

MINUTES December 27, 1976

The regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C was held on December 27, 1976 at the Second District Police Station.

Since Chairperson McGrath was unable to attend, the meeting was chaired by the Vicechairperson, Lindsley Williams. The meeting was called to order at 8:00. The roll was called and the following Commissioners were found to be present: Mr. Corcoran, Col. Van Way, Mr. Williams, Ms. Coram, Mr. Krucoff, and Mr. Smith. Mr. Fred Pitts, a Commissioner-elect was also present.

The minutes of the Nov. 22, 1976 meeting were corrected and adopted.

REv. Davis of the Dept. of Housing and Community Development was present to discuss questions and comments relevant to his Department. Mr Williams spoke briefly on the Commission's concerns relating to housing for the elderly. Mr. Homer McConnell spoke of the problems of persons who own their homes, but cannot afford upkeep and taxes. It was agreed that Mr. Williams ~~will~~ ^{would like to} speak to Mary Lela Sherburne concerning Block Grant applications. Col. Van Way asked that someone from DHCD also attend the Commission's meeting of Jan. 24, 1977.

Comm Ann Mr. Krucoff reported on the progress of negotiations concerning the new plans of the Sheraton Park. He reported that the revisions in the plans have generally corrected the problems that the community saw with the old plans. The five Commissioners whose districts are affected by the hotel's plans, along with representatives of the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park Citizens Associations and St. Thomas Apostle Church, have met with Sheraton Park officials. Citizens are still concerned about parking and access. Mayor Washington has applauded the plan and expects approval. The Municipal Planning Office has indicated that they wish to limit parking facilities around METRO stops. A motion was proposed and approved as follows: "The Advisory Neighborhood Commission designates a special committee consisting of the Commissioners of Single Member Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10, along with community representatives from at least the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Citizens Associations, St. Thomas Apostle Church, and the ANC Planning and Zoning Committee, and Mr. Krucoff is to act as convenor and temporary chairperson." Mr. Mc Connell will notify Cleveland Park about the committee. There will probably be a tunnel built connecting the subway stop and the hotel. Another issue that citizens are concerned about is noise and other problems of demolition and construction. In connection with the height of the building it was pointed out that the Board of Zoning Adjustment has eliminated roof structures from what is counted in measuring the height of a building.

The next issue discussed was the Foreign Missions and International Agencies element of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan soon to be released by the National Capital Planning Commission. Several groups including the McLean Gardens RESidents Association and The Uptown Citizen have requested that NCPC release all materials on the element prior to its consideration at the January 6 meeting. These requests were turned down on the basis of NCPC's belief that the files and drafts are staff documents only and not therefore subject to Freedom of Information Act regulations. It was decided that the Commission would write a letter to NCPC stressing four points: we would like a list of those parties who

have received unofficial copies of the proposed element; copies of all drafts of the element should be made available to the public; we would like to be able to see all background data; and the Commission asks that NCPC not act on the element at this time.

The Commission will consider further input on the citizen participation proposal of NCPC. Any testimony on this subject will include at least a request that NCPC require of itself that it give notice to the ANC's.

Mrs. Prendergast spoke on the problems of street lighting in the area especially on the block between Massachusetts Ave. and Cathedral Ave. on Idaho Ave. Several other problem blocks were cited. The matter was referred to the public safety committee.

Committee Reports were the next item on the agenda.

Public Safety

Mr Corcoran has discussed with Inspector Miller of the SEcond District the possibility of ANC activities in crime prevention, but nothing has been decided.

Planning and Zoning

The Committee requested information concerning the letter to Ben Gilbert concerning the SDP. Mr Krucoff will investigate whether the letter has been sent.

Transportation

As a result of the Commission's Nov.9. 1977 letter Jack Hartley and Al Perkins of the Department of Transportation met with Mr. Williams and Ms. McGrath. In addition to the specific requests made by the Commission for stop signs and similar changes, they are considering two general, major requests--downgrading Reno Rd. from a secondary arterial to a residential street after METRO construction is completed and making Beach Drive one way during rush hours above the zoo during METRO construction. Mr. Smith has received a letter from Mr. Schneider of the Department of TRansportation concerning accidents and other problems in his Single Member District. One specific point is that the curb line will be altered at the corner of 34th and Newark Sts. when 34th is resurfaced in 1977.

Next, Mr. Williams spoke on the subject of the increase in the price of the DC Register from \$7.00 to \$25.00 per year. It was decided to write a letter to the REgister making the following suggestions in view of the price increase: a lower rate should be available to civic and community groups; a copy of the Register should be available in all Public Libraries and ANC offices; the REgister should publicize agency mailing lists so that persons interested in only a few areas can get on mailing lists instead of subscribing to the Register; the Register should try to eliminate duplication in order to save money. In addition, the letter will convey our request that the Register include the full texts of both the original and the change in language, when it presents a text change.

Mr. Smith discussed the problems of ice on the steets. He suggested that the police be used as a reporting agency, when ice is making passage dangerous.

Mr. Williams will contact Mr. Hartley concerning this subject. ①

It was suggested that the Commission send a copy of all its resolutions to the DC Register.

Mr. Smith announced that Rosedale has been sold to a group called Youth for Opportunites which is an exchange student organization. They have promised that there are to be no exterior changes and will sign a covenant agreeing to restrict future changes. The Commission may be asked to be a party to the covenant.

Problems with the Cleveland Park Post Office were discussed by Mr. Smith. In particular there is overparking in the parking area, and refuse and undelivered mail littering the site. The fire alley is often blocked. Mr. Smith will pursue this problem.

Mr. Smith presented the request of the National Association of Neighborhoods that the Commission become a member. Yearly dues are \$100. The matter will be considered along with other budget questions.

A decision was made that the Commission budget would be considered at the regular January meeting, but that the meeting would be continued on February 7 if necessary.

Expenses of the December 9 Town Meeting were discussed. Motions were made, seconded, and passed stating that the Commission would pay one-half of the cost of the extra flyers--up to \$7.00-- to the Woodley Park Citizens Association and that the Commission would contribute \$10.00 to St. Thomas Apostle Church for the use of its facilities for the meeting. ②

The question of the Commission's delegate to the ANC Advisory Board sponsored by Georgetown Law School was discussed. A motion that we delegate the Chairperson or her designee failed. A motion that Mr. Krucoff be the delegate was passed.

A motion was passed stating that the Commission would cosponsor the Jan. 13 meeting called by ANC 3F to discuss METRO progress on Connecticut Ave. The Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority and the contractor building the subway will be present.

Identification cards for each of the Commissioners were distributed. Col. Van Way has made arrangements with the DeKun Photography Studio to take all of the pictures and send the bill to the Commission.

When it decided that there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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RECORDING SECRETARY

Addendum to minutes Dec. 28., 1976

The Commission approved the following expenditures of funds: xeroxing expense by Ms. McGrath; furniture for office (rec. by Ruth Haugen); electric typewriter for office (rec. by Ms. McGrath); stationery supplies for office (rec. by Ms. McGrath); various expenses incurred by Ms. Haugen on Commission ANC3C business; office rent--Jan.; liability policy on office; telephone installation and service; duplication of flyers--payment to Woodley Park Citizens Association; Church of St. Thomas Apostle for use of hall; new check book with bank imprinted numbers.