

FACT SHEET

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Minutes

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:00pm. Present were Haugen, Williams, Coram, Rothschild, and Grinnell. Arons, McGrath, and Kopff arrived shortly thereafter. Fred Pitts was absent.
- II. Verification of the posting of notices was ascertained.
- III. The minutes of the meeting of September 25 had not yet been distributed to the Commissioners. A motion to postpone the consideration of those minutes was duly made and passed unanimously.

IV. Grinnell gave the monthly treasurer's report.

\$3,982 balance on hand at start of reporting period
5,020 funds received
(244) funds spent
\$8,758 balance currently on hand

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. There were no election business items to be considered. An action on the bylaws was deferred until later in the meeting.
- VI. The Commission turned its attention to recreation concerns. Mssrs. Richard Terrell, Emil Lesko, Clayton Dade, R.L. Fleming, and Hank Pizza--all from the D.C. Department of Recreation--were present. The chair asked Lou Rothschild to handle this portion of the meeting until Kay McGrath arrived.

There were three major items of concern to the Commission: 1) backboard at Hearst; 2) construction schedule for the Newark Street Park tennis courts; and 3) maintenance and need for a tot lot at Guy Mason Recreation Center.

Beth Blanchard reported on the history of what was once the "Hearst Wall" but is now the hoped-for backboard. Jack Belcher reported on the community's efforts and plans, including a fund-raising tennis tournament already held. A volunteer has been found to build the wall; only \$380 will be needed, although \$550 has been raised. It will be 12' x 16'. The representatives from D.C. Rec. said they have not seen the plans developed by the community but they are willing to build the wall and fix the surface.

The D.C. Rec. representatives reported that the tennis courts planned for the Newark Street Park are scheduled for construction in the Spring. After some discussion, Lindsley Williams suggested that the ANC plan to contact D.C. Rec. if the courts are not under construction by the fourth Monday in April.

D.C. Rec. reported that Guy Mason will be closed for one week in order that maintenance and some rehab work may be undertaken. A complete overhaul for the Center is

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projected for FY'81. Mr. Terrell reported that a survey had been (and still is) being undertaken to ascertain the desires of the people in the area. There have been 191 responses to date out of, roughly, 300.

Grinnell spoke to the need for a tot lot at the center, and he refuted the suggestion that the community use Stoddert. He said Wisconsin Avenue serves as a barrier separating his SMD from Stoddert.

Kopff asked about the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. The gentlemen from D.C. Rec. were unable to respond because these courts are not under their jurisdiction.

Hank Pizza gave a general report on various recreational activities within Ward III. He spoke to the need to open up the schools for recreational purposes. It was explained that he represents the Recreation Department within the Ward, and can therefore serve as an intermediary between the community and the Department. He can get Department officials together to meet with the community.

McGrath suggested that the Hearst Wall Task Force be expanded to include citizens active with the Guy Mason Community Center and the Newark Street Park (community gardens) who can then work to address, in a comprehensive way, the recreational needs and issues throughout the 3C area.

Gail Carlson, from ANC 3G and the Ward III Recreation Council, addressed the Commission about the need to use the public schools for recreational purposes during non-school hours. She requested that the Commission take a strong stand opposing the recent Board of Education's codification of its rules affecting after-hours use. She also requested that the Commission urge that the Board of Education work with the Department of Recreation in the development of these rules. The issues involve codification, jurisdiction, and costs. A recent resolution on this matter, adopted by ANC-3G, was presented to the Commission.

It was moved and seconded that ANC-3C adopt, with technical changes, the ANC-3G position as relayed in its October 19th letter to the Board of Education. This motion was approved.

- VII. Chris Pellani, of the National Capital Parks, gave the Commission, as requested at the September 25th meeting, a map of the land belonging to the National Capital Parks. He gave a status report on the Woodley Playground and distributed copies of a document entitled "Additional Proposals For Woodley Park." A consensus has been reached on the type of improvements to be made at the playground. A letter from the community to James Redmond (Superintendent of Rock Creek Park) was read. The work could begin as soon as November 1st.

McGrath suggested that a letter be sent to Redmond commending all of those involved in the project. Williams suggested a \$25 honorarium be given to Pellani, who is a volunteer. Kopff suggested the Commission draft a general letter of recommendation for Pellani to use as he wishes. It was moved and approved that a \$25 consulting fee be paid to Mr. Pellani for his work. This will be charged against the Commission's recreation account.

Kopff inquired as to who should be contacted to object to the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. Pellani suggested James Redmond. He also volunteered to relay to his superiors the sense of the Commission's opposition.

It was agreed that McGrath will make an exploratory phone call regarding this proposed closing. Depending on the response, Kopff will draft a letter for Rothschild (as Chair of the Recreation & Agriculture Committee) to sign.

It was reported that a public meeting has been scheduled for November 8th to dis-

cuss proposed National Park Service alternatives (including a soccer field) for the Van Ness end of Glover Archbold Park. The Chair asked Coram to attend. He also noted the lack of notice provided to the ANC. One question that was raised by the Commissioners was: who will manage the soccer field?

- VIII. The Commission went back to the matter of its minutes. Since the minutes for September 25 were not yet ready, the matter was postponed. Grinnell stated that the minutes should be ready no later than one week before the meetings.
- IX. Planning and Zoning: Hugh Allen reported on the status of Zoning Commission cases 78-1 & 2. The orders and the facts & findings have been released. Also recently decided were the zoning cases creating and mapping diplomatic zones. The PZ Committee did not have a report ready, but one will be presented to the Commission, with recommendations, at the next 3C meeting. Allen said the Committee may also look at McLean Gardens, if a zoning change is proposed by the residents there.
- X. The Commission proceeded to take up a number of new business items:
- A. The Commission approved a motion to pay \$10 to the Pipeline Community Center as compensation for the use of their facilities for the September 18th meeting.
- B. Lowthorp's Market ABC transfer application: A proposed letter of non-opposition was passed out. The letter, dated October 24, was based on a letter by Ruth Haugen, dated October 18th, expressing a similar position. It was explained that the new business (Lin, Inc.) will be much the same as Lowthorp's. The letter was adopted unanimously by the Commission.
- C. A briefing will be held October 25, 1978 on a proposed crosstown water main. Little was known about the proposal other than that five routes are under consideration, some or all of which might affect ANC-3C. David Grinnell agreed to attend the briefing for the Commission.
- D. Lindsley Williams reported that the District Government is seeking to implement an "Eastern Rule" for traffic whereby right turn on red would be allowable where so posted. He noted that in the past the ANC has opposed right turn on red so long as pedestrian rights were not clearly identified and recognized. He proposed that the Commission approve the sending of a letter reiterating this position, but also saying that if a right turn on red law is inevitable the Commission supports the District's desire for the Eastern Rule. The Commission approved this proposal.
- E. Grinnell reported that efforts to hold a referendum on the convention center are well underway, and he urged that everyone keep on top of things.
- F. A proposed amendment to the Commission's bylaws, suggested by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute, was mailed to each Commissioner in late September. The Chair asked for consideration at this time. An amendment was proposed which would add the following after the words "for which the ANC is paying": "under a previously approved arrangement" and would add the following after the words "after having polled": "five or more members of". This amendment was adopted by consensus.
- Gary Kopff read a draft letter he had written to complain about what he considered to be sloppy staff work by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute. He said that for this reason he would be opposed to the adoption of the proposed bylaws change. The Commission agreed to suspend discussion of the change in order to take up this draft letter. The Commissioners agreed that timeliness, follow-up, and the handling of the Ireland's Four Provinces ABC case were bases for complaint. The proposal to send such a letter, generally as read by Kopff with suggested changes raised in the discussion, was approved unanimously.

The Commission returned to its consideration of the bylaws amendment. The Chair stated that it would not apply to any of the work being performed by professional staff already retained. He cited as an example the arrangements with Phil Mendelson. The amendment, as amended, was approved by a vote of 6 aye, none opposed, and 1 (Kopff) abstaining. The amendment, as adopted, reads as follows:

Article VI.

Meetings and Actions (new section)

Section 15. A request for professional services for which the ANC is paying under a previously approved arrangement may be initiated by the Chairperson after having polled five or more members of the Commission and having found a majority of those polled in favor of the request. The request may be communicated orally or in writing. If made orally, the request must be confirmed in writing.

G. Katherine Coram brought up for discussion Bill 2-388, which was introduced by Councilmember Hilda Mason in an effort to preserve rental housing. Coram distributed two ANC-3F documents pertaining to this Bill. A motion carried to table this matter. It was stated that the Commission would be prepared to act on this Bill if copies were distributed well before the next meeting.

H. Quarterly report: Grinnell presented this and asked for approval, which was given unanimously. The Commission has also been asked to submit an annual report. Kopff asked if the newsletter editor (yet to be found) could do this.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm. The next meeting will be November 27, 1978.

Being distributed with these minutes are copies of the public meeting notice and the list of alternatives under consideration by the National Park Service for the northern end of Glover Archbold Park. These were not available.

Also attached to the file copy of these minutes are:

- ANC-3G material pertaining to the Board of Education codification of rules
- Additional proposals for Woodley Playground
- Correspondence re. Lowthorp's ABC license transfer (2 letters)
- Prepared letter to Doug Schneider re. right turn on red
- ANC-3F memo and resolution re. Bill 2-388
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Post* clipping re. convention centers (passed out at the meeting)
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Star* clipping re. Tregaron (passed out at the meeting)

Respectfully submitted
for the Commission:



Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary

Chevy Chase

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3G

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October 16, 1978

Information Memorandum:

Codification of Rules and Procedures of the
Use of School Buildings

I These rules in summary state that the Board of Education totally controls all school buildings at all times and that all non-public school users must apply to individual school administrations for permission to use the buildings, which shall be granted only when all costs are reimbursed to the Board of Education and the user has completed a Use Agreement. A long term use agreement would be for one year and reviewed annually with no provision for automatic extension. Use agreements would only be valid for original grantee and non-transferable. The Board of Education has the right to cancel any agreement at any time.

These rules remove the Department of Recreation from having any authority over public school buildings during non-school hours, as well as placing them in competition with any other organization.

II The following is a brief history of the passage of these rules:

- Oct. 19, 1977 Board of Education approved for proposed rule making
- Oct. 26, 1977 Betty Ann Kane, a member of the Recreation Board as well as the Board of Education, "Mentioned that the Board of Education is codifying into its rules and procedures the use of school buildings."
- Nov. 1977 Published in the D.C. Register
- Dec. 2, 1977 Dr. Rumsey writes Julian Dugas, City Administrator, a memorandum of protest of proposed rules
- Dec. 19, 1977 David Splitt, General Counsel for the Board of Education, writes memo to School Board members that chapter 5 is legal and that that office had "supplied the Department of Recreation with a copy of the proposed rules and that no comments" had been received. (Despite two calls to that office, no one could tell me when, how or who did the notification to the Department of Recreation.)

Dec. 21, 1977 Board of Education passed Chapter 5, Sections 500-507 for final rule making

Jan. 6, 1978 Dr. Rumsey writes to John Risher that "the Department of Recreation has not participated and was not asked to participate in any task force with members of the Board of Education relative to this change (Chapter 5). As a matter of fact, the Department did not receive the intent of the Board until after Dec. 21 and this only upon my request."

Sept. 26, 1978 Louis P. Robbins, D.C. Acting Corporation Counsel, writes to Dr. Rumsey that it is the opinion of the counsel that "since the recently adopted rules of the Board of Education and the directive issued by the Superintendent of Schools was not developed with or approved by the Department of Recreation, that they are null and void."

At present, the Board of Education is continuing to enforce its new rules and procedures.

III Legal History

The basic laws referred to by Louis Robbins in his Sept. 26 letter to Dr. Rumsey and by David Splitt in his memo of Dec. 19 are:

1. Organizational Act of 1906, title 31, section 31-801 -- gives the Board of Education privilege to grant use of school buildings.
2. Community Center Act of June 4, 1924 and Act of March 4, 1915 - D.C. Code 31-801 (1973) -- the Community Center Department exercised the authority of the Board of Education over the use of school buildings for non-school use.
3. Act of 1942 - D.C. Code 8-201 through 8-219 created the Recreation Board which became the Department of Recreation in 1968. These provisions provided for the Department of Recreation use of school buildings during non-school hours in agreement with the Board of Education. The maintenance and improvement...provided for by agreement between the Board of Education and the Department of Recreation. Article 2, section 5 states "Board's share of the costs..." Also requires the Board of Education to make the building available.
4. D.C. Elected Board of Education Act D.C. Code 310104 (b) 1973 provided for joint development of procedures for non-school hours use by Board of Education and Mayor.

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Congressional Appropriations History

1. D.C. Appropriations Bill 1940 (742-48) of 1939 combined functions of Playgrounds Department AND Community Centers Department and required that the appropriations for FY 40 for use of school buildings during non-school hours be operated under joint control of the Commissions of D.C. and the Board of Education. Same wording was repeated in FY 41 and 42.

2. School facilities are the property of the D.C. Government and for the most part constructed from the general Capital outlay appropriations.

3. Examples can be taken from recent Congressional Appropriations testimony that accept the Board of Education's justification of large capital expenditures for schools because they would provide for community facilities not available in the area.

Custom

The Department of Recreation and the Board of Education have jointly operated the schools for 36 years without any formal written agreement of procedures.

What is the basic problem or why did the Board of Education take this action?

There are no statements of reasons for these changes made in the action sheet of the Board of Education. On Feb. 1, 1977 Betty Ann Kane listed cost sharing as a problem in schools. Again, June 27, 1977, shortly after being named to the Recreation Board, in Betty Ann Kane's "Getting Down to Business", she says that "despite a law requiring that they (Department of Recreation) reimburse us for heat, cleaning, etc. they have not increased their payment over \$50,000 for about ten years."

On this point the Department of Recreation argues that Congress never expected them to pay for exact reimbursement as shown in the laws and hearings testimony. In fact, the Department of Recreation has turned over to the Board of Education recreation-controlled land so that the National Capital Planning Commission open space requirement could be met and the best interest of the community could be served. The school budget and lack of funds has been a long standing problem for the Board of Education.

It is true that this bill will cost the Department of Recreation a great deal of money. The irony is that the "Board of Education could not legally use fees collected from users of school facilities...such fees would have to be paid to the general fund of the District of Columbia." (Robbins, 9-26-78). So the Board of Education will not financially gain anything.

If total control of the buildings was sought, they would have that under this law, but they would also have to create and entire administrative structure to cover authorization, collection of fees, scheduling of buildings, collecting for damages, etc. Currently the Department of Recreation does all this through one central office - the Board of Education would have each school unit doing this for itself.

The effect on the Department of Recreation would be deep. Since the Department of Recreation would be thrown into competition with all other groups and subject to an annual review, any long range planning would be almost impossible and city-wide consistency in its delivery of services dependent on the individual principals in each school. It would also destroy the permit and community services sections of its staff.

This would mean that the Department of Recreation would no longer be accountable for other users of the buildings. It would also require another budget review and create another level of Congressional consideration. Fifty-nine unit operations in school buildings would have to eliminate or cut back drastically and it would affect all 118 school based programs. The Department of Recreation simply does not have the funds to pay double time for custodians, as well as heat, light, electricity, etc. by the foot. The nature of the use agreement also extremely limits flexibility of programs or staff by the Department of Recreation.

VI For the community the effect could be even greater, as in Ward III. Over the years groups have planned and helped build school buildings with community areas such as Lafayette School and the Wilson Swimming pool. The community use of these areas, even though approved by Congress for community use, would be totally under the control of the principal and require high cost reimbursement payments. Any events planned in these areas, even though previously approved, could be cancelled for any event the principal gives approval. In addition, groups would have to deal with each school individually with no central office to process applications, collect fees, etc. Citizens organizations now receiving free custodial service for monthly meetings will now have to pay.

VII Points

1. The schools are the property of the D.C. Government and should be made easily available to the public during non-school hours.

2. The Board of Education is elected by all the citizens of the District of Columbia, not just parents of school children, and they should represent the best interest of the entire community

3. The budgetary problems of the School Board would not change.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR WOODLEY PARK

OCT 23 1978

Based on results of a meeting of neighborhood residents; October 4, 1978.

installation of a new sandbox, and relocation away from the road to an area behind the slide.

installation of a low multi purpose table

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installation of three benches in various areas of the park that can be anchored down

replace one picnic table, and anchor it down

clear the brambles away from the trails

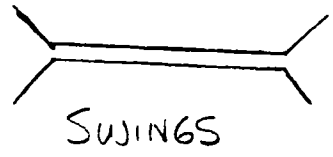
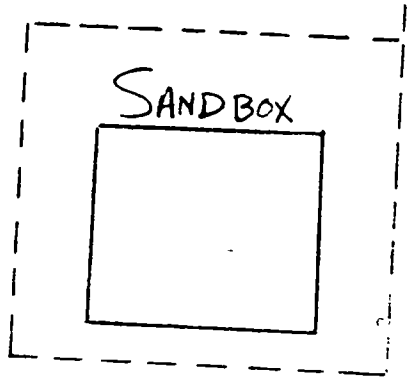
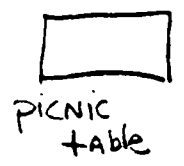
deal with an erosion problem by installing steps or by planting an anti erosive agent

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PLAN #4

WOODLEY PARK



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October 24, 1978

Mr. Julian Dugas
Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Government of the District of Columbia
615 "G" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Dugas:

Re: Trans Lin, Inc.
App. #9107 T/A Grocery Store
2331 Calvert Street N.W.
(Tr. Lowthorp's Market, Inc.)

Filing date: "on or before" Oct. 20, 1978
Hearing: October 25, 1978

Commissioner Haugen has brought to our attention her letter of October 18, 1978, addressed to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding the Transfer application noted above. (Copy attached)

This is to advise you that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C in its regular business meeting on Monday, October 23, 1978, voted its agreement with the recommendation of Commissioner Haugen, namely, that the Commission go on record as unopposed to this transfer.

For the Commission,

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

Attachment

cc: Mrs. Helen Lowthorp
Honorable Polly Shackleton

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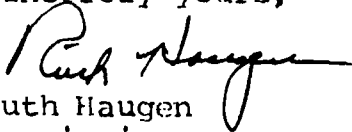
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2331 Calvert St. N. W.
(Fr. Lowthorp's Market, Inc.)

Lowthorp's Market, Inc. has provided a needed and useful service for many years to the residents of the single member district (SMD) which I serve, as well as to visitors registered at the nearby hotels.

I see no basis for opposition to this transfer. Therefore, I am recommending to the commission at its regular business meeting on Monday evening, October 23, 1978, that formal action be taken to go on record as unopposed to this transfer.

The Hearing Date on this application is October 25, 1978. The filing date is noted as on or before October 20, 1978.

Sincerely yours,


Ruth Haugen
Commissioner
ANC 3C-02

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Mr. Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.
Director, Department of Transportation
Government of the District of Columbia
415 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Doug:

This letter is in response to your proposed rulemaking appearing in the D. C. Register September 29 relating to Right-Turn-On-Red (RTOR).

Enclosed please find a markup of that proposed rulemaking. This Commission requests you consider them as the comments of this ANC on the rules themselves. As you know, however, we have been and remain opposed to the establishment of any RTOR rules in the District of Columbia and regret that this action appears forced upon us by Federal requirements. And, as you also may recall, we have suggested previously that any RTOR rules that come to be adopted should be developed in concert with rules that spell out the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and vehicle operators in relationship to pedestrians.

The rulemaking itself suggests that ANCs will be consulted before any RTOR sign would be installed. This is good. We suggest, however, that your Department consider establishing a policy on consulting with ANCs prior to any sign/regulation change affecting their area rather than consulting with ANCs just in this instance.

Thank you for considering our views.

For the Commission,

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Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Jerry A. Moore, Jr.
Honorable Polly Shackleton
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
Safety Guidelines for Right-Turn-On-Red

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 provides that in order to be eligible for grant funds for energy conservation purposes, a state (for this purpose the District of Columbia is a state), must adopt traffic rules permitting right-turn-on-red (RTOR) "to the maximum extent practicable with safety".

There are a variety of RTOR rules in effect in the United States, generally falling within two categories; the Western and the Eastern rules. Most states have adopted some form of the Western rule, also known as the generally permissive rule, which allows RTOR unless it is prohibited by a posted sign. The Eastern rule is in a sense the opposite of the Western rule because under the Eastern rule RTOR is allowed only where a sign is posted authorizing it. It is thus known as the sign permissive rule.

The street system in the District of Columbia is of a type not usually, if ever, found in other cities in the United States. Numerous circles and squares and diagonal streets overlaid on a grid system of streets results in a large number of complex intersections with more than the standard four approaches. Street trees, density of parked vehicles on city streets and the comparatively close building line to District streets limit visibility at many city intersections. Traffic control techniques include the use of numerous special turn arrows and pedestrian control directions are used extensively. All of these, and other complications inherent in urban traffic and its control, are limiting factors on the free application of RTOR at the approximately 1,400 signalized intersections in the District of Columbia. Pedestrian safety is, and must be, a paramount concern in all our traffic engineering, including in particular the implementation of RTOR.

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation, using a sampling of 40 percent of the signalized intersections in the District of Columbia and using safety guidelines developed for the Federal Highway Administration, has determined that probably no more than 15 percent of the City's intersections would be eligible for RTOR. It is our view, therefore, that because RTOR would be permitted at only a relatively few intersections, the Eastern or sign permissive rule is the most sensible for the city.

The Eastern rule will require about 1,000 new signs at city intersections at an initial cost of \$200,000; Western rule would require 10,000 at a cost of \$600,000. The continuing maintenance cost will be \$3,500 annually

under the Eastern rule and \$33,000 annually under the Western rule. In either case, RTOR will be allowed at the same number of intersections.

Sign proliferation, a problem which already exists, will be substantially less under the sign permissive rule. This goes to two major considerations: aesthetics and safety. A single downtown intersection would typically have eight "No Turn on Red" signs under the generally permissive rule, and none under the rule we propose. It seems to us the elimination of the need to post that number of signs at a large majority of city intersections is an important aesthetic goal. On the safety side, we are reluctant to add unnecessary signs to those numerous signs that already exist. Directions to motorists should be as uncomplicated as possible in the interest of safety. Adoption of the Eastern rule, by keeping signing to a minimum, would avoid all of those unnecessary aesthetic, cost and safety burdens.

For the above reasons, it is proposed that Eastern or sign permissive RTOR be adopted in the District of Columbia. It is further proposed that RTOR intersections be selected by applying the following traffic and safety criteria and by consulting with individual Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. In addition, recognized community organizations will be given an opportunity to review all candidate RTOR intersections before signs are posted.

Yes: ANCs
as entity

The United States Department of Energy has indicated that any state using the Eastern rule will be expected to permit RTOR by signing "substantially all safe intersections within its jurisdiction".

RTOR will be prohibited at all intersection approaches with one or more of the following characteristics:

1. Sight distance of vehicles approaching from the left is less than the following minimums:

<u>Cross Street Speed Limit (mph)</u>	<u>Minimum Sight* Distance (feet)</u>
20	120
25	150
30	190
35	220
40	270
45	320
50	360
55	410

2. The intersection has geometrical or operational characteristics which may result in unexpected vehicle or pedestrian conflicts.
3. There is significant crossing activity by children, elderly or handicapped persons.

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Term "significant" should be specified in terms of numbers of pedestrians and, if appropriate, number of vehicles.

Define

- 4. "Significant" pedestrian conflicts are expected due to a "high volume" of pedestrian crossings.
- 5. There is an exclusive pedestrian "walk" signal at the intersection.

Query:
Should sign-
permissive
RTOR be
allowed once exclusive "walk" signal is over?

Procedure for Implementation

City traffic engineers will determine the eligibility or non-eligibility for right-turn-on-red at each of the 1,400 signalized city intersections, by measuring the conditions at each intersection against the finally-adopted safety guidelines. These analyses will be done on major arterial routes first; with remaining off-arterial streets, on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis, as a second study priority.

Good

As these technical analyses are completed on a given arterial route or with respect to individual neighborhood increments, the list of intersections that appear to qualify for RTOR will be presented to each affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for their review and comment. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will have a period of not less than 30 days to submit comment. When requested, city traffic engineers will meet with ANC groups for discussion and information purposes. All pertinent factors presented in ANC comments regarding the application of RTOR at any intersection, whether within the formal guidelines or not, will be reviewed and weighed in determining whether the RTOR will be permitted.

No, at
least not
exclusively
so. Should
say Advisory
Neighborhood
Commissioners,

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to Douglas N. Schneider, Jr., Director, D. C. Department of Transportation, Room 508, 415 12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20004.

as on
prior page.

To alert
each member as an extra notice
would, however, be appreciated.

ANC 3F



OCT 23 1978
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
North Cleveland Park and Forest Hills

TO: ANC 3F Commissioners
FROM: Cielle Block, Housing Committee Chairperson
RE: Bill 2-388

The housing committee of ANC 3F unanimously voted to endorse the passage of Bill 2-388. We strongly recommend that ANC 3F do the same and that ANC 3F urge the committee on Housing and Urban Development to promptly report it out of committee and encourage the City Council to act favorably upon it.

Rationale for Support

1) This bill addresses the number one problem in our ward and particularly in our ANC. (Almost half of the conversions in Ward 3 have been in our ANC.)

2) It is a responsible approach endorsed by ^{the Emergency Committeeto Save Rental Housing which is supported} over 50 groups to date, including other ANCs, Gray Panthers, Washington Metropolitan Planning and Housing Association, Glover Park Citizens Association, Chevy Chase Clergy, Temple Sinai Social Action Committee, Social Action Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington.

3) The bill represents a few simple but substantive amendments to remedy the most serious problems that have arisen under the current act.

4) It spells out appropriate channels for ANC input in an area where ANCs have long sought their proper role.

5) Its emphasis is on aiding the hardest hit of our constituents: the elderly and the handicapped.

6) It shows an understanding of landlord problems by offering tax incentives.

7) It affords tenants notification and due process in these crisis times.

8) This bill has gotten widespread support because of the crisis situation which must be addressed.

Please read the bill carefully and be prepared for a discussion and vote at our meeting on October 23.

ANC 3F



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
North Cleveland Park and Forest Hills

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RESOLUTION

(Introduced by Commissioner Cielle Block)

BE IT RESOLVED that:

ANC 3F endorses D.C. Council Bill 2-388; that we send a letter to the Housing and Urban Development Committee and to the Council of the District of Columbia, incorporating the ANC 3F Housing Committee's rationale for support, and urging that Bill 2-388 be promptly reported out of committee and positively acted upon by the City Council.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that:

ANC 3F encourages other ANCs and citizens associations to take similar action.

Michael Frome

A Dim View Of Convention Centers

Cities of all sizes are turning hopefully to convention centers to bring in the tourists and jingle the cash registers. For many, it could prove one of the biggest blunders, economically and environmentally, they'll ever make.

The idea sounds sweet and simple. Let the genie produce a plastic palace—with the aid of taxpayers' cold cash, of course—and watch the big-spending conventioners roll in.

Maybe, but don't hold your breath.

Of 60 principal convention centers, reports show that most have operated at a financial loss.

The Kiplinger Washington Letter recently checked into the convention-center syndrome for its business clientele, then hoisted a warning flag. The editors reported that, while the centers may be looked upon as a sure-fire way to boost business in many small communities and counties, no center will attract conventioners unless its area "is easily reached by major airlines and has enough rooms and restaurants."

You might expect that Miami Beach would qualify. It's not only a renowned ocean resort but it has massive hotels wall-to-wall along the beach. Yet the director of the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority believes his city needs three times as many first-class rooms to compete for conventions with a place such as Las Vegas.

Ada Louise Huxtable, writing in *The New York Times*, draws this word picture of the typical contemporary convention center:

"It is, essentially, an enormous box, often of heavy concrete, stretching for hundreds of feet and many blocks, offering blank vistas of endless, solid walls. It lays a dead hand on everything around it. It breeds empty streets, except at show or meeting time, when it brings streams of traffic. Such a blockbuster creates not life but parking garages."

Certainly there is a need and place for convention halls, but not one in every town in America (any more

than every town needs its own commercial "theme park"), and not when subsidized by public funds, whether local, state or federal. It seems especially strange for the Carter administration to be promoting

Mr. Frome writes a weekly environmental column for the Los Angeles Times, from which this article is reprinted.

the use of urban-renewal money for convention centers in the face of opposition of environmental and neighborhood groups, to say nothing of the taxpayers' revolt.

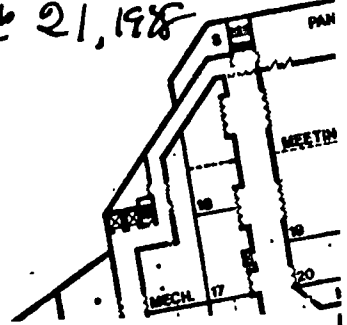
Yet this is exactly the case in Charleston, S.C., where an entire block of the legally established historic district would be obliterated to make way for a \$40-million convention-hotel complex. The thought that Charleston, the pioneer of preservation, a city that has shown travelers

from all over the world the best of our architectural heritage, should be so threatened, strikes me as obscene.

The buildings involved include a row of Greek Revival houses. They may not, individually, be distinguished; but any building, by virtue of its age, has value and quality as part of history and, therefore, has appeal for tourists.

That's not the point. Charleston attracts more visitors than it can properly handle. It has enough to sell itself already. It needs a convention center as much as the U.S. Capitol needs to be coated in red, white and blue.

Speaking of Washington, the hot fight continues over the proposal for a convention center in a downtown area where it would displace many small businesses. The cost has been estimated at \$99 million to \$116 million, although such projects have been chronically plagued by staggering overruns. Financing would be based on a loan from the federal government to be refinanced by District of Columbia municipal bonds.



"The center is not needed to maintain and permit growth in the city's current position in the tourist and convention market," according to Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), chairman of a Senate subcommittee controlling the purse strings, who has raised serious reservations. "It would represent a net revenue loss to the city. Many citizens who have testified and written to me believe that a center would bring no direct benefit to themselves while they, the citizens, would be asked to pay for it."

Even without a government-built facility, Washington already is the nation's third largest convention city. And the Sheraton-Park Hotel is making a \$60-million expansion that would enable it to accommodate 80 percent to 90 percent of potential conventions. It's the free-enterprise way to go.

Conventions offer pluses and minuses, fringe benefits and side effects. A lady of pleasure, when arrested by Washington police, protested that she was providing a public service. "Isn't this," she demanded with a touch of innocence, "what conventions are really for?"

International School Finally Can Buy Tregaron Estate

By Tom House
Washington Star Staff Writer

Tregaron, one of the last of the great District estates, which appeared on the verge of invasion by bulldozers, apparently has been saved from subdivision.

The International School, which has been trying for seven years to purchase the 21-acre Cleveland Park property, announced yesterday that it had reached an agreement to buy the estate for \$3.7 million.

The school has leased the wooded hilltop estate of the late Ambassador Joseph P. Davies, located at 3029 Klingle Road NW, as a campus for several years and was favored by neighbors as its purchaser.

Announcement of the settlement assures that at least one of the substantial Washington estates, many of

which border either side of Rock Creek Park, will be preserved as open space.

The soaring cost of housing in Washington and the shortage of land, coupled with the increasing costs of maintaining extensive gardens and homes, have created almost irresistible pressures for development.

WITH TREGARON it was a close call. In November, developers Rozansky & Kay announced plans to purchase the hilltop and build 84 homes, but their plans eventually were abandoned, reportedly because of rezoning and development problems. No one in the neighborhood knew when another builder, lured by the profit such a development would bring, might carry through its plans.

The \$3.7 million figure was

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reached in settlement of a D.C. Superior Court lawsuit filed by the school after plans to sell the estate, just east of the National Cathedral, were announced.

In court papers, the school maintained it had a contract signed by all

but two of the Davies heirs to purchase the land for about \$2.7 million before the developers made a better offer.

The \$3.7 million settlement, reached in negotiations with former Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, grandson of

Davies, appears to nearly match the \$3.75-million offer reportedly made by the developers nearly 12 months ago.

Although the school announced the settlement yesterday, it has not yet been approved by the heirs, some of whom reportedly believed, at least initially, that the group should seek the highest price possible for the land and not be swayed because a school wanted to buy it.

UNDER THE agreement, three of the principal Davies heirs, including Tydings, will seek to have the court divide the property if the other relatives refuse to go along with the arrangement.

Dr. Dorothy B. Goodman, school director and co-founder, said a portion of the purchase price will be

funded by loans from the Ford Foundation, which has long had an interest in the school, and the District of Columbia National Bank. She said the settlement marked the "culmination of a seven-year effort" to buy the wooded hilltop, which includes a 24-room Georgian mansion and a Russian dacha.

The school already has obtained appropriate zoning approvals for its development of Tregaron and is backed by neighborhood groups.

Tregaron (pronounced Tregaron) is located on the edge of Rock Creek Park on the fringe of the comfortably upper-middle-class area of Cleveland Park next to the Chinese Embassy.

Originally, both the Chinese and Davies estates were one piece of

See TREGARON, Page 2



The 24-room mansion of the Tregaron estate, seen from the rear.

TREGARON

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property owned by the Alexander Graham Bell family. It was subdivided in 1912 when Mr. and Mrs. James Parmalee built The Causeway, now Tregaron.

THE PLACE WAS purchased by Davies, U.S. ambassador to Russia from 1936 to 1938, in 1940 while he was married to the late Marjorie

Merriweather Post, the cereal heiress and owner of her own great Washington estate, Hillwood. Davies renamed it for his mother's birthplace in Wales and the couple built a nine-hole golf course in the tended gardens, once famous for their thousands of azaleas.

The International School is a 13-year-old elementary and secondary school with an enrollment of 500 students at Tregaron and a Georgetown location. The school stresses multilingual education and includes students from all over the Washing-

ton area as well as children of parents from 75 different countries, according to Goodman.

Students prepare for the International Baccalaureate Examinations, which enable them to enter universities abroad or receive sophomore standing at North American colleges.

The school began in the basement of a private home and in 1969 obtained a \$500,000 Ford Foundation grant to purchase the old Phillips School building in Georgetown.

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Name	Address	Telephone	Concern
BRUCE WOODFORD	HARRISON BLAWE INST.	624-83	VISITING /
Hal Carlson	McKinley St NW		Hearst / Rec.
Richard Leibel	D.C. Mentions	673-7663	
Emil Leibel	"	"	"
Clayton Dade	"	727-5460	"
R. J. Fleming	"	673-7655	"
Frank Puzzi	"	282-2001	"
Maitha Black	3510 Quebec St NW	363-6937	Hearst Rec. Facility
JACK BELCHER	2801 Quebec NW	363-9422	HEARST TENNIS WALL
Beth Blanchard	3617 Idaho Ave NW	966-2666	Hearst Rec. "
Ellen Galton	Hearst Pkwy - P.C.	282-2207	Hearst / Staff Staff
NATH CRANE	3510 Edmunds St	338-3446	TOT Let / Guy Mason
Christopher Pellham	4706 Cherokee St. ^{Cap PK} md	479-8067	Woodley Park / playground.
Diane DeJulis	" " " "	" "	" " " "
MAS Vmenko	3048 Adams St N.W. "		TENNIS WALL
Russell Smith	Cortland Place		Woodley Park Playground
Hugh Allen	3834 Window Pl, NW	244-8311	P4Z Chair

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Minutes
October 23, 1978

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:00pm. Present were Haugen, Williams, Coram, Rothschild, and Grinnell. Arons, McGrath, and Kopff arrived shortly thereafter. Fred Pitts was absent.
- II. Verification of the posting of notices was ascertained.
- III. The minutes of the meeting of September 25 had not yet been distributed to the Commissioners. A motion to postpone the consideration of those minutes was duly made and passed unanimously.

- IV. Grinnell gave the monthly treasurer's report.

\$3,982 balance on hand at start of reporting period
5,020 funds received
(244) funds spent
\$8,758 balance currently on hand

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. There were no election business items to be considered. An action on the bylaws was deferred until later in the meeting.
- VI. The Commission turned its attention to recreation concerns. Msrs. Richard Terrell, Emil Lesko, Clayton Dade, R.L. Fleming, and Hank Pizza--all from the D.C. Department of Recreation--were present. The chair asked Lou Rothschild to handle this portion of the meeting until Kay McGrath arrived.

There were three major items of concern to the Commission: 1) backboard at Hearst; 2) construction schedule for the Newark Street Park tennis courts; and 3) maintenance and need for a tot lot at Guy Mason Recreation Center.

Beth Blanchard reported on the history of what was once the "Hearst Wall" but is now the hoped-for backboard. Jack Belcher reported on the community's efforts and plans, including a fund-raising tennis tournament already held. A volunteer has been found to build the wall; only \$380 will be needed, although \$550 has been raised. It will be 12' x 16'. The representatives from D.C. Rec. said they have not seen the plans developed by the community but they are willing to build the wall and fix the surface.

The D.C. Rec. representatives reported that the tennis courts planned for the Newark Street Park are scheduled for construction in the Spring. After some discussion, Lindsley Williams suggested that the ANC plan to contact D.C. Rec. if the courts are not under construction by the fourth Monday in April.

D.C. Rec. reported that Guy Mason will be closed for one week in order that maintenance and some rehab work may be undertaken. A complete overhaul for the Center is

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projected for FY'81. Mr. Terrell reported that a survey had been (and still is) being undertaken to ascertain the desires of the people in the area. There have been 191 responses to date out of, roughly, 300.

Grinnell spoke to the need for a tot lot at the center, and he refuted the suggestion that the community use Stoddert. He said Wisconsin Avenue serves as a barrier separating his SMD from Stoddert.

Kopff asked about the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. The gentlemen from D.C. Rec. were unable to respond because these courts are not under their jurisdiction.

Hank Pizza gave a general report on various recreational activities within Ward III. He spoke to the need to open up the schools for recreational purposes. It was explained that he represents the Recreation Department within the Ward, and can therefore serve as an intermediary between the community and the Department. He can get Department officials together to meet with the community.

McGrath suggested that the Hearst Wall Task Force be expanded to include citizens active with the Guy Mason Community Center and the Newark Street Park (community gardens) who can then work to address, in a comprehensive way, the recreational needs and issues throughout the 3C area.

Gail Carlson, from ANC 3G and the Ward III Recreation Council, addressed the Commission about the need to use the public schools for recreational purposes during non-school hours. She requested that the Commission take a strong stand opposing the recent Board of Education's codification of its rules affecting after-hours use. She also requested that the Commission urge that the Board of Education work with the Department of Recreation in the development of these rules. The issues involve codification, jurisdiction, and costs. A recent resolution on this matter, adopted by ANC-3G, was presented to the Commission.

It was moved and seconded that ANC-3C adopt, with technical changes, the ANC-3G position as relayed in its October 19th letter to the Board of Education. This motion was approved.

- VII. Chris Pellani, of the National Capital Parks, gave the Commission, as requested at the September 25th meeting, a map of the land belonging to the National Capital Parks. He gave a status report on the Woodley Playground and distributed copies of a document entitled "Additional Proposals For Woodley Park." A consensus has been reached on the type of improvements to be made at the playground. A letter from the community to James Redmond (Superintendent of Rock Creek Park) was read. The work could begin as soon as November 1st.

McGrath suggested that a letter be sent to Redmond commending all of those involved in the project. Williams suggested a \$25 honorarium be given to Pellani, who is a volunteer. Kopff suggested the Commission draft a general letter of recommendation for Pellani to use as he wishes. It was moved and approved that a \$25 consulting fee be paid to Mr. Pellani for his work. This will be charged against the Commission's recreation account.

Kopff inquired as to who should be contacted to object to the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. Pellani suggested James Redmond. He also volunteered to relay to his superiors the sense of the Commission's opposition.

It was agreed that McGrath will make an exploratory phone call regarding this proposed closing. Depending on the response, Kopff will draft a letter for Rothschild (as Chair of the Recreation & Agriculture Committee) to sign.

It was reported that a public meeting has been scheduled for November 8th to dis-

cuss proposed National Park Service alternatives (including a soccer field) for the Van Ness end of Glover Archbold Park. The Chair asked Coram to attend. He also noted the lack of notice provided to the ANC. One question that was raised by the Commissioners was: who will manage the soccer field?

- VIII. The Commission went back to the matter of its minutes. Since the minutes for September 25 were not yet ready, the matter was postponed. Grinnell stated that the minutes should be ready no later than one week before the meetings.
- IX. Planning and Zoning: Hugh Allen reported on the status of Zoning Commission cases 78-1 & 2. The orders and the facts & findings have been released. Also recently decided were the zoning cases creating and mapping diplomatic zones. The PZ Committee did not have a report ready, but one will be presented to the Commission, with recommendations, at the next 3C meeting. Allen said the Committee may also look at McLean Gardens, if a zoning change is proposed by the residents there.
- X. The Commission proceeded to take up a number of new business items:
- A. The Commission approved a motion to pay \$10 to the Pipeline Community Center as compensation for the use of their facilities for the September 18th meeting.
- B. Lowthorp's Market ABC transfer application: A proposed letter of non-opposition was passed out. The letter, dated October 24, was based on a letter by Ruth Haugen, dated October 18th, expressing a similar position. It was explained that the new business (Lin, Inc.) will be much the same as Lowthorp's. The letter was adopted unanimously by the Commission.
- C. A briefing will be held October 25, 1978 on a proposed crosstown water main. Little was known about the proposal other than that five routes are under consideration, some or all of which might affect ANC-3C. David Grinnell agreed to attend the briefing for the Commission.
- D. Lindsley Williams reported that the District Government is seeking to implement an "Eastern Rule" for traffic whereby right turn on red would be allowable where so posted. He noted that in the past the ANC has opposed right turn on red so long as pedestrian rights were not clearly identified and recognized. He proposed that the Commission approve the sending of a letter reiterating this position, but also saying that if a right turn on red law is inevitable the Commission supports the District's desire for the Eastern Rule. The Commission approved this proposal.
- E. Grinnell reported that efforts to hold a referendum on the convention center are well underway, and he urged that everyone keep on top of things.
- F. A proposed amendment to the Commission's bylaws, suggested by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute, was mailed to each Commissioner in late September. The Chair asked for consideration at this time. An amendment was proposed which would add the following after the words "for which the ANC is paying": "under a previously approved arrangement" and would add the following after the words "after having polled": "five or more members of". This amendment was adopted by consensus.
- Gary Kopff read a draft letter he had written to complain about what he considered to be sloppy staff work by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute. He said that for this reason he would be opposed to the adoption of the proposed bylaws change. The Commission agreed to suspend discussion of the change in order to take up this draft letter. The Commissioners agreed that timeliness, follow-up, and the handling of the Ireland's Four Provinces ABC case were bases for complaint. The proposal to send such a letter, generally as read by Kopff with suggested changes raised in the discussion, was approved unanimously.

The Commission returned to its consideration of the bylaws amendment. The Chair stated that it would not apply to any of the work being performed by professional staff already retained. He cited as an example the arrangements with Phil Mendelson. The amendment, as amended, was approved by a vote of 6 aye, none opposed, and 1 (Kopff) abstaining. The amendment, as adopted, reads as follows:

Article VI.

Meetings and Actions (new section)

Section 15. A request for professional services for which the ANC is paying under a previously approved arrangement may be initiated by the Chairperson after having polled five or more members of the Commission and having found a majority of those polled in favor of the request. The request may be communicated orally or in writing. If made orally, the request must be confirmed in writing.

G. Katherine Coram brought up for discussion Bill 2-388, which was introduced by Councilmember Hilda Mason in an effort to preserve rental housing. Coram distributed two ANC-3F documents pertaining to this Bill. A motion carried to table this matter. It was stated that the Commission would be prepared to act on this Bill if copies were distributed well before the next meeting.

H. Quarterly report: Grinnell presented this and asked for approval, which was given unanimously. The Commission has also been asked to submit an annual report. Kopff asked if the newsletter editor (yet to be found) could do this.

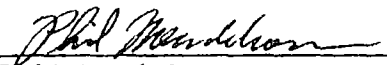
XI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm. The next meeting will be November 27, 1978.

Being distributed with these minutes are copies of the public meeting notice and the list of alternatives under consideration by the National Park Service for the northern end of Glover Archbold Park.

Also attached to the file copy of these minutes are:

- ANC-3G material pertaining to the Board of Education codification of rules
- Additional proposals for Woodley Playground
- Correspondence re. Lowthorp's ABC license transfer (2 letters)
- Prepared letter to Doug Schneider re. right turn on red
- ANC-3F memo and resolution re. Bill 2-388
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Post* clipping re. convention centers (passed out at the meeting)
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Star* clipping re. Tregaron (passed out at the meeting)

Respectfully submitted
for the Commission:


Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary

P.H.M.

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:00pm. Present were Haugen, Williams, Coram, Rothschild, and Grinnell. Arons, McGrath, and Kopff arrived shortly thereafter. Fred Pitts was absent.
- II. Verification of the posting of notices was ascertained.
- III. The minutes of the meeting of September 25 had not yet been distributed to the Commissioners. A motion to postpone the consideration of those minutes was duly made and passed unanimously.

IV. Grinnell gave the monthly treasurer's report.

\$3,982 balance on hand at start of reporting period
 5,020 funds received
 (244) funds spent
 \$8,758 balance currently on hand

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

V. There were no election business items to be considered. An action on the bylaws was deferred until later in the meeting.

VI. The Commission turned its attention to recreation concerns. Mssrs. Richard Terrell, Emil Lesko, Clayton Dade, R.L. Fleming, and Hank Pizza--all from the D.C. Department of Recreation--were present. The chair asked Lou Rothschild to handle this portion of the meeting until Kay McGrath arrived.

There were three major items of concern to the Commission: 1) backboard at Hearst; 2) construction schedule for the Newark Street Park tennis courts; and 3) maintenance and need for a tot lot at Guy Mason Recreation Center.

Beth Blanchard reported on the history of what was once the "Hearst Wall" but is now the hoped-for backboard. Jack Belcher reported on the community's efforts and plans, including a fund-raising tennis tournament already held. A volunteer has been found to build the wall; only \$380 will be needed, although \$550 has been raised. It will be 12' x 16'. The representatives from D.C. Rec. said they have not seen the plans developed by the community but they are willing to build the wall and fix the surface.

The D.C. Rec. representatives reported that the tennis courts planned for the Newark Street Park are scheduled for construction in the Spring. After some discussion, Lindsley Williams suggested that the ANC plan to contact D.C. Rec. if the courts are not under construction by the fourth Monday in April.

D.C. Rec. reported that Guy Mason will be closed for one week in order that maintenance and some rehab work may be undertaken. A complete overhaul for the Center is

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01-Fred Pitts
 02-Ruth Haugen
 03-Bernie Arons
 04-Lindsley Williams
 05-Katherine Coram

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06-Kay McGrath
 07-Gary Kopff
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 09-Louis Rothschild
 10-David Grinnell

projected for FY'81. Mr. Terrell reported that a survey had been (and still is) being undertaken to ascertain the desires of the people in the area. There have been 191 responses to date out of, roughly, 300.

Grinnell spoke to the need for a tot lot at the center, and he refuted the suggestion that the community use Stoddert. He said Wisconsin Avenue serves as a barrier separating his SMD from Stoddert.

Kopff asked about the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. The gentlemen from D.C. Rec. were unable to respond because these courts are not under their jurisdiction.

Hank Pizza gave a general report on various recreational activities within Ward III. He spoke to the need to open up the schools for recreational purposes. It was explained that he represents the Recreation Department within the Ward, and can therefore serve as an intermediary between the community and the Department. He can get Department officials together to meet with the community.

McGrath suggested that the Hearst Wall Task Force be expanded to include citizens active with the Guy Mason Community Center and the Newark Street Park (community gardens) who can then work to address, in a comprehensive way, the recreational needs and issues throughout the 3C area.

Gail Carlson, from ANC 3G and the Ward III Recreation Council, addressed the Commission about the need to use the public schools for recreational purposes during non-school hours. She requested that the Commission take a strong stand opposing the recent Board of Education's codification of its rules affecting after-hours use. She also requested that the Commission urge that the Board of Education work with the Department of Recreation in the development of these rules. The issues involve codification, jurisdiction, and costs. A recent resolution on this matter, adopted by ANC-3G, was presented to the Commission.

It was moved and seconded that ANC-3C adopt, with technical changes, the ANC-3G position as relayed in its October 19th letter to the Board of Education. This motion was approved.

- VII. Chris Pellani, of the National Capital Parks, gave the Commission, as requested at the September 25th meeting, a map of the land belonging to the National Capital Parks. He gave a status report on the Woodley Playground and distributed copies of a document entitled "Additional Proposals For Woodley Park." A consensus has been reached on the type of improvements to be made at the playground. A letter from the community to James Redmond (Superintendent of Rock Creek Park) was read. The work could begin as soon as November 1st.

McGrath suggested that a letter be sent to Redmond commending all of those involved in the project. Williams suggested a \$25 honorarium be given to Pellani, who is a volunteer. Kopff suggested the Commission draft a general letter of recommendation for Pellani to use as he wishes. It was moved and approved that a \$25 consulting fee be paid to Mr. Pellani for his work. This will be charged against the Commission's recreation account.

Kopff inquired as to who should be contacted to object to the proposed closing of the tennis courts at Pierce Mill. Pellani suggested James Redmond. He also volunteered to relay to his superiors the sense of the Commission's opposition.

It was agreed that McGrath will make an exploratory phone call regarding this proposed closing. Depending on the response, Kopff will draft a letter for Rothschild (as Chair of the Recreation & Agriculture Committee) to sign.

It was reported that a public meeting has been scheduled for November 8th to dis-

cuss proposed National Park Service alternatives (including a soccer field) for the Van Ness end of Glover Archbold Park. The Chair asked Coram to attend. He also noted the lack of notice provided to the ANC. One question that was raised by the Commissioners was: who will manage the soccer field?

- VIII. The Commission went back to the matter of its minutes. Since the minutes for September 25 were not yet ready, the matter was postponed. Grinnell stated that the minutes should be ready no later than one week before the meetings.
- IX. Planning and Zoning: Hugh Allen reported on the status of Zoning Commission cases 78-1 & 2. The orders and the facts & findings have been released. Also recently decided were the zoning cases creating and mapping diplomatic zones. The PZ Committee did not have a report ready, but one will be presented to the Commission, with recommendations, at the next 3C meeting. Allen said the Committee may also look at McLean Gardens, if a zoning change is proposed by the residents there.
- X. The Commission proceeded to take up a number of new business items:
- A. The Commission approved a motion to pay \$10 to the Pipeline Community Center as compensation for the use of their facilities for the September 18th meeting.
- B. Lowthorp's Market ABC transfer application: A proposed letter of non-opposition was passed out. The letter, dated October 24, was based on a letter by Ruth Haugen, dated October 18th, expressing a similar position. It was explained that the new business (Lin, Inc.) will be much the same as Lowthorp's. The letter was adopted unanimously by the Commission.
- C. A briefing will be held October 25, 1978 on a proposed crosstown water main. Little was known about the proposal other than that five routes are under consideration, some or all of which might affect ANC-3C. David Grinnell agreed to attend the briefing for the Commission.
- D. Lindsley Williams reported that the District Government is seeking to implement an "Eastern Rule" for traffic whereby right turn on red would be allowable where so posted. He noted that in the past the ANC has opposed right turn on red so long as pedestrian rights were not clearly identified and recognized. He proposed that the Commission approve the sending of a letter reiterating this position, but also saying that if a right turn on red law is inevitable the Commission supports the District's desire for the Eastern Rule. The Commission approved this proposal.
- E. Grinnell reported that efforts to hold a referendum on the convention center are well underway, and he urged that everyone keep on top of things.
- F. A proposed amendment to the Commission's bylaws, suggested by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute, was mailed to each Commissioner in late September. The Chair asked for consideration at this time. An amendment was proposed which would add the following after the words "for which the ANC is paying": "under a previously approved arrangement" and would add the following after the words "after having polled": "five or more members of". This amendment was adopted by consensus.
- Gary Kopff read a draft letter he had written to complain about what he considered to be sloppy staff work by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute. He said that for this reason he would be opposed to the adoption of the proposed bylaws change. The Commission agreed to suspend discussion of the change in order to take up this draft letter. The Commissioners agreed that timeliness, follow-up, and the handling of the Ireland's Four Provinces ABC case were bases for complaint. The proposal to send such a letter, generally as read by Kopff with suggested changes raised in the discussion, was approved unanimously.

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The Commission returned to its consideration of the bylaws amendment. The Chair stated that it would not apply to any of the work being performed by professional staff already retained. He cited as an example the arrangements with Phil Mendelson. The amendment, as amended, was approved by a vote of 6 aye, none opposed, and 1 (Kopff) abstaining. The amendment, as adopted, reads as follows:

Lindsay's letter:

Article IV

Article ~~V~~ IVMeetings and Actions (~~new section~~)

Section 15. A request for professional services for which the ^{Commission} ~~ANC~~ is paying under a previously approved arrangement may be initiated by the Chairperson after having polled five or more members of the Commission and having found a majority of those polled in favor of the request. The request may be communicated orally or in writing. If made orally, the request must be confirmed in writing.

G. Katherine Coram brought up for discussion Bill 2-388, which was introduced by Councilmember Hilda Mason in an effort to preserve rental housing. Coram distributed two ANC-3F documents pertaining to this Bill. A motion carried to table this matter. It was stated that the Commission would be prepared to act on this Bill if copies were distributed well before the next meeting.

H. Quarterly report: Grinnell presented this and asked for approval, which was given unanimously. The Commission has also been asked to submit an annual report. Kopff asked if the newsletter editor (yet to be found) could do this.


XI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm. The next meeting will be November 27, 1978.

Being distributed with these minutes are copies of the public meeting notice and the list of alternatives under consideration by the National Park Service for the northern end of Glover Archbold Park.

Also attached to the file copy of these minutes are:

- ANC-3G material pertaining to the Board of Education codification of rules
- Additional proposals for Woodley Playground
- Correspondence re. Lowthorp's ABC license transfer (2 letters)
- Prepared letter to Doug Schneider re. right turn on red
- ANC-3F memo and resolution re. Bill 2-388
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Post* clipping re. convention centers (passed out at the meeting)
- Oct. 21, 1978 *Star* clipping re. Tregaron (passed out at the meeting)

Respectfully submitted
for the Commission:


Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary

FACT SHEET

October 14, 1978

Subject: Alternatives for park development of the north portion of Glover Archbold Park.

Location: Wisconsin Avenue and Van Ness Street, N.W.

Basic Information.

With the exception of Rock Creek Park, Glover Archbold Park is the only natural forested area in the District of Columbia. The park was mostly formed through donations from Charles C. Glover and Mrs. Anne Archbold. Although donations by private owners, transfer of properties from the D.C. Government the initial park was increased to its present size of 183 acres.

In 1923 Glover donated approximately 28 acres, and the following year Mrs. Archbold donated approximately 16 acres for inclusion in the District's Park System. Later on she donated an additional 12 acres, and further donations by both Glover and Archbold increased the acreage of the park. By an act of June 6, 1924 acceptance of Glover's property as part of the park system was authorized, and on February 24, 1925 acceptance of Archbold's property was also authorized.

We believe the views and recommendations of current and past users of Glover Archbold Park will be of considerable value in deciding upon the proper alternatives for this tract of parkland. The following is a brief list of the proposed alternatives of possible discussion.

- I. ALTERNATIVE A includes: (see enclosed site plan A)
 - a. keeping the park area as it is;
 - b. a total of 6 picnic sites;
 - c. a field for open play;
 - d. a nature trail.

- II. ALTERNATIVE B includes: (see enclosed site plan B)
 - a. a 220 x 330 soccer field;
 - b. a total of 4 picnic sites;
 - c. loss of 6 to 10 trees to clear for the soccer field;
 - d. a trail cutting through the soccer field;
 - e. does not allow for developing of an ideal playing surface although minor grading will occur.

- III. ALTERNATIVE C includes: (see enclosed site plan C)
 - a. a 220 x 330 soccer field with 5 to 20 feet of fill;

- b. loss of 1.6 acres of woods to make a level playing space;
- c. all 10 to 12 trees in existing clearing would be removed to make room for fill;
- d. there will be a limited amount of space for spectators.

IV. ALTERNATIVE D includes: (see enclosed site plan D)

- a. a standard ball field;
- b. 15 car trail head parking development in the D.C. Street right of way between parkland and Van Ness;
- c. will be able to keep the trail in present location;
- d. there will be a loss of 4 trees;
- e. a total of 6 picnic sites;
- f. allows for some spectator room and other park uses.

October 6, 1978

P U B L I C M E E T I N G

Subject: SOCCER MEETING: A public review of proposed National Park Service alternatives for the development of the upper section of Glover Archbold Park near Van Ness Street and Wisconsin Avenue, will be held on:

Date: Wednesday Evening, 7:30 p.m., November 8, 1978 ✓ 2

Place: ANC-3E Headquarters
4025 Chesapeake Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20016

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public comments concerning National Park Service proposed alternatives for developing the two acrea open area of Glover Archbold Park, off of Van Ness Street, NW., between Wisconsin Avenue and Nebraska Avenue, NW. For interested parties who are unable to attend this meeting, the park will accept written comments until November 15. Written comments should be sent to:

Rock Creek Park Headquarters
5000 Glover Road, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20015
(Telephone: 426-6834)