

	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>
Single Member District Commissioners 01-Lee Brian Reba; 02- Gloria Day; 03-Stephanie Zobay 04-vacant; 05-Bruce Beckner; 06-Trudy Reeves 07- Richard Rothblum; 08-Catherine May; 09-Nancy MacWood	4025 Brandywine Street, NW Washington, DC 20016-1843 Website http://www.anc3c.org

Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
March 17, 2008 Public Meeting
Second District Police Station
7:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Nancy MacWood called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC3C's) regular monthly meeting for March 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the community room at the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE: Chair MacWood verified that the proper notice was published on website, list serves and in the Northwest Current.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: At 7:39, Chair MacWood acknowledged that a quorum (5 of 8 commissioners) had been established. Other commissioners present included Catherine May, Trudy Reeves, Stephanie Zobay, Bruce Beckner and Gloria Day. (NOTE: Commissioner Reba came after the meeting had been called to order.)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chair MacWood moved for approval of the following agenda:

- I. **Announcements**
 - a. Introduction of grant application from John Eaton elementary school for \$1000 to support the school play
- II. **Officer's Reports**
 - a. Secretary's Report: Approval of February Minutes
- III. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approval of new roof skylight and shed dormer at 3434 Ashley Terrace.
- IV. **Presentation from District Fire Department** with Christopher Jordan, Captain, Capitol Projects Officer.
- V. **Presentation from Urban Forestry Administration, DDOT**, with Liz Tylander, Community Outreach Coordinator.
- VI. **Presentation from Acting Public Space Manager, DDOT**, Matthew Marcou.
- VII. **Community Forum**
- VIII. **Commission Business**
 - a. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 3508 Rodman Street for a new front entrance portico and 2-story rear addition
 - b. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 3431 34th Street for a 4-story rear addition that would enclose the area below and above an existing deck and create a rear roof gable

- c. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 2832 27th Street for a rear roof gable to create a 3rd story
- d. Consideration of a resolution commenting on proposed regulations to create a new Chapter 16, entitled Valet Parking, to Title 24
- e. Consideration of a resolution to amend By-Laws to change the number of required annual public meetings from 12 to 10, and to increase the amount of expenditures not requiring pre-approval from \$50 to \$200.

IX. Committee and SMD Reports

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Zobay moved that the business item regarding 2832 27th Street be moved to the consent calendar. Motion denied. Officer's reports were moved to the end of commission business. **The agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote of 6-0.**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Hazardous materials recycling day will be on April 26 at Carter Barron.
- b. Grant request for John Eaton School trip was reduced to \$555 per an updated cost estimate and was disbursed.
- c. WPCA voted not to appeal the condo at the Marriot.
- d. Kim Bayliss presented a \$1000 grant proposal to defray costs of the John Eaton Elementary School play.

VI. Consent Calendar

- e. Application to HPRB for concept approval of new roof skylight and shed dormer at 3434 Ashley Terrace

Commissioner Beckner read the resolution approving the application; it was seconded by Commissioner Day. The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Presentation from District Fire Department with Christopher Jordan, Captain, Capitol Projects Officer.

Captain Jordan presented plans for extensive upgrades in infrastructure, safety, appearance, and efficiency of Cleveland Park's Engine 28. Proposed project start date is October 1, and will last approximately 1 ½ yrs. He invited everyone to an open house at the newly renovated Engine 20 on Saturday April 26. Plans have incorporated the latest energy efficiency technology, and an audience member, the President of Friends of the Earth, offered to help them find the budget they need.

NOTE: Commissioner Reba arrived at 7:53.

George Idelson, president of Cleveland Park Community Association, presented a resolution that was passed without objection at their last meeting to add parking to the station. Mr. Jordan agreed to look into the option, and promised to update the commission.

Chair MacWood moved that the commission pass a resolution resembling the CPCA's. Commissioner Reba seconded the motion.

The resolution was approved as amended by a vote of 7-0, as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Day - yes
Commissioner May - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes

Commissioner Reba - yes
Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

VIII. Presentation from Urban Forestry Administration, DDOT, with Liz Tylander, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Earl Eustler, Ward 3 Forester

Over 130 trees were planted this year. They are working to distribute 2000 Ooze Tubes, which help to water street trees. Call Liz at 202.671.5141, for information.

Commissioners asked about tree trimming and protecting trees on private property during construction. Tree trimming season is all year round, so if there are any trees that are blocking signs and signals, they suggested that people call the mayor's line. If there is any question about a tree during construction, they suggested that the owner contact an arborist to assess the property. Anyone can find certified arborists at the ISA website.

IX. Presentation from Acting Public Space Manager, DDOT, Matthew Marcou

Acting Public Space Manager, Matthew Marcou, presented on a wide variety of issues relating to the public space and the ANC.

- f. Residential driveways and curb cuts - If a property has access to an alley, the application for a curb cut will most likely be denied. They use a GIS system to determine if the property has alley access. The Parking Enhancement Amendment Act made it legal to park in the front of the house on a legal circular driveway. Anything that changes the street, as in a new driveway, requires the approval of the ANC. He suggested that, in order for the ANC to be given great weight, the ANC's reviewing comments address the permit as it regards to public space, not other incidental issues. Loss of on-street parking is a relevant issue, and should be mentioned.
- g. 3101 Cathedral - Commissioner Zobay presented this property as an example of public space management gone awry. There is an illegal parking pad and 27 ft curb cut driveway despite the property having alley access. No permit has been issued for the parking pad. Tyron Jackson issued permits for application which the ANC didn't comment on. Mr. Marcou admitted failure and will follow up.
- h. ANC Notice - Chair MacWood just received (March 14) a certified mail letter dated Feb 5 for an application dated Dec 27. The application is being considered on March 27 (in 10 days). Nearly entire notice period was spent by the mailing system. ANC should have another 30 days from the date of the receipt. Commissioner May asked if Commissioners could be notified by email when applications are filed, which Mr. Marcou said he would look into. He also offered to ask Katrina Felder to distribute Public Space Committee agendas 60 days before the meeting to the ANCs.

NOTE: Chair MacWood acknowledged Councilmember Kwame Brown, who was present at meeting

- i. Sidewalk Cafes - Applicants should be applying for a sidewalk permit annually, and DDOT should be reviewing permits annually.

X. There were no items brought up during the Community Forum

XI. Commission Business

- a. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 3508 Rodman Street for a new front entrance portico and 2-story rear addition

Diane Hartley, owner, presented her plans to rehabilitate the property after a fire. The house was built in 20s, and is not an architecturally significant house to the historic district. The neighbors have been notified. Three neighbors have written letters of support, and three neighbors were present at the meeting to show their support. The plans that the commission reviewed are based on some modifications that the Architectural Review Committee of CPHS suggested. Commissioner Reba offered empathy for the loss and the damage that the fire had caused.

Commissioner Beckner read a resolution approving the application, seconded by Commissioner Reba. Commissioner Zobay asked that he add language that the dormer be lower than the peak of the existing house.

Several commissioners objected to the resolution because it didn't require that the addition be stepped in, even though the ANC has used that principle to comment on applications in the past. Commissioner Beckner argued that an addition needs to be secondary in scale and mass, and there might be some good reasons that the Commission deviates from a strict rule that the addition be stepped in.

Commissioner Zobay offered an amendment to ask that elevation on the east side of the addition be indented from the original house, seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Commissioner Beckner called the question, which was approved by voice vote. **The amendment was defeated by a vote of 4-3, as follows:**

Commissioner Beckner - no
Commissioner Day - no
Commissioner May - no
Commissioner MacWood - yes

Commissioner Reba - no
Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

The resolution was approved as amended by a vote of 5-0, with 2 abstaining, as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Day - yes
Commissioner May - yes
Commissioner MacWood - abstain

Commissioner Reba - yes
Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner Zobay - abstain

- j. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 3431 34th Street for a 4-story rear addition that would enclose the area below and above an existing deck and create a rear roof gable

Architect presented the same plans that were presented at the committee meeting. The architect stated that neighbors on either side of the property approve of the plans, but he didn't have letters.

Commissioner Beckner read the resolution approving the application. Commissioner May seconded. Commissioner Zobay asked that a resolve clause about landscaping be included, which was accepted.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0, as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes	Commissioner Reba - yes
Commissioner Day - yes	Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner May - yes	Commissioner Zobay - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes	

- k. Consideration of HPRB application for concept approval at 2832 27th Street for a rear roof gable to create a 3rd story

NOTE: Commissioner Beckner left at 10:28 pm

Architect presented plans for the addition, which can't be seen from street and is lower than the existing house roof. Commissioner Zobay read a resolution approving the application. Commissioner Reba seconded. Neighbors have approved of plans by verbal agreement, but they don't have letters.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0, as follows:

Commissioner Day - yes	Commissioner Reba - yes
Commissioner May - yes	Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes	Commissioner Zobay - yes

- l. Consideration of a resolution commenting on proposed regulations to create a new Chapter 16, entitled Valet Parking, to Title 24

Commissioner MacWood summarized her resolution clarifying the regulations and her comments on the fee structure. Chair MacWood moved her resolution, seconded by Commissioner May.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0, as follows:

Commissioner Day - yes	Commissioner Reba - yes
Commissioner May - yes	Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes	Commissioner Zobay - yes

- m. Consideration of a resolution to amend By-Laws to change the number of required annual public meetings from 12 to 10, and to increase the amount of expenditures not requiring pre-approval from \$50 to \$200.

Chair MacWood read her resolution, seconded by Commissioner Zobay. Nine meetings are required by law; commissioners asked why the ANC is being more restrictive than that is required by law. Commissioner Zobay offered language to clarify the meeting requirements.

Commissioner Reeves was unsure what was required by law regarding expenditure approval, so Commissioner Day offered a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reba, all approved by voice vote.

Commissioners discussed a requirement for attendance for meetings. ANC law states that if commissioners miss 4-5 meetings in a row they be dismissed from the commission.

X. Officers Reports

1. Minutes were tabled to next meeting

SMD/Committee Reports

1. SMD-03 - Commissioner Zobay had a comment mentioned in Northwest Current
2. SMD-01 - Commissioner Reba reported that there was a Neighborhood watch break in. He also mentioned that there was a massive black out on Connecticut due to an explosion at 14th and Clifford. Took police over 1 hr to come to the neighborhood to direct traffic. Commissioner Zobay mentioned that there was a woman who had medical emergency during Mt Pleasant fire and they were completely unresponsive. The Commissioners discussed the need for emergency services meeting
3. PSAs are having monthly meetings
4. Transportation Committee report - Jeff Jennings coming to Planning & Zoning Committee meeting in April. Need to consider visitor parking proposal, Wisconsin Ave corridor proposal, and a performance-based parking proposal. Commissioners discussed having public meeting instead of having him at P&Z meeting or at a transportation-specific meeting. Commissioners discussed asking Emeka Moneme or someone else come to the meeting. Commissioners discussed having a public transportation committee meeting with limited comment. Commission decided to decline having Jennings at P&Z meeting.

NOTE: Commissioner May left at 11:11

XI ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Reeves moved to adjourn, Commissioner Reba seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 pm.

The next meeting of ANC 3C will be Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Second District Police.