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Posting of notices of the meeting was verified.

A motion was made and passed waiving the usual order of the agenda.

The first item of business was the application for a zoning adjustment at 2647 Woodley Road to convert the premises from tourist home to a beauty parlor. After ^{Planning + Zoning Committee} reading a report on the subject the Commission decided to take no position on the issue and to suggest that the BZA study the Woodley Park plan in considering the issue.

In discussing this issue several procedural issues were raised. The first was that the Commission had taken a position opposing the application at its June meeting and then had taken a position of non-opposition at its September meeting, after getting more information on the subject. It was not clear to some Commissioners that it was the same issue that was being acted on. Therefore, it was decided that whenever a Commissioner wishes to bring up a matter for reconsideration he/she should always refer to the minutes of the previous meeting. It was noted that there was no Committee to deal with zoning issues in June, but that in the future all issues that might be possible subjects for controversy should be referred to the appropriate committee. 0

The major item of business at the meeting was the Commission budget. The final determination is that for each quarter the Commission will receive ^{\$5344.} The Commission decided how much to budget for rent, telephone, office equipment, postage, reproduction, local travel, and secretarial help.

Additional points that were raised in the course of the discussion included: Col. Van Way will find out about liability and theft insurance; we will take possession of the office as of Nov. 1, 1976; the address of

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A motion was made and carried stating that the Commission considers partisan to mean related to a political party by label.

Discussion was held on how to spend the remainder of the Commission's funds. Some Commissioners felt that this money should be given to community projects whose merit would be evaluated through proposals submitted to the Commission. A matching funds arrangement was suggested. Other Commissioners felt that all or most of the Commission's funds above operating expenses should be spent to make the Commission better able to carry out its Advisory role. Suggestions of such activities included a needs assessment for the elderly and publication of a citizen's guide to planning and zoning. There was discussion of whether commission-sponsored activities and community activities should be considered together or separately for funding.

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Agenda items

Utility Consumers' Bill of Rights
Practice Wall at Hearst Playground
Subway construction noise
Fire Department budget
Inaugural Balls
L-4 Buses
Food Stamp Center
ANC Office
Testimony before HPAC
Transportation Committee
Sterling Tucker Bill concerning ANC vacancies
Commission budget

The regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C was held at the Second District Police Station on Monday, Nov. 22, 1976. Lindsley Williams chaired the meeting in the absence of Kay McGrath, who was ill. The roll was called and all members except Ms. McGrath were present. Dave Grinnell, who has been elected to fill the vacant seat in 3C10 was also present.

It was announced that in addition to Mr. Grinnell, Mr. Fred Pitts has been elected in 3C01.

All Commissioners verified that they had posted notice, except Mr. Corcoran, who had posted notice late.

The October 25 ANC minutes were adopted.

It was announced that there would be Commission meetings on Dec. 9 and 27.

The first issue discussed was a report from D.C. Power concerning the Utility Consumers' Bill of Rights. Anton Wood, an ANC Commissioner and Chairperson of the Near Northeast Community Association spoke. He said that the Bill of Rights had been formulated by the People's Counsel and was being treated using the usual rulemaking procedures. Neal Krucoff agreed to be the Commission's contact person on this.

The next issue was the construction of a tennis practice wall at the Hearst Playground. This wall had been built without notice to the Commission or the general public. A group of citizens attended the meeting to protest the wall saying that it was interfered with the aesthetic and recreational value of the playground. Petitions on the subject were presented. The following persons expressed their opposition to the wall: Beth Blanchard, Henry Solomon, Martha Black, Leslie Mourie, George Basin, Dixie Scott, Tom Mann. Many of the persons opposing the wall spoke of other needs of the playground. Hank Pizza of the Department of Recreation was also present and expressed his doubts about the correctness of building the wall. Pizza promised to give Commissioner Smith information concerning the contractor who had built the wall and the price. Citizens expressed their willingness to pay for the removal of the wall. It was announced that Dr. Rumsey, Director of the Department

had agreed to take down the wall if the Commission voted to do so. Mr. Robert Montague protested that the larger community, especially those who travelled some distance to play tennis had not had enough opportunity to express their opinions on the subject.

The Commission voted on a motion saying that the Commission supported the efforts of the Community to tear down the wall and called on the Department of Recreation to do so. The motion passed. The Commission also requested that a Committee be set up to deal with this issue and the continuing needs of Hearst Playground. The Committee will include the three Commissioners directly involved--Ms. Coram in whose SMD the park lies, Ms. McGrath whose SMD adjoins the park, and Mr. Smith the Recreation Committee Chairman--Beth Blanchard, Martha Black, Dixie Scott and other community members. It was decided that Ms. Coram would inform Dr. Rumsey by phone of our decision and that Mr. Williams would draft a letter to him.

The next issue was excessive noise at late hours from METRO construction on Connecticut Ave. Mr. Marvin Ely complained about this. Lindsley Williams has spoken to the project Manager about this in the past and will work with Mr. Ely in presenting new complaints.

Since the speaker on the Fire Department budget had left, the issue was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Two Inaugural Balls are being held in the ANC, at the Shoreham and at the Sheraton Park. A Committee consisting of the most affected Commissioners was formed to work with the Police, the Inaugural Committee, and Highways and Traffic to minimize traffic and parking problems.

Overcrowding and shortened runs on the L-4 Busses were discussed.

The Ward 3 Food Stamp Center will be reopened, due largely to the efforts of members of this Commission. The site has not yet been determined.

The ANC's office has been secured. Insurance has been purchased. When the phone is installed the number will be 232-2232. Lindsley Williams will get the keys.

Testimony before the Health Planning Advisory Committee given by Ruth Huagen was passed out to the members of the Commission to see if they wished to endorse the testimony as representing the views of the entire Commission.

Mr. Smith raised the question of when we should involve ourselves in citywide issues. The question was discussed.

In response to the Transportation Committee's report Mr. Hartley of the Department of Highways and Traffic had called Ms. McGrath and had expressed interest in meeting to discuss the report.

A Bill concerning vacancies on ANC's has been introduced to the City Council by Sterling Tucker. Criticisms of the Bill by the Commissioners included: it was not specified that interim Commissioners must be eligible to hold the office; the Board of elections should assist the ANC's in informing the voters when a vacancy exists; and the bill should clarify the question of when a special election will be held. A motion that Neal Krucoff express these criticisms in a letter by December 3 was made. The motion passed.

A motion was made that the Commission not meet on December 27, due to the holiday season. The motion failed and the Commission will meet.

It was announced that the Health Planning Advisory Council had refused to give a certificate of need to Group Health Association.

The Commission budget was read, discussed and ratified.

Respectfully submitted


Katherine Coram
Recording Secretary.

Addendum to minutes Nov. 22, 1976

The Commission approved the following expenditures of funds: "DC Register" subscription for Lindsley Williams; Advertisement for office in Uptown Citizen; stationery; fidelity bond; postage purchased by Mr. Williams; various expenditures by Kay Mc Grath (printing, parking, miscellaneous); various expenditures by Neal Krucoff (xeroxing, postage, supplies); rent for Woodley Park Towers office, Nov. and Dec.