commissioner MacWood:	no
Commissioner Black:	no
Commissioner Zobay:	yes

The amendment passed by a vote of 4-2.

Chairman MacWood called for a vote on the resolution as a whole with the new amended conditions. After discussion with respect to the BZA requirement of including rationales and adverse impacts in the resolution, it was agreed that Commissioner May would make the necessary minor adjustments to ensure each numbered rationale and impact corresponded to

the appropriate condition. **Resolution _____ was approved by a vote of 4-2.**

- b. Approval of 3rd quarter Financial Statement:** Commissioner Reeves presented the third quarter Treasurer's Report and moved its acceptance. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman MacWood moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beckner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2005.