

	ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <i>CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS • CLEVELAND PARK • MASSACHUSETTS AVE. HEIGHTS</i> <i>MCLEAN GARDENS • WOODLEY PARK</i>
Single Member District Commissioners 01-Dia Black; 02-Deborah Jane Lindeman; 03-Stephanie Zobay 04-Avram Fechter; 05-Bruce Beckner; 06-Trudy Reeves 07-Sheila Hogan; 08-Catherine May; 09-Nancy MacWood	2737 DEVONSHIRE PLACE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008 TEL 202/232-2232 • FAX 202/232-0667 Email anc3cmail@gmail.com Listserv http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anc3cgroup Website http://www.anc3c.org

Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
September 18, 2006 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 September 18, 2006 at 7:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the community room at the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Other commissioners present included Stephanie Zobay, Catherine May, Shelia Hogan, and Avi Fechter.

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, the Woodley Park list serve, and the ANC3C website.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chair MacWood acknowledged that a quorum was established at 7:34.
NOTE: Commissioner Lindeman arrived at 7:36.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair MacWood moved for approval of the following agenda:

I. Consent Calendar

a. Application to the Historic Preservation Review Board for a rear addition to 3025 Rodman Street

II. Community Forum

a. Presentation of plans for 9/11 Commemorative Garden by Sarah Boasberg

III. Commission Business

- a. Consideration of an application to the Zoning Commission to modify a Planned Unit Development zoning order approved for 2501 Wisconsin Avenue, a condominium building known as Georgetown Heights
- b. Consideration of a concept plan application to the Historic Preservation Review Board for an addition to 3209 Highland Place, the National Child Research Center
- c. Consideration of a resolution requesting that DDoT complete the landscaping work on the south side of Ordway Street where it constructed a new sidewalk and retaining wall, in compliance with the decision of the Historic Preservation Review Board
- d. Consideration of an entertainment endorsement for the Aroma, 3417 Connecticut Avenue
- e. Consideration of a resolution on the Mayor's Draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan

The agenda was unanimously approved by a vote of 6-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting on the Klinge Bridge construction was announced for September 19. The meeting will go over information regarding parameters of the 18 month project, including lane closures.

A meeting on District Public Schools facilities master plan was announced for Thursday, September 21.

A meeting for DPR was announced for September 21. Public comments are asked for regarding parks. Chair MacWood commented that the scheduling of two meetings for the same day was unfortunate.

NOTE: Commissioner Beckner arrived at 7:39.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Application to HPRB for a rear addition to 3025 Rodman Street
Commissioner Beckner moved a resolution in support of the application. He heard positive, no negative, comments from all adjacent neighbors. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner May.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0 without discussion as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes

Commissioner May - yes

Commissioner Fechter - yes

Commissioner MacWood - yes

Commissioner Hogan - yes

Commissioner Zobay - yes

Commissioner Lindeman - yes

VII. COMMUNITY FORUM

a. *9/11 Commemorative Garden*

Sarah Boasberg, Founding Chair of Green Spaces for DC, gave a presentation of plans for a 9/11 Commemorative Garden. The garden would include a memorial bench and would create grove screened from Massachusetts Ave. Casey Trees is donating trees and will organize a community tree planting. The trees will be drought tolerant; however the neighbors will water the young trees, if needed. At some point, the memorial will be signed consistent with other 9/11 memorials throughout the city. DPR will maintain the memorial.

Commissioner May thanked Sally for her work, and also included Earl Eutsler and Duff McCaulley, city arborists, for their help with this project. Chair MacWood joined her in congratulations.

Commissioner Lindeman asked for the schedule of the tree trimming, as trees are becoming a public safety issue on 35th street. The city says the public may not cut 90 ft oaks, but it doesn't do it. Audience member, Peter, added that some stop signs and traffic lights are completely obscured by trees. Chair MacWood agreed to follow up with Earl.

b. *Park Bench Pub*

Owner David Metzner came to get ANC approval for Pub plans. Chair MacWood did not receive anything from HPRB and Public Space. Commissioner Fechter acknowledged that he reviewed the plans and would submit a resolution to support it; but would take a no-resolution knowing how public space and HPRB works. He also suggested that the ANC write a letter to HPRB and Public Space to complain about not receiving applications in a timely matter.

Commissioner May motioned to approve the plans in concept again, because until the ANC receives the applications, it can't approve. Seconded by Commissioner Fechter. Commissioner Fechter plans to write a letter voicing his support.

The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Chair MacWood suggested inviting Simpson-Mason to the November ANC3c meeting to talk about public space issues. She also suggested getting a public space inspector to come in the Spring to make sure that all restaurants are approved.

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. *Consideration of an application to the Zoning Commission to modify a Planned Unit Development zoning order approved for 2501 Wisconsin Avenue, a condominium building known as Georgetown Heights*

Paul, Steve, Bobbie presented information about minor modifications to the building including: (1) an enclosed cooling tower on the roof; (2) a grate over the exhaust shaft in front of building; and (3) additional articulation with shutters on St. Lukes' side of the building (Calvert street).

NOTE - Commissioner Black arrived at 8:18 pm

Commissioner May read a resolution regarding 2501 Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Beckner seconded. Beckner offered friendly amendment, to say, "subject to".

Commissioner Lindeman asked for clarification on why the cooling tower and the shutters weren't in the original plans. Steve explained that they had decided to go with a 'greener' solution for the cooling tower, which made it higher. He did not remember when the shutters went off the design; it was intended as an aesthetic choice to make it fade away into the background. Chair MacWood clarified that design drawings showed these changes; that DCRA didn't look at or ignored zoning order. The developer met with commissioners to notify it about the zoning inconsistencies. Commissioner May also mentioned that the green roof was increased by 150 feet.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 8-0 as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes

Commissioner Lindeman - yes

Commissioner Black - yes

Commissioner May - yes

Commissioner Fechter - yes

Commissioner MacWood - yes

Commissioner Hogan - yes

Commissioner Zobay - yes

NOTE: Commissioner May left at 8:30 pm

b. *Consideration of a concept plan application to the Historic Preservation Review Board for an addition to 3209 Highland Place, the National Child Research Center*

Kerry Urban, President of the Board of NCRC, and Mr. Anthony presented plans for the addition. They have been working with a standing committee of neighbors to establish footprint for the building and get feedback on their plans. Exterior plans have been made to preserve open space; there will be a decrease of 4% of existing open space. The addition doesn't expand past outermost sides of existing building and will expand 2-3 feet longer than previous proposals. The existing bike shed will be rebuilt in kind. Internal changes include additions to the elevator and stair to extended above first floor and allow full handicap access and an emergency escape. An exit will be added on the entry level and rooms will go one full level underground. The additions have been designed to look like an enclosed porch from the back, and like chimneys on the west side (where the elevator is extended).

Commissioner Beckner, as one of neighbors who negotiated agreement, is a signatory of the agreement. As a signatory, he has approved the agreement, so he abstains from discussion and vote.

Chair MacWood read resolution. Chair MacWood moved a resolution regarding 3209 Highland Place. Commissioner Lindeman seconded.

Commissioner Hogan asked for clarification about sidewalk/landscaping to break up the blank wall on elevator side. Beckner added that there is already existing trees on the property, obscuring the view.

Commissioner Fechter called to question, all agreed.

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

Commissioner Beckner - abstain	Commissioner Lindeman - yes
Commissioner Black - yes	Commissioner MacWood - yes
Commissioner Fechter - yes	Commissioner Zobay - yes
Commissioner Hogan - yes	

c. *Consideration of a resolution requesting that DDoT complete the landscaping work on the south side of Ordway Street where it constructed a new sidewalk and retaining wall, in compliance with the decision of the Historic Preservation Review Board.*

In 2003, DDoT built a sidewalk on the south side of Ordway, which required construction of restraining wall. This commission got DDoT to comply with the law and get a building permit and HPRB approval. It was determined that landscaping was required. Neighborhood representative Stuart Sodsky met with NCRC and DDoT, and was told that work would begin in spring. Nothing happened in spring and summer, and there has been no response from DDoT. This resolution is to be a taking off point to see why this can't get done.

Commissioner Beckner read resolution regarding landscaping work. Commissioner Beckner moved resolution. Commissioner Fechter seconded.

Commissioner Zobay raised concerns about whether it is prudent to plan with winter coming. Commissioner Beckner responded that Kudzu vines should be removed when the vines are green, and that planting in fall is ideal.

Commissioner Lindeman noted that the DDoT representative who had been attending the meeting left before the DDoT issue came before the commission. She asked that the commission write a letter.

Audience member, Peter Espensheid, asked that HPRB send an inspector and give DDoT ticket.

Commissioner Lindeman called to question, all agreed.

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

Commissioner Beckner - yes	Commissioner Lindeman - yes
Commissioner Black - yes	Commissioner MacWood - yes
Commissioner Fechter - yes	Commissioner Zobay - yes
Commissioner Hogan - yes	

Commissioner Fechter asked that the ANC write a letter to incoming council members that outlines all non-responsive agencies, and asks for timelines and accountability measures. Chair MacWood has sent an email to Fenty asking for a meeting with ANCs. This letter would become a cheat-sheet. Chair MacWood offered to write and circulate the letter.

Commissioner Lindeman argued for a specific letter for Jenkins/DDoT, while Commissioner Fechter would like to see a more general letter. Commissioner Black asked that Ward 1 be included.

d. *Consideration of an entertainment endorsement for the Aroma, 3417 Connecticut Avenue*

Commissioner Fechter read a resolution regarding 3417 Connecticut Avenue and moved a resolution. Commissioner Black seconded. Kurt Large, owner of Aroma, explained that they are asking for this endorsement because of a change in liquor laws, not that they are changing any of their operations.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0, with 1 abstention as follows:

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Black - yes
Commissioner Fechter - yes
Commissioner Hogan - yes

Commissioner Lindeman - abstain
Commissioner MacWood - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

e. *Consideration of a resolution on the Mayor's Draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan*

Chair MacWood read resolution regarding the Mayor's Draft and moved the resolution. Commissioner X seconded. Commissioner Fechter strongly supports this resolution, and strongly disapproves of policy specifics. Commissioners Lindeman and Hogan added that the old comp plan was ignored and needs editing and that they have no faith the new one would be implemented. The new comp plan is tailored for the current administration.

An audience member added that the comp plan is huge and complicated and needs to be summarized. He sees it as taking development in Ward 3 to fund socialism in other wards.

Commissioner Fechter called to question, all approved.

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

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Black - yes
Commissioner Fechter - yes
Commissioner Hogan - yes

Commissioner Lindeman - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

f. Commissioner Fechter moved to reconsider vote on 3334 Connecticut Ave, Beckner seconded. All approve. Fechter moved resolution a resolution regarding 3334 Connecticut Ave. Commissioner Beckner seconded.

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

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Black - yes
Commissioner Fechter - yes
Commissioner Hogan - yes

Commissioner Lindeman - yes
Commissioner MacWood - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

IX. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Zobay moved to approve May 2006, Commissioner Fechter seconded. All approved. Commissioner Zobay moved to approve June 2006, Commissioner Fechter second. 6 approved, Black and Lindeman abstained.

Commissioner Zobay moved to approve July 2006, Commissioner Black second. 7 approved, MacWood abstained.

X. Single Member District and/or Committee Reports

XI. Adjournment

Chair moved to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

The next meeting of ANC 3C will be Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Second District Police.