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<p><i>Single Member District Commissioners</i>  01-Lee Brian Reba * 02-Gwendolyn Bole * 03-David Valdez  04-Vacant * 05-Margaret Siegel * 06-Carl Roller  07- Victor Silveira * 08-Catherine May * 09-Nancy MacWood</p>	<p align="right">P.O. Box 4966  Washington, DC 20008  Website <a href="http://www.anc3c.org">http://www.anc3c.org</a>  Email <a href="mailto:all@anc3c.org">all@anc3c.org</a></p>

**Minutes**  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C**  
**May 18, 2015 Public Meeting**  
**MPD2D Community Room, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW 7:30PM**

**I. Establishment of Quorum:** At 7:31pm Commissioner Roller acknowledged that, with five Commissioners present, a quorum had been established and called the meeting to order. Other Commissioners present were: Gwen Bole, Nancy MacWood, Victor Silveira, David Valdez, Margaret Siegel and, coming later, Lee Brian Reba.

**II. Verification of Notice:** (Listserves: CP,WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter):Commissioner Roller verified that notice was given on the ANC3C website, local community listservs, Twitter, and the Northwest Current newspaper.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner MacWood moved the following agenda for approval. The motion carried by voice vote.

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| <p>I. Establishment of Quorum<br/> II. Verification of Notice (Listserves: CP,WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter)<br/> III. Approval of Agenda<br/> IV. Announcements<br/> V. Community Forum<br/> VI. Consent Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of a resolution expressing No Objection to an HPRB application for driveway widening for <u>3411 Woodley Road NW</u></li> </ul> <p>VII. Commission Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of HPRB application for front addition to <u>3203 Macomb Street NW</u></li> <li>2. Consideration of a resolution opposing a DCRA Raze Permit for <u>3400 Massachusetts Avenue NW</u></li> <li>3. Consideration of a resolution regarding a DDOT Public Space application for <u>3339 Massachusetts Avenue NW</u></li> <li>4. Consideration of a resolution concerning proposed regulations regarding digital billboards (<u>INFO</u>) - POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE</li> </ol> <p>VIII. ANC Coordination Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mayor's Meeting:</li> <li>2. Council</li> <li>3. ANCs</li> </ol> <p>IX. Officer's Reports/Committee Reports, Administration Issues, SMD Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting and May 4, 2015 meeting</li> <li>2. Treasurer's Report:</li> <li>3. Administrative Issues:</li> <li>4. IT Committee Report:</li> <li>5. SMD Reports</li> </ol> |
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**IV. Announcements:**

1. Commissioner Roller announced that Board of Ethics and Elections has officially declared SMD3C04 vacant. Information on filling this seat is posted on the ANC3C website.
2. Commissioner MacWood announced the second Community Meeting of DC Public Libraries on June 23, 2015 at 6pm at the Cleveland Park Library. The project is still in the planning phase and comments may be left on the website: <http://dclibrary.org/newclevelandpark>

**V. Community Forum:** Mike Mathews and Ian Mathers introduced themselves (Mayors Office of Community Relations and Services - Ward 3.) They have an office in the Cleveland Park Library and will post hours soon.

**VI. Consent Calendar:** Commissioner Siegel moved adoption of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-018**

**Regarding HPRB Application for driveway widening  
at 3411 Woodley Road, NW**

WHEREAS, the owner of 3411 Woodley Rd., a contributing property in the Cleveland Park Historic District, has filed with the Historic Preservation Review Board an application to widen the driveway that is narrow and enclosed by high retaining walls on the sides of the driveway; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the narrowness of the driveway and the side retaining walls prevents passengers from being able to open car doors on both sides of the car; and

WHEREAS, the owner has proposed to maintain the original retaining walls and driveway entrance on Woodley Rd. and to begin the increase in driveway width behind the retaining wall on the eastern edge; and

WHEREAS, the owner has proposed to rebuild the retaining walls on the sides of the driveway in the original form and with the existing materials:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C has no objection to this application and urges the HPRB to approve it;

BE IT RESOLVED that the chair and commissioner SMD 3C09 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

**Attested by**



**Carl Roller**

**Chair, on May 18, 2015**

*This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on May 18, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.*

## **VII. Commission Business:**

### **1. Consideration of HPRB application for front addition to 3203 Macomb Street NW:**

Commissioner Siegel provided an overview of the project. Ralph Cunningham, architect, provided details of the project. Commissioner Siegel read and moved a resolution on this matter. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-019 Regarding HPRB Application for front addition to 3203 Macomb Street, NW**

WHEREAS the owner of 3203 Macomb Street, a non-contributing property in the Cleveland Park Historic District, has filed for concept review of an addition and the construction of a new driveway; and

WHEREAS, more flexible standards of review are applied to non-contributing houses but, like newly built houses, they should respect the established mass, scale, setback and rhythm of the block, and follow those basic historic preservation principles with regard to additions; and

WHEREAS, the owner of 3203 Macomb St. proposes to demolish part of a one-story addition constructed prior to historic district designation that is wider (28 ft. 9 in.) than the width of the original house (22 ft. 2 in.) and not set back from the face of the original house, and build a 2-story addition in essentially the same footprint; and

WHEREAS, the owner does not want to build into the rear yard because there is an existing man-made pond in the rear yard and a substantial grade change from that feature to the rear of the property line; and

WHEREAS, the front addition roof line would be approximately 7 ft. 4 in. below the original house roof line; and

WHEREAS, the owner proposes to redesign the existing rear patio and rear deck and to demolish a garden shed to allow the construction of a 9 ft. driveway with pervious pavers on the western edge of the property; and

WHEREAS, the driveway would feature a solid electronic gate; and

WHEREAS, nearly every property on the north side of Macomb St. between Connecticut Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street has a single or shared driveway:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C has no objection to demolishing the addition and no objection to the construction of a new driveway, but the commission does not support a solid gate positioned at the front façade line as it is not a feature seen on Macomb St. or in other parts of the historic district;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C does not object to an addition that would be visible from the street, but does object to increasing the size of the existing addition that is more than 100% as wide as the original house;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C appreciates the work that the architect has done to address concerns expressed by the commission, including reducing the height of the addition, but urges the applicant to reduce the width of the addition and provide a setback from the front façade of the original house;

BE IT RESOLVED that the chair and the commissioner for SMD 3C09 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by



**Carl Roller**

**Chair, on May 18, 2015**

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**2. Consideration of a resolution opposing granting of a DCRA Raze Permit for 3400 Massachusetts Avenue NW:**

Commissioner Roller read and moved a resolution as drafted by Commissioner May on this matter. Commissioner Roller noted that no one from developer's office was present to speak on this matter. Representatives from Traceries spoke on the criteria for landmark status. Commissioner MacWood offered a friendly amendment to delete co-sponsorship with MACHA with respect to the application, until the application is actually filed. Commissioner Roller accepted the amendment. Motion to accept the resolution as amended carried by voice vote.

**ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-020  
Regarding Resolution in Opposition to DCRA Raze Permit  
for 3400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**

Whereas, on April 23, 2015 ANC3C received notice that a raze permit had been filed for 3400 Massachusetts Ave, a single family home located on a double lot in a neighborhood zoned R-1-B; and

Whereas, this property is located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue NW and Observatory Circle in close proximity to the Naval Observatory, the Embassy of Norway, St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, the Vatican Nunciature, the Embassy of Cape Verde, the Soka Gakkai Center, and several other gracious homes; and

Whereas, the property faces onto Massachusetts Avenue NW and contributes to the aesthetic beauty and cultural heritage of the District of Columbia, is both historically and architecturally significant, and is eligible for listing on the DC Inventory of Historic Sites under Criterion C, the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B in the areas of Industry and Health/Medicine and, under Criterion D Architecture/Urbanism and National Register under Criterion C Architecture; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association has engaged a historic preservation firm to prepare a formal application to have this property designated as a Historic Site, which documents in detail the manner in which the property fulfills the inclusion criteria:

Be It Therefore Resolved that ANC3C opposes the application for the raze permit and asks that the raze permit be denied pending consideration of the application for historic designation; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Chair the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by



**Carl Roller**

**Chair, on May 18, 2015**

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**3. Consideration of a resolution regarding a DDOT Public Space application for 3339 Massachusetts Avenue NW:**

Commissioner Roller read and moved a resolution as drafted by Commissioner May on this matter. Commissioner Roller noted that no one was present to represent the applicant. Motion to accept the resolution carried by voice vote.

**ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-021  
Regarding DDOT Public Space Application to Install a Fence for the Vatican Embassy, located at 3339  
Massachusetts Avenue, NW**

Whereas, on April 20, 2015 ANC3C passed resolution 2015- 016 objecting to the placement of any fence greater than 42” in public space and objecting absolutely to the placement of a fence closer than 18 inches from the curb along Massachusetts Avenue; and

Whereas, at the time of the Resolution the ANC did not have access to the reports of the Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) nor the report of the Office of Planning (“OP”) and sought the best compromise available at that time to preserve the integrity of the trees and streetscape along Massachusetts Avenue; and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation’s Urban Forestry Administration report ([attached](#)) recommends that, to ensure the health of the trees in public space, the fence along Massachusetts Avenue should be located as far from existing trees as possible; and

Whereas, the Office of Planning Report ([attached](#)) concludes that the fence would be made more consistent with District interests in maintaining the open character along Massachusetts Avenue and maintaining the health of street trees by placing the fence up to 38 feet back from the curb; and

Whereas, placing the fence 38 feet back from the curb would also satisfy U.S. Department of Homeland Security criteria and embassy need for the standard 50 foot security buffer between the fence and the building:

Be It Therefore Resolved that ANC3C supports the conclusions of the DDOT and OP reports and finds that the placement of the fence at 38 feet from the curb is more consistent with the ANC concern for the health of the trees and for maintaining the park like nature of the avenue; and

Be It Further Resolved that if agreement cannot be reached that approval be postponed in order that the Nuciature and city agencies may continue to work together to find a solution that serves both the Nunciature's interest in having a security fence and the District's interest in maintaining the health of the trees, access to public parking, and the park like setting of the avenue; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Chair, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

**Attested by**



**Carl Roller**

**Chair, on May 18, 2015**

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### **VIII. ANC Coordination Issues:**

1. Mayor's Meeting: Commissioner Valdez announced that a letter was forthcoming regarding feeder pattern issues with respect to Oyster Adams School. Commissioner Roller noted that the Deputy Mayor for Education has been invited to three meetings and was unable to attend.
2. Council: none forthcoming
3. ANCs: Commissioner Valdez noted that the Oyster-Adams letter would be shared with ANC1C.

### **IX. Officer's Reports/Committee Reports, Administration Issues, SMD Reports:**

1. Secretary's Report: Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2015 and May 4, 2015 meetings. Motion was carried by voice vote.  
Commissioner Bole noted that ABRA is sending application notices to community groups before ANCS. She moved to approve a letter from the Commission to Mr. Moosally at ABRA regarding the interpretation of the regulations regarding proper notice to ANCs and the current delay in receiving notices. Commissioners Roller and Sileria offered amendments which were accepted. Motion was carried by voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Siegel commented that the finances are in good shape. She has updated the budget. A brief discussion regarding the auditor, report submission and documentation ensued.
3. Administrative Issues: None forthcoming.
4. IT Committee Report: Commissioner Roller announced that the IT Committee would transition from committee approach to a project approach, with a compilation of IT issues from those involved with past or current projects. This will be presented to the Commission as a whole.
5. SMD Reports:

SMD01 noted 4 issues: 1) Walked with Urban Forestry, noting tree canopy obstructing directional signage, 2) Zoo - great job with directing traffic and moving traffic along to keep Connecticut Avenue clear of congestion, 3) Lillie's Restaurant was recently robbed recently in wee hours of the morning, 4) All Souls Church construction is almost completed.

SMD05 noted 2 issues: 1) Walked about with Urban Forestry and noted several issues that need attention, 2) Two liquor stores in SMD04 are seeking extension of current hours.

SMD06 noted the Annual Ward3 Animal Health Fair sponsored by DC Department of Health at Newark Street Dog Park was well attended.

SMD07 noted Embassy Church has begun dismantling the improperly permitted playground located in Public Space.

6. Executive Session:

Commissioner Roller moved the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss employment and compensation matters. Motion was carried by voice vote. Commission moved into Executive Session at 8:45pm.

Meeting resumed at 9:07pm. Commission approved a COLA salary increase of \$0.50/hour for the Administrator.

**X. Adjournment:** Commissioner Roller moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

***The next meeting of ANC3C is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 7:30pm in the Community Room of MPD 2D, 3320 Idaho Avenue NW. Please check anc3c.org for any updates.***