

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Single Member District Commissioners:

01-Cheryl A. Opacinch
02-Alan Blevins
03-Michael V. Molnar
04-Richard C. Bartel
05-Ann Hume Loikow
06-Jim Evans
07-Lyle Blanchard
08-Rosalyn P. Doggett
09-Ruthanne Miller

MINUTES Regular Monthly Meeting January 24, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ann Hume Loikow called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C's regular monthly meeting for January 24, 2000 at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Perry Auditorium, Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. Other commissioners present were Cheryl A. Opacinch, Alan Blevins, Ruthanne G. Miller, Michael V. Molnar, and Jim Evans. Commissioner Lyle Blanchard arrived later.

II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Ann Hume Loikow verified that proper notice was posted prior to the meeting and published in *The Northwest Current* and *The Common Denominator*. Chairman Loikow announced that Mayor Anthony Williams and Planning Director Andrew Altman would be discussing planning in Washington, DC at the National Building Museum on Saturday, February 12; announced WASA's action on water bill rate increases; and announced that the Council would be holding a hearing on the use of cameras to catch red light runners.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2000: Chair Loikow asked for nominations for new officers for the year 2000. Commissioner Opacinch nominated, and Commissioner Loikow seconded, Commissioner Miller for Chair. Commissioner Blevins nominated, and Commissioner Molnar seconded, Commissioner Opacinch as Vice Chair. Commissioner Miller nominated, and Commissioner Evans seconded, Commissioner Loikow for Secretary. Commissioner Blevins nominated, and Commissioner Molnar seconded, Commissioner Blanchard for Treasurer. Each nominee was voted on in turn and unanimously elected by a voice vote (6/0). ANC 3C's duly elected officers for the year 2000 are: Chair - Commissioner Ruthanne G. Miller; Vice Chair - Commissioner Cheryl Opacinch; Secretary - Commissioner Loikow; and Treasurer - Commissioner Lyle Blanchard. At this point, Commissioner Loikow presented the gavel to the new Chair, Commissioner Miller, who took over presiding over the meeting.

IV. FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Ruthanne G. Miller announced that the ANC would have the following committees for the year 2000 and solicited public members for them: ANC Administration, Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities, D.C. Budget and Revenue, Education and Recreation, Environment and Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Preservation and Landmarks, Public Safety, Transportation. She also announced that the ANC had made copies for the public of briefing materials on the DC zoning process which

had been prepared by the Zoning Secretariat. Commissioner Loikow announced that Councilmember Catania would be holding training sessions for ANC commissioners on the zoning process in April, 2000. Chair Miller announced that the ANC was seeking an Executive Director to provide staff support for the Commission and solicited applications.

V. COMMUNITY FORUM - PRESENTATION OF THE CATHEDRAL MASTER PLAN:

Chair Miller introduced John Van Wagoner and Richard Williams, Co-Chairs of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation's Master Plan Committee, and Coleen Meehan, General Manager of the Foundation, who made an audio-visual presentation of the report of the Foundation's Master Planning Task Group. Copies of the Task Group's report were distributed to the public. The Task Group was formed in response to Dean Nathan Baxter's 1993 mandate to develop a master plan for the Cathedral Close that would anticipate future needs, solve the parking problem, and be creative in searching for solutions, including possibly purchasing additional real estate.

Mr. Van Wagoner described the organization of the Foundation in detail and the steps the Task Force took in developing the plan, including beginning with the Olmstead Plan of 1924 as the starting point. Mr. Williams discussed the "wish lists" of the various Foundation entities and how they were incorporated into the plan. Ms. Meehan discussed some of the plan's assumptions and the proposed increases in visitors, worshippers, and staff over the next 25 years. There was an extensive question and answer period with questions from the community focusing on traffic concerns, parking issues, control of tour buses, the impact of the proposed NCS athletic facility, and the need for better communication with the surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Meehan committed to getting the ANC a response by the end of the week to its October 1999 letter to Dean Baxter concerning tour buses.

The meeting was recessed for a short break about 9:00 p.m. After a ten minute recess, Chair Miller reconvened the meeting, at which point the following actions were taken.

VI. ACTIONS:

1. Meeting schedule for 2000: The Commission unanimously approved by voice vote (6/0) the following schedule of meeting dates for 2000 proposed by Commissioner Miller: February 28, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27, and December 18, 2000. The Commissioners agreed that all meetings would begin at 7:30 p.m. with a Police Service Area (PSA) meeting and would generally be held at the Second District Police Station.

2. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Blevins, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (5/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C
APPROVING THE MINUTES

Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C approves the minutes for the Commission's regular meeting on December 20, 1999 and the Commission's special meeting on January 10, 2000.

3. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (7/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C approves the payment of the expenditures noted below and authorizes the Treasurer to pay:

1. Bell Atlantic of up to \$50.00 for telephone service billed in the month of December 1999;
2. CFM Management Services \$130 for the February 2000 rent on the ANC office;
3. John Dear \$110 for February retainer; and
- 4.. \$150 for a subscription to the DC Register for any commissioner who wishes to receive an individual copy, such payment to be made either by writing a check to the D.C. Treasurer or by reimbursing a commissioner upon receipt of appropriate documentation.
5. \$10.00 to Commissioner Rosalyn Doggett for reimbursement for parking expenses on November 22, 1999; and
6. Commissioner Ruthanne Miller \$239.65 for reimbursement for copying zoning materials.

Commissioners Miller and Loikow requested individual subscriptions to the D.C. Register.

4. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (7/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C APPROVING THE FOURTH QUARTER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C approves the Quarterly Report for the quarter ending December 31, 1999 and authorizes the Treasurer to file the report with the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor.

5. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (7/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE ANC SECURITY FUND

Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C approves its participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund in the amount of \$68 and authorizes the Chairman and Treasurer to execute the attached agreement. Upon attestation by the Secretary, the Treasurer is authorized to issue a check payable to the ANC Security Fund and file the agreement with the District of Columbia Auditor.

6. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Opacinch, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (7/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C REQUESTING BZA REVIEW OF RESTAURANT LIMITS IN WOODLEY PARK AND CLEVELAND PARK

WHEREAS Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C joined with the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park neighborhoods in supporting their successful requests to obtain the first Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Zones in the District of Columbia in November 1989;

WHEREAS the purpose of these Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Zones is to preserve local neighborhood commercial districts by ensuring that the commercial sector is responsive to the local neighborhood needs and to preserving the local neighborhood character and quality of life;

WHEREAS the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Zones both provide limits on the commercial space which can be devoted to restaurant and related food businesses;

WHEREAS ANC 3C is aware of the very limited parking in these neighborhoods and has heard from many residents of the already overburdened parking situation; and

WHEREAS ANC 3C is further concerned that the allowable restaurant and related food businesses not exceed that which is permitted in these Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Zones under 11 DCMR § 1302.5(a):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C will make these concerns known to the appropriate District of Columbia Government Officials, including requesting that a survey be conducted of existing restaurant and related food businesses within the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Districts to ensure that such usage does not exceed that permitted under 11 DCMR §1302.5(a), as well as determine whether (and if so, how much) any further such usage remains; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C recommends and requests that no additional permits be granted by the District Government that would permit restaurant and related food businesses in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park until such survey is completed and reported to this ANC.

7. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Opacinch, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (5/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C
REGARDING BILL 13-468

WHEREAS on November 30, 1999, ANC 3C submitted to the Committee on Local and Regional Affairs written comments and recommendations on Bill 13-468, regarding ANC Reform Legislation;

WHEREAS on January 11, 2000, the Committee on Local and Regional Affairs approved a revised version of Bill 13-468, Advisory Neighborhood Commission Reform Legislation;

WHEREAS at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2000, ANC 3C discussed the January 11, 2000 version of Bill 13-468;

WHEREAS ANC 3C noted at its January 24, 2000 meeting certain concerns regarding the revised version of Bill-13-468;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C sets forth herein its following comments and recommendations on Bill13-468:

1. *HPRB and Public Space Committee Notice to ANCs*
Section 1-261, at page 15, should be amended to insert new parts 1-261(c)(4) and 1-261(c)(5) requiring HPRB and the Public Space Committee, respectively, to notice the Commission, Chair and

SMD Commissioner consistent with that required of the ABC in Section 1-261(c)(2)(A)(i-iii) - requiring notice 45 days prior to the hearing.

Rationale: This addition would ensure that notice, not otherwise available, be provided to the ANCs in a timely fashion in order for the “great weight criteria” to be met and for “great weight” to be given.

2. *ANC’s Option NOT to make a Recommendation*

Section 1-261(d)(1) at page 15 should be revised by changing “The” to “Any” in the first sentence. Accordingly, the sentence would read, “Any recommendation of the Commission should be in writing and articulate the basis for the decision.”

Rationale: ANCs are currently notified of actions that are not expected to generate any ANC comment, such as “matter or right” construction. In addition, ANCs may choose not to comment on an item. In both these instances, the present text would create an unnecessary paperwork burden.

3. *ANCs to Provide Notice other than by Certified Mail and other than 7 Days in Advance*

Section 1-261(d)(4)(B) should be revised to add the following highlighted language: “Notice was given to the applicant or subject of the proposed government action by the ANC by certified: “or other signed delivery” at least 7 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed action was discussed, “unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the applicant or subject of the proposed action;”

4. *Notice on Issues affecting an entire SMD or Commission area*

Section 1—261(d)(4) should be revised to add a new “D” to clarify that DC Government actions affecting a SMD or Commission area (as opposed to an “individual” or “affected party”) may be noticed in ANC Meeting Agenda postings (as opposed to the certified mail now required for individuals or affected parties) That section would state the following:

D. Notice on issues affecting many community or SMD members may be given by including the item in the posted ANC meeting agenda notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C authorizes Commissioner Opacinch to send a letter to Councilmember David A. Catania containing the foregoing Comments on the January 11, 2000 version of Bill 13-468.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C authorizes any commissioner of ANC 3C to present these views to the Councilmembers of the District of Columbia.

8. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Opacinch, seconded by Commissioner Loikow, and unanimously approved by a voice vote (5/0):

RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C
REGARDING THE COUNCIL’S ANC OVERSIGHT PERFORMANCE HEARINGS

WHEREAS the Committee on Local and Regional Affairs of the Council of the District of Columbia has requested that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C testify at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 as part of the Council’s FY 1999-2000 Agency Oversight Performance Hearings:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C authorizes Commissioners Miller, Doggett and Loikow to represent the ANC at this hearing.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Loikow moved to adjourn, seconded by Chair Miller and adopted unanimously by a vote of 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____
Secretary

Approved by the Commission on February 22, 2000.

Attest: _____