

MINUTES MARCH 28, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C was held on February 28, 1977 at the SEcond District Police Station. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm.

The roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Mr. Williams, Col. Van Way, Ms. McGrath, Ms. Coram, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Grinnell. Mr. Corcoran was out of town; Ms. Haugen was ill; and Mr. Krucoff came to the meeting late.

Posting of notice in each of the single member districts was verified. The minutes of the January meeting were approved. The minutes of the February meeting were distributed. Addenda to the Dec. and Nov. minutes were also approved.

Col. Van Way gave a treasurer's report. He reported that the Commission has \$7600 in its savings account and \$5659 in its checking account. Another payment of \$5344 is expected in April. Col Van Way requested that all bills submitted for payment be submitted by Commissioners who may then reimburse others for authorized expenditures.

The following expenditures were approved: \$37.83 for duplication and postage paid to Susan McClintock of the Newark St. Park Task Force and \$10.50 for duplication of the WACC/ANC goals paid to David Grinnell.

The first residents concerns issue to be discussed was the plans for the Newark Street Park. Ms. Susan McClintock reported that the Task Force had drawn up a new proposal for the site. This proposal was presented. Several undecided questions were presented for the Commission's consideration.

Mr. Smith moved that the Commission approve the site plan as provided by the Task Force and delay discussion of the site rules. Mr. Williams amended this motion to include the provision that the Commission empowered the Task Force to resolve the undecided issues with the help of the Department of REcreation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith expressed his belief that this planning process has reflected the willingness of the Department of Recreation to work with the community in developing plans and programs.

Col. Van Way expressed his feeling that the Fire and Police Departments have also been responsive to community needs.

It was announced that Mr. Claude C. Colley is the membership chairman of the Newark St. Community Gardens Association and could be contacted by persons seeking garden plots.

The Hearst Playground was the next issue to be discussed. A letter from Ms. Martha Black supporting the Commission's position as adopted in February was read. A letter from Mr. Jack Belcher supporting the Hearst Playground Advisory Committee's position as reflected expressed in Mrs. Black's letter was also read. This letter was signed by a large number of tennis players. The only change from the Commission's March position reflected in these letters is opposition to the spackled cinderblock wall

which the Commission had approved as an acceptable alternative to the preferred wooden backboard. A motion was made and seconded reaffirming the Commission's February position that a wall should be erected with the deletion of the cinderblock wall as an acceptable alternative. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pizza reported that the drainage and blacktopping problems at the playground are being resolved by the Recreation Department.

The funding guidelines prepared by the special committee were discussed next. Each section was discussed and amended. Each section was approved by a vote as it was discussed. On a vote for approval of the entire document the following vote was recorded: Yes-- Ms. Mcgrath, Mr. Krucoff, Mr. Williams, Ms. Coram, and Mr. Grinnell; No--Mr. Smith and Mr. Pitts; Abstaining-- Col. Van Way.

Property taxes were discussed next. A number of alternative taxing methods were presented. Opinions were expressed on the tax reform bills introduced by City Councilman Dave Clark. Mr. Bill Robinson expressed the concern of a number of his neighbors on the subject. He also suggested that letters be sent to the Washington Post and Washington Star on the subject. Ms. McGrath will write such letters. A Committee on taxes was formed. Suggested members included: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Terry Quick, Mr. Bill Reap, Mr. Smith, Mr. Krucoff, Mr. Parsell, and Mr. Claude Parks.

Oyster School was discussed next. It was reported that the School Board had found Oyster not appropriate to be closed. Gwen Reiss is heading the Committee of 21 for the modernization of Oyster School. A possible problem for Oyster is that the Board is considering limitations on extending elementary schools to include 7th and 8th grades,

The Planning and Zoning Committee reported next. Mr. Allen discussed the letter that citizens groups are being asked to sign reaffirming the community's request for a Sectional Development Plan. The committee will consider the proposed amendments to the zoning regulations.

The Transportation Committee has met.

The request for funds for an oral history project was delayed until the next meeting since there was no one present to present the plan.

At the conclusion of the business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine Coram
Recording Secretary