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<p>Single Member District Commissioners 01-Lee Brian Reba; 02-William Kummings; 03-Anne Marie Bairstow; 04-Roger Burns; 05-Leila Afzal; 06-Trudy Reeves; 07- Victor Silveira; 08-Catherine May; 09-Nancy MacWood</p>	<p align="right">4025 Brandywine Street, NW Washington, DC 20016-1843</p> <p align="right">Website http://www.anc3c.org Email all@anc3c.org</p>

MINUTES
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
December 21, 2009 Public Meeting
McLean Gardens Community Center
7:30 p.m.

- I. **Establishment of Quorum:** At 7:30 p.m., Commissioner Anne-Marie Bairstow acknowledged that a quorum (6 of 9 commissioners) had been established, and called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C's (ANC 3C) regular monthly meeting on December 21, 2009. The meeting was held in the Ballroom at the McLean Gardens Community Center, 3811 Porter Street NW, Washington, D.C. Other Commissioners present were Leila Afzal, Roger Burns, Lee Brian Reba, Trudy Reeves and Victor Silveira. Commissioner May arrived at 7:35 p.m. Commissioners Bill Kummings and Nancy MacWood were absent.

- 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
 - V. Officer's Reports
 - a. November 2009 meeting minutes
 - VI. Community Forum
 - VII. Presentations
 - a. Presentation by WASA regarding upcoming construction related to the Rock Creek Sewer Separation Project, Aleizha Batson and Neil Cavanagh
 - b. Presentation about DC Department of the Environment RiverSmart Homes program, Ms. Leah Lemoine

- VIII. Commission Business
 - a. Review of public space application for new curb cut at 3717 Woodley Road
 - b. Review of public space application for new curb cut at 3500 Idaho Avenue
 - c. Discussion of ANC 3C Bylaws and Committees
- IX. Committee and SMD Reports
- X. Adjournment

IV. **Announcements.** Commissioner Bairstow announced that the Office of People's Counsel will hold a public hearing on utilities on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

V. **Officer's Reports.**

a. *November 2009 meeting minutes.* Commissioner Burns requested an amendment on page 5, Section X.a. to change the order in which acknowledgements were made. Commissioner Afzal moved that the minutes be approved as amended, Commissioner Reba seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote, 6/0.

VI. **Community Forum.** None.

VII. **Presentations.**

a. *WASA regarding upcoming construction related to the Rock Creek Sewer Separation Project.* Neil Cavanagh, Senior Project Manager with Bryant Associates, an engineering/construction firm, described plans for proposed construction related to the Rock Creek Sewer Separation project along Cathedral Avenue and Woodley Road to start after January 1, 2010. New technologies (e.g. "jack and bore" to dig below major streets, and "cured-in-place" liners for existing pipes) will help to minimize disruption in traffic lanes. DDOT has approved the contractor's plans. Commissioner Bairstow asked WASA to utilize the neighborhood listservs and the DDOT email list to keep residents informed. WASA will place door handle notices along the 2100 block of Cathedral Avenue, in addition to mailing and hand-delivering notices. Notices will be e-mailed to the ANC so that Commissioners may forward them to their respective listservs. Commissioner Afzal inquired about plans to manage private sewer lines; she was referred to WASA Public Affairs for an answer.

b. *Presentation about DC Department of the Environment RiverSmart Homes program.* Leah Lemoine described DDOE's RiverSmart program to encourage property owners to use five stormwater management practices: trees, rain barrels, rain gardens, "bayscaping", and pervious pavers. Financial incentives are available. Although there is a multi-month backlog of homeowners requesting DDOE's free stormwater audit, the department will "fast track" homeowners situated on the

Combined Sewer Separation project. RiverSmart information and forms are found at ddoe.dc.gov, under Stormwater Management. Commissioner Reba asked if DDOE plans to mail notices to homeowners on affected blocks; Ms. Lemoine replied that that specific idea had not been considered. Commissioner May suggested that DDOE publish notices in the *Washington Post*, *Northwest Current* and on neighborhood listservs.

VIII. Commission Business

a. *Review of public space application for new curb cut at 3717 Woodley Road.* The homeowners described their application to extend an existing 12'9" concrete apron by 5'3" to 18', and cited safety concerns for entering/exiting their driveway, as well as ongoing driveway blockage by violators parking within the 5' minimum. In addition, the homeowners stated that the proposed apron expansion would not affect the public parking space for an average of eight cars on their side of the block. Neighbors opposing the application cited extreme parking congestion on public streets, concern that the expanded apron would reduce public parking space, and questions whether a compelling need for the curb cut had been adequately demonstrated.

There was extensive discussion about parking enforcement and DDOT existing policies and legal requirements, such as whether the agency relies on 20' per car standards, or whether the 5' minimum is from the edge of the apron or the perpendicular line of the driveway itself.

Commissioner Silveira pointed to a significant number of pros and cons with this application and asked other Commissioners for their experience. Commissioner Afzal described parking improvements in SMD3C05 when DDOT painted stripes; Commissioner May noted that visual deterrents are helpful; Commissioner Reeves stated that "curb cuts are forever"; Commissioner Bairstow cited concerns for pedestrian safety near driveways. Commissioner May suggested that DDOT be asked to re-examine the issue, noting the homeowner's legitimate request for a measure of safety when using their driveway, and the neighborhood's need to maintain existing public parking spaces.

Commissioner Bairstow recommended that the ANC3C object to the application and ask DDOT to work with the homeowners, neighborhood and the ANC to find an alternative solution. A resolution was drafted. Commissioner Bairstow moved that the resolution be approved; Commissioner May seconded. The resolution was approved by a roll call vote, 7/0.

Afzal	Y
Bairstow	Y
Burns	Y
May	Y
Reba	Y

Reeves	Y
Silveira	Y

b. *Review of public space application for new curb cut at 3500 Idaho Avenue.* The contractor representing the applicant noted that no curb cut was involved in this project. The Cleveland Park Historical District had approved replacement of an existing wooden retaining wall (on public space) with stone materials, as well as other improvements such as replacement of the existing concrete apron. Commissioner Afzal moved approval of this application; Commissioner May seconded. The application was approved by a roll call vote, 7/0.

Afzal	Y
Bairstow	Y
Burns	Y
May	Y
Reba	Y
Reeves	Y
Silveira	Y

c. *Discussion of ANC 3C Bylaws and Committees.* This discussion was postponed until the January 2010 meeting. Commissioner Bairstow noted that the bylaws enable the ANC to establish committees and task forces as needed. Commissioner Reeves indicated her interest in having term limits for officers.

IX. **Committee and SMD Reports:** Commissioner May reported that ANC3C was well represented by five SMDs at the DDOT meeting on truck routes through the neighborhoods; those present asked for enforcement of designated truck turnarounds to preserve the residential character of the neighborhoods involved. She also noted that DDOT is trying to follow best practices from other cities. Meeting minutes will be circulated to all commissioners when available.

X. **Adjournment.** Commissioner Reeves moved that the meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Afzal seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote, 7/0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.