



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Single Member District Commissioners
01-Cheryl A. Opacinch; 02-Kurt Vorndran; 03-Robert Martin (Secretary)
04-Richard C. Bartel (Vice Chair); 05-John Welsh; 06-(vacant)
07-Lars Hydle (Treasurer); 08-Rosalyn P. Doggett; 09-Nancy MacWood (Chair)

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Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 25, 2002

I. WELCOME AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chair Nancy MacWood (SMD 09) called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C's regular monthly meeting of March 25, 2002 at 7:38 P.M. The meeting was held at Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Other commissioners present were Cheryl Opacinch (SMD 01), Bob Martin (SMD 03), Richard Bartel (SMD 04), John Welsh (SMD 05), Lars Hydle (SMD 07), and Rosalyn Doggett (SMD 08).

II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE

Chair Nancy MacWood verified that proper notice of the meeting was posted on the ANC3C e-group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anc3c>) and in The Northwest Current.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Without objection the agenda was approved.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Chair MacWood announced the resignation of ANC3C Administrator, Doug Ward. Chair MacWood moved to authorize Commissioner Martin to place an ad to seek a new administrator. Without objection, the motion was approved.

B. Chair MacWood announced that the following ABC license renewal applications would be considered at the April ANC3C meeting:

Zandamn Inc., 2317 Calvert St., NW
Lebanese Taverna, 2641 Connecticut Ave., NW

Khalilur Rahman, 2621 Connecticut Ave., NW
Jandara Restaurant, 2606 Connecticut Ave., NW
Yenching Palace, 3524 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington Park Gourmet, 2331 Calvert St., NW
Murphys of DC, Inc, 2609 24th St., NW
Tono Sushi Restaurant, 2605 Connecticut Ave., NW
Trattotia Italiana, 2651 Connecticut Ave., NW
Ivys Place, 3520 Connecticut, NW
Café Paradiso, 2606 Connecticut, NW

C. Chair MacWood announced that Louise Ware had brought copies of draft proposals from the Downtown Commercial Development Corporation for wayfinding signs in Cleveland Park and Woodley Park.

D. Commissioner Bartel announced that the Cleveland Park Citizens Association will meet on Saturday, April 6, 10:15 AM at the Cleveland Park Library.

V. COMMUNITY FORUM:

A. Chair MacWood introduced Officer Brown from the Metropolitan Police Department who briefed the commission on recent crime activity within the 2nd District. The officer stated that many of the robberies happened on neighborhood sidewalks during the evening. He advised community residents to try to stay with larger groups at night, as most robbers will typically prey on individuals walking alone. Officer Brown explained how he patrols the area – by regularly cruising through neighborhoods, occasionally flipping on the lights to scare perpetrators. Officer Brown also advised the community that many burglaries occur during the day and are crimes of opportunity. He advised community residents to avoid leaving ladders out, or doors and windows open. He advised residents to call 311 if they see anything suspicious.

B. Chair MacWood introduced Herb Harris, Chairman of the Consumer Utility Board. Mr. Harris explained that the Board was created in 1977, at the behest of the Department of Energy, who requested that all the states review and report on their energy consumption. The Board is a non-paid, volunteer organization. Mr. Harris explained that in the last 5 years the energy market has been shaken by the introduction of deregulation and competition. Mr. Harris stated that the impetus for energy companies to advance deregulation was to get out from under the regulation of state regulatory boards. Mr. Harris believes, however, that consumers have not seen much benefit as a result. Mr. Harris went on to discuss the concept of aggregate consumption – coalitions of entities that acquire energy. Commissioner Bartel asked if, under an aggregation program, it is possible for communities to aggregate to form co-operatives in order to participate. Mr. Harris responded that municipalities are eligible for participation, but that none in DC have done so. Mr. Harris encouraged community residents to contact the

Consumer Utility Board at (202) 727-3071 with any consumer related utility concerns.

C. Chair MacWood introduced Sheila Hogan, Executive Director, Casey Trees Endowment Foundation. Ms. Hogan briefed the commission on the history and goal of the Foundation. Ms. Hogan stated that the primary function of the Foundation is to do something about tree canopy loss in the District. The Foundation is set up as a public/private organization. The first project (to be conducted in conjunction with the Urban Forestry Administration) is a street tree inventory. The Foundation will be hiring 35 summer interns to conduct the inventory, as well as working with community volunteers. Commissioner Welsh introduced a motion (Commissioner Martin seconded) authorizing the Chair to write a letter (attached) to Linda Cropp (Councilmember) requesting that the Council Committee on Public Works and the Environment complete consideration of the “Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2001” (Bill 14-307). **The motion was approved.**

D. Chair MacWood introduced discussion of property tax increases. Chair MacWood stated that the City Council had recently voted to limit property taxes to 125% of last year’s tax. Commissioner Doggett read a draft resolution, written by Commissioner Vorndran (not present). Commissioner Doggett moved consideration of the resolution (seconded by Commissioner Welsh). Discussion ensued. A member of the community, Dr. Peter Craig, explained the CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) methodology – the current assessment methodology used to determine rates. He further stated that the current trending methodology results in inconsistency and many inequitable discrepancies between a home’s market value and its property tax assessment. Community member Dr. Craig further stated that these rate increases have primarily hit residents, not businesses or tenants. Further discussion ensued regarding the exact language of the resolution. Commissioner Doggett called the question. **By unanimous vote Resolution 2002_006 was approved. (attached)**

E. Commissioner Hydle updated the commission on the Cathedral tour bus issue and introduced Ms. Julie Cook, representative from the National Cathedral, who updated the commission about the Cathedral bus management plan. Ms. Cook stated that, in her opinion, the system seems to be working, especially the efforts to reach tour operators and instruct them on the new policies. She provided a phone number (537-3119) that residents can call if they see a bus violating the bus management restrictions. Commissioner Hydle introduced a motion to **amend ANC3C Resolution 2002-001**. By unanimous vote the motion carried (amended resolution attached).

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

A. Without objection a motion finding NO OBJECTION to the following ABC license renewal applications was approved::

1. Wardman Park Marriot Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd.
2. Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St.
3. Nam-Vet Pho, 3419 Connecticut Ave.
4. Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, 2623 Connecticut Ave.

B. Commissioner Doggett introduced (seconded by Commissioner Martin) and read a resolution regarding apparent violations of the Woodland Normanstone zoning overlay district at 2231 30th Street. By unanimous vote **Resolution 2002_007 was approved.**

C. Chair MacWood announced that the HPRB hearing on the Friendship Shopping Center landmark application had been postponed until April.

D. Commissioner Bartel introduced a resolution regarding the Verizon application for a tariff increase pending before the Public Utility Commission. Commissioner Bartel said that the resolution states that there are significant question with regards to the application, and asks the Executive Branch and the Public Service Commission to extend the time for comment and/or hold a public hearing. Commissioner Martin moved the question (seconded by Commissioner Doggett). **By a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Bartel abstaining) Resolution 2002_008 was approved.**

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Transportation Committee

1. Commissioner Welsh motioned to discharge the Transportation Committee sub-committee on Porter Street. The motion was approved. Commissioner Welsh, Co-Chair of the Committee, moved to discharge the Committee of its responsibilities for Klinge Road. Without objection, the motion was approved.

B. Planning and Zoning Committee

1. Commissioner Welsh introduced a motion to send a letter to DCRA, the ABC, the Zoning Administrator, and Bombay Restaurant regarding rescinding or declaring invalid a “zoning certification” issued 2/22/2002 regarding restaurant use(s) in square 2068, lot 90, at 3512 – ‘3514’

Connecticut Avenue. **By unanimous vote the motion was approved (letter attached).**

VIII. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

A. Commissioner Martin moved the acceptance of the January's minutes. Without objection, the minutes of the January meeting of ANC3C were approved.

B. Commissioner Martin moved the acceptance of the February's minutes. Without objection, the minutes of the February meeting of ANC3C were approved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacWood moved to adjourn (seconded by Commissioner Welsh). Without objection the February 2002 meeting of ANC3C was adjourned at 10:59 P.M.