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Grinnell presented the Commission's quarterly report. \$810.76 was spent; this amount would be twice or triple the amount but for the fact that no newsletter was produced and no office help has been hired. The quarterly report was approved.

Grinnell also reported that he was presenting a check for \$50 to Phil Mendelson although a bill has not yet been presented. He asked that the bill be soon forthcoming and that it be signed by the Chairperson.

The Anne Blaine Harrison Institute has expended from its account with 3C \$479.10 during the first quarter and \$260.33 during the past month (on the Saudi BZA case).

- III. The minutes for November 27, 1978 were approved as is.

A discrepancy was noted in the figures stated for the treasurer's report in the minutes of December 18, 1978. The minutes were amended to append a copy of the report, as prepared by Grinnell, and to reflect this in the minutes themselves (under item "III."). The minutes were also amended to show that McGrath was absent from the meeting (under item "I."). With these changes, the minutes were approved.

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IV. Planning & Zoning:

A. Grinnell reported that he had called Mr. Bess, Zoning Administrator, to find out the use of the house on the property involved in the Government of Iran zoning case. He was told that as of last summer the use was listed as an extension of the ambassador's residence. Bess had also said that the ANC should write to him in order to be able to get the Dep't of State to ascertain the current use. Accordingly, it was moved that the Commission send a letter of inquiry, requesting an inspection of the premises, to both the D.C. Dep't of Housing and the State Department. Williams added to the motion that the letter request that the building plans be examined as well. The motion was approved unanimously. Mendelson will type the letter as written by Grinnell.

B. A motion was made that the Commission communicate its support of the Bill: "Location Of Chanceries Amendment Of 1979", introduced by Councilmembers Shackleton and Clarke. The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. Hugh Allen, just arrived, presented a report with his recommendations.
1. A proposed letter to Steven E. Sher regarding zoning case 78-29 (Iran) was approved with several changes. A copy of the final--approved--letter is attached.

Williams reported that Tim Corcoran had called him to say he would not be representing the neighborhood residents on this case. Williams suggested to the Commission that both he and Grinnell meet with the residents to discuss what they can do.

2. A motion was moved and approved to accept for consideration the report from the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee on zoning case 78-12.

Haugen reviewed 3C's earlier discussion on this case. She also reported on efforts of other groups to get this case withdrawn. She distributed two documents. Kopff felt the beginning of the draft position was unclear; the Commission should clearly state its desire that the case be withdrawn, but express a number of qualifications in the event that it is not withdrawn.

The Commission, by a vote of 5-2 (McGrath and Grinnell absent), approved the P & Z Committee's draft statement and authorized Kopff to write the final copy.

D. It was reported that the Foggy Bottom/West End ANC has requested the Zoning Commission to consider restricting hotel use in residential areas, including the conversion of apartment buildings to apartment hotels. Bill Carroll, of the Woodley Park Community Ass'n, addressed the Commission, reviewing the various questions regarding hotel use.

A consensus was reached that ANC-2A's position be endorsed in concept. However, the exact wording of a letter was not approved until later in the meeting. That letter is attached to these minutes. Approval was unanimous.

E. The Chair asked for approval to send a letter to Dr. Lewis, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, attaching the ANC's comments on the Saudi BZA case that were drafted by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute. There was no objection.

V. Other Business:

A. Kopff reported that the liquor license for Ireland's Four Provinces is up for renewal and that the litigation due to the Commission's previous opposition is still pending. After brief discussion it was moved that the ANC reaffirm its opposition to granting a renewal of the license. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-1-1.

B. Arons presented a report, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, recommending funding for Hearst, Oyster, and Eaton Schools. The specific funding proposals had been presented to the Commission at an earlier meeting; the Committee's recommendations were contained in a written report. Arons suggested that the funding could be budgeted over at least the next three quarters.

Kopff pointed out that if the Commission has lost some of its allocations from the District Government, then this proposal (totalling \$4508) would be too large. Williams stated that he would like a report on what the three schools did with the funds given them in the past. He and other Commissioners stated that other ANC's (3F and two in Ward I--all sharing the affected school districts) should be providing funding, too. It was decided that the report would be tabled until next month, and that Williams would contact ANC-3F, Kopff would talk to the city about its allocations, and Pitts would be asked to contact the Ward I ANC's.

C. The D.C. Dep't of Transportation has contacted Williams about altering traffic light patterns as a result of pending right turns on red. Williams said he would be contacting each Commissioner to discuss this with regard to their SMD.

D. Williams reported on the COG Citizens Advisory Committee on transportation.

E. Commissioner Coram presented a proposed letter to James Redmond of the National Park Service concerning the possibility of a soccer field at the northern end of Glover Archbold Park. Two amendments were made: one adding the fact that the North Cleveland Park Citizens Association has taken a position against the soccer field; the second stating that: "In choosing this alternative we are aware of the growing demand for soccer facilities in the area and we endorse the request made by several groups that a survey be made of the facilities available for this sport the demand for such facilities and, if there is found to be a need, possible sites for soccer fields." Kopff moved adoption as amended, and the vote was unanimous in approval.

F. Post Office: It was announced by the Chair that the new Friendship Station will hold an open house this coming Sunday, January 28th. Kopff reported that the Cleveland Park Station may be announcing plans that will be controversial; if so, he'll report further on it.

G. Kopff asked for authorization to expend up to \$750 to acquire computer printed mailing labels; a set of labels would be purchased and put on a computer disc. The information could be recalled in all or in part, for mailing and/or polling the Commission area or just a part of it. Kopff said the lists may be either incomplete or out of date. Williams mentioned utilizing the crisscross directory.

Kopff said the mailing labels could be used for the ANC Newsletter, which is proposed to be ready in February. The mock-up will be ready the week of the 12th.

A motion was approved to authorize the following:

- ° Spending up to \$750 for the purchase of address labels
- ° Spending funds, at such sums as may be necessary, to distribute the next ANC Newsletter in a manner to be decided by the Chair and Vice-Chair
- ° Spending any necessary amounts to acquire a mailing permit.

H. Rothschild stated he would miss the next several Commission meetings.

I. It was announced that Mr. Schweibert will be leaving the Sheraton Park Hotel. Bill Carroll said he will be writing a letter commending Schweibert for his time and willingness to work with the community on the hotel's development plans. Carroll asked that the ANC take similar action. It was agreed by the Commissioners that the Chair should send such a letter too.

J. Haugen reported that she had had lunch with the people from Youth For Understanding at Rosedale. She said she had learned that Y.F.U. had lost its tax-exempt status.

K. Mendelson was asked to contact Grinnell about making any necessary changes to the Commissions bank accounts with regard to signing checks and withdrawals.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18pm.

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Distributed at the meeting:

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- ° Jan. 22nd P & Z Committee report
- ° Notice of meeting on 78-12 sponsored by Federation of Civic Ass'ns
- ° Copies of four newspaper clippings on case no. 78-12
- ° Chart showing hotel uses by various zones
- ° Jan. 22nd Education Committee report
- ° Proposed letter to James Redmond
- ° Petitions for a referendum on the proposed convention center

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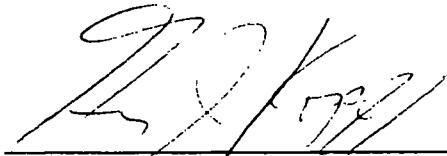
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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION



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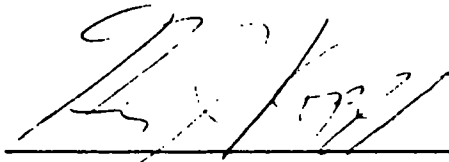
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Distributed to the Commissioners were copies of correspondence relating to this matter. The ANC had requested that a hearing not be granted, although a hearing has nonetheless been set for late February. The Commission has received a letter from the attorney for the Embassy of Iran. Grinnell asked that the minutes show that this letter is incorrect, in paragraph 4 of page 2, where it states that he chaired the meeting of December 7, 1978; he did not chair it. Williams commented that there were numerous inaccuracies in the letter.

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It was also suggested that the ANC could recommend that all parking be eliminated from Edgevale Terrace so as to combat overflow parking from the chancery(s).

The Chair said he will attempt to have the Planning & Zoning Committee meet before the next Commission meeting and to have a draft letter from the Committee for consideration by the Commission.

V. The meeting was adjourned, upon motion by Arons, at 10:28pm. Notice of the next meeting, January 22, 1979 at 8pm at the Police Station, was posted on the Board.

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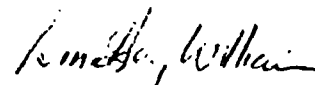
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[Section VI. E. is deleted here.]

F. It was resolved that the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute should proceed with the "Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law" if such a document is not being prepared by Tim Corcoran, counsel for the neighborhood residents; Susan Aramaki is to check with Corcoran about this. The vote was unanimous. It had been said that the work could put 3C over its budget with the Institute.

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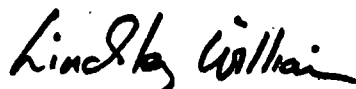
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Lexicon:

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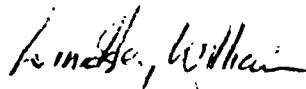
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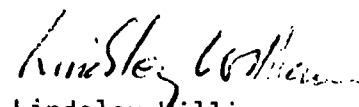
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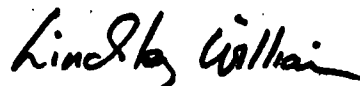
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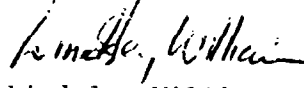
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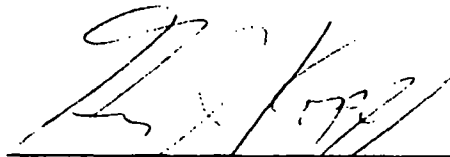
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Mr. Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.
Director
D.C. Department Of Transportation
415 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Enclosed you will find a copy of this Commission's comments on a pending chancery application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I am sending this to you because one of the issues we raised pertains to parking problems in the affected area, particularly along Rock Creek Drive.

The ANC feels the Department of Transportation should eliminate parking at all hours on the southeast side of Rock Creek Drive from Massachusetts Avenue to Edgevale Terrace and that it should work to establish a "residential permit zone" along the northeast side.

The Commission considered the establishment of a "diplomatic" parking zone, but it sees no need for it.

Please feel free to contact the Commission about this if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson

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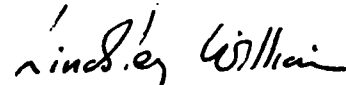
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FOR THE COMMISSION,



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cc: ANC-2A
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Mr. James Redmond
Rock Creek Park Headquarters
5000 Glover Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Mr. Redmond:

This letter is in response to the "Alternatives for park development of the north portion of Glover Archbold Park" issued by your office in October, 1978. Our study of the issue leads us to support Alternative A, which calls for the least disruption to the existing natural area.

We have attempted to consider all the facets of this issue. Several Commissioners attended the November 8, 1978 meeting on this subject and heard the opinions of those present. At that meeting Mr. Williams, Chairperson of our ANC, invited interested parties to attend our November meeting, since the area in question falls within the boundaries of our Commission area. Additionally, informal discussions have been held with interested parties. Our position supports that of the nearest citizens groups--the McLean Gardens Residents Association and the North Cleveland Park Citizens Association.

We have based our decision to support Alternative A on the following considerations:

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January 24, 1979

Board of Commissioners
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Government of the District of Columbia
305 G Street, N. W.
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Subject: Renewal License for Ireland's Four Provinces

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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION



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January 26, 1979

Mr. Steven E. Sher
Executive Director
Zoning Secretariat
The District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Sher:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C supports the efforts of ANC 2A to end, as a matter of right, the use of hotels in "R" and "W" districts. On the other hand, we support the recent Zoning Commission action to have hotels in mixed use districts be treated as "commercial" use.

We reserve comment on specific proposals for hotel zoning until a later date and recognize the need to consider possible map amendments as a companion to changes in the regulations themselves.

FOR THE COMMISSION,

Lindsley Williams
Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

cc: ANC-2A
Polly Shackleton
Woodley Park Citizens Ass'n

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Mr. David M. Childs
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20576

Dear Mr. Childs:

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of the comments Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C recently filed in connection with case number 12826 before the D.C. Board Of Zoning Adjustment. This case concerns the application for chancery use by the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Please feel free to contact this ANC if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lindsley Williams
Lindsley Williams
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January 26, 1979

Mr. Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.
Director
D.C. Department Of Transportation
415 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Enclosed you will find a copy of this Commission's comments on a pending chancery application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I am sending this to you because one of the issues we raised pertains to parking problems in the affected area, particularly along Rock Creek Drive.

The ANC feels the Department of Transportation should eliminate parking at all hours on the southeast side of Rock Creek Drive from Massachusetts Avenue to Edgevale Terrace and that it should work to establish a "residential permit zone" along the northeast side.

The Commission considered the establishment of a "diplomatic" parking zone, but it sees no need for it.

Please feel free to contact the Commission about this if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

enc. (without Tab B)

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January 26, 1979

Mr. Ed Hromanik
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. ~~Hromanik~~: *Kd*

I am sending to you the enclosed copy of a letter to James Redmond of the National Park Service because I believe it to be of interest to you and the NCPC.

Mr. Redmond has publicly stated that he does not feel that the National Park Service must submit its plans to the National Capital Planning Commission. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C disagrees. *!*

Sincerely,



Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

enc.

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January 25, 1979

Mr. James Redmond
Rock Creek Park Headquarters
5000 Glover Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Mr. Redmond:

This letter is in response to the "Alternatives for park development of the north portion of Glover Archbold Park" issued by your office in October, 1978. Our study of the issue leads us to support Alternative A, which calls for the least disruption to the existing natural area.

We have attempted to consider all the facets of this issue. Several Commissioners attended the November 8, 1978 meeting on this subject and heard the opinions of those present. At that meeting Mr. Williams, Chairperson of our ANC, invited interested parties to attend our November meeting, since the area in question falls within the boundaries of our Commission area. Additionally, informal discussions have been held with interested parties. Our position supports that of the nearest citizens groups--the McLean Gardens Residents Association and the North Cleveland Park Citizens Association.

We have based our decision to support Alternative A on the following considerations:

1. As your fact sheet pointed out, the Park is one of only two natural forest areas in the city; as such, it deserves special preservation efforts.
2. Parking is a serious problem in the Wisconsin Avenue and Van Ness Street area and an intensive development of the Park would attract many more cars and make this problem more severe.
3. A soccer field would serve only a limited audience and the need for more soccer fields has not been sufficiently demonstrated; the Park as it now exists serves a diverse clientele.
4. Development of this area of the Park would set a dangerous precedent, indicating that the Park Service is weakening in its commitment to preservation of our rapidly-diminishing wild areas.

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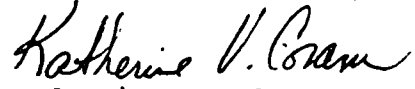
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Mr. James Redmond
January 25, 1979
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In choosing this alternative we are nevertheless aware of the growing demand for soccer facilities in the area and we endorse the request made by several groups that a survey be made of the facilities available for this sport, the demand for such facilities, and, if there is found to be a need, possible sites for soccer fields.

Additionally, this Commission would like to express our hope that in further considering this plan the Park Service will not forget its responsibilities to hear input from the National Capital Planning Commission and the District Government and your obligation under the National Environmental Protection Act.

FOR THE COMMISSION,


Katherine V. Coram

cc: National Capital Planning Commission
The Honorable Polly Shackleton
North Cleveland Park Citizens Association
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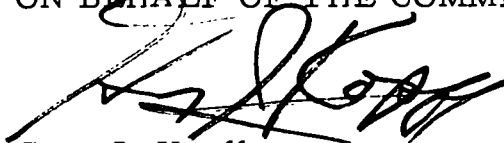
Board of Commissioners
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Government of the District of Columbia
305 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Renewal License for Ireland's Four Provinces

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C continues to oppose the granting/
renewal of a Class C liquor license to "Ireland's Four Provinces" at 3412 Con-
necticut Avenue.

At your initial hearing and at the remand hearing, ordered by the U. S.
Court of Appeals, we stated in considerable detail the basis for our opposition.
By record vote of our Commission at its January 22, 1979 regularly scheduled
meeting, we reaffirmed our continued opposition.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION



Gary J. Kopff
Vice-Chairman and Vice-Treasurer

cc: Anne Blaine Harrison Institute
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January 17, 1979

Leonard L. McCants, Esq., Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
District Building, Room 9-A
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. McCants:

This letter concerns the application, number 12826, of the Royal Kingdom of Saudia Arabia to establish a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. By vote of the Commissioners (4-2-1) present at its special meeting of January 16, 1979, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C recommends that the application be approved, subject to satisfactory resolution of issues raised herein.

It is our perspective that no chancery is inherently compatible with any residential area it may abut. The application appears to meet the requirements of sections 4603.22 through 4603.24 of the Zoning Regulations.

Under the Duties And Responsibilities Act (D.C. Law 1-58), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C expects that you will give serious consideration and great weight to the attached presentation of: (1) five specific areas of concern, detailed in Tab A, section I; (2) specific unanswered questions concerning the legality of the "Mixed Use Diplomatic (D)" districts vis-a-vis the Chancery Act of 1964, detailed in Tab A, section II; (3) an apparent conflict between the requirements of Article 46 of the Zoning Regulations and the provisions of section 8207 relating to special exceptions, detailed in Tab A, section III; and (4) the issues raised by the correspondence this Advisory Neighborhood Commission has received on this application, as detailed in Tab B, other than counsel of either side.

We hope these materials will help the Board reach a decision that is in the public interest.

BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION



Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

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Enclosures:

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12826**

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15, 1979**

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January 8, 1979

The Honorable J. Carter Brown, Chairman
 The Commission on Fine Arts
 708 Jackson Place, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C has been active in a number of areas since it was established in early 1976. It has, among other things, been active in matters of historic preservation -- and this letter is written in that regard.

While the area we represent includes many areas, buildings, and sites that are already designated as historic areas or landmarks along with others that are in process, there is much to be done. We would like your help -- and, at our meeting of December 18, 1978, we decided to seek it.

Specifically, we are hoping that staff of the Commission on Fine Arts might be directed to prepare documents and supporting materials that would be necessary to nominate four of Washington's notable bridges as historic landmarks, namely --

- Massachusetts Avenue, NW, bridge over Rock Creek
- William Howard Taft (Connecticut Avenue, NW) bridge over Rock Creek
- Duke Ellington (Calvert Street, NW) bridge over Rock Creek
- Connecticut Avenue, NW, bridge over Klinge Road.

We know of and very much appreciate the work staff of the Commission on Fine Arts that led up to the publication of "Bridges and the City of Washington" in 1974. It is our hope that, with your concurrence, staff might be able -- without too much expense -- to prepare the necessary documentation for nomination of each of these bridges as historic landmarks.

We, for our part, would be pleased to co-sponsor any nominations that become possible. We would also be willing to help defray the costs of nomination itself -- a sum used to pay for a required legal notice.

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As a secondary matter, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C would appreciate the views of the Commission on Fine Arts on whether it would be appropriate to consider naming the Massachusetts Avenue bridge, which is not yet dedicated to anyone else, after Frederick Law Olmsted, the person most responsible for Rock Creek Park and the large system of parks enjoyed by so many residents of and visitors to the National Capital. If you believe this would be appropriate, we should also appreciate your advice on who should be contacted and the materials they might need to make a decision.

We hope you can give our request favorable consideration.

FOR THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lindsley Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lindsley" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Williams".

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Chairman, Joint Committee on Landmarks (Mr. Brylawski)
Members, Council of the District of Columbia, with
jurisdiction by topic (Rev. Moore) or by ward
(Mr. Clarke, Ward I; Mrs. Shackleton, Ward III)
Chairpersons, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 1-C, 1-D, and 3-A

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January 17, 1979

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15, 1979

Tab A -- Specific Findings, Recommendations, and Issues
Regarding Board of Zoning Adjustment Case 12826

The Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's application to establish a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., is filed before the Board of Zoning Adjustment under Article 46 of the Zoning Regulations as amended September 14, 1978 by the Zoning Commission's Order 236. This Order established the provisions of Article 46 as well as effected certain "map" changes which had the effect of superimposing a newly created "Mixed Use Diplomatic (D)" district on various districts in effect before that date (which continue in effect). Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C (ANC 3-C or ANC) does not necessarily accede to the legality of this article or the associated map changes as the ANC sees them as being potentially in conflict with the Chancery Act of 1964 (see below). The map changes made include the lot in which the proposed Saudi chancery would be located.

Moreover, the application was first filed under both article 46 of the Zoning Regulations and section 8207.2 relating to special exceptions. Following advice of the Corporation Counsel November 17, 1978, the application was amended to eliminate reference to section 8207.2. That advice has had the effect of eroding the Board of Zoning Adjustment's (the Board) authority to consider the application of the Saudis -- and others similar to it -- as a special exception and has the potential of limiting the Board's authority to protect areas adjacent to proposed chanceries. Accordingly, ANC 3-C believes the advice of the Corporation Counsel should be questioned both on its merit and its effect (see below).

This ANC is also uncertain about the applicability of Article 72 of the Zoning Regulations relating to requirements for parking spaces, width of aisles and driveways, etc. This appears to have material bearing on the Saudi application.

Accordingly, ANC 3-C asks the Board to make specific findings on these three points before considering the application per se.

Section 4603.1 of the Zoning Regulations requires the Board to find that the proposed chancery is "not incompatible" with the present and proposed development of the neighborhood." Section 4603.2 sets forth some specific criteria that must be satisfied but does not specifically or explicitly limit the criteria to those set forth in sections 4603.21 through 4603.28. Section 4604.3 provides the Board with broad to require "special treatment" and impose "reasonable conditions" to "mitigate adverse impacts identified in accordance with sections 4603 and 4604."

From the perspective of ANC 3-C, no chancery is inherently compatible with any residential area it may abut. With respect to the subject application, this ANC feels the applicant can take steps to minimize, but not eliminate, inherent incompatibilities. The ANC advises the Board to order that these steps be taken under authority of section 4604.3. The ANC also feels there are actions that may and should be taken by components of the Government of the District of Columbia other than the Board to minimize adverse impact; these are noted below.

Tab A -- Specific Findings, Recommendations, and Issues
Regarding Board Of Zoning Adjustment Case 12826

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The Saudi application involves a building that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places adjacent to Rock Creek Park. As such, the application requires a report from both the Fine Arts Commission (pursuant to section 4604.1) and from the Historic Preservation Officer (pursuant to section 4604.2). ANC 3-C asks the Board to insure that comments of these two bodies are both sought and respected concerning the subject application.

The Saudi application involves a large structure of about 16,000 square feet which has been unoccupied for most of the past 13 years. Its present condition is deteriorated. The Saudis propose to restore it to its former physical character. The ANC believes the structure, including proposed reconstruction at its rear, complies with requirements in the Zoning Regulations relating to height, lot occupancy, and floor area ratio (FAR) as set forth in sections 4603.22 through 4603.24. (Indeed, a much larger structure could be erected if those requirements were the only limitations.)

This ANC's main concerns relate to the impact of the proposed chancery -- which is basically the office of a foreign nation -- on the residential neighborhood along Benton Place, Edgevale Terrace, 30th Street, and Rock Creek Drive northeast of the proposed chancery. This residential community is already adversely impacted by chanceries operating in the same general area due to traffic, parking overflow, intensity of use, and other factors (buses of riot police have been reported stationed in the area and do not constitute an asset from a residential perspective). This ANC believes, however, that with proper conditions, these negative effects can be largely self-contained by the Saudis.

Issues on which this ANC asks the Board to make specific findings and issue appropriate orders include (1) parking, overflow of vehicles to residential areas, driveway width, and screening of parking areas, (2) access to Rock Creek Drive, (3) lighting, both interior and exterior, (4) transferability and enforceability, (5) maintenance and upkeep, (6) microwave and related radio transmitting and receiving, and (7) lead levels. The ANC's perspective and recommendations on issues (1) through (5) is discussed below; the ANC also recognizes as issues matters (6) and (7).

The ANC also feels there are actions that could and should be taken by components of the Government of the District of Columbia other than the Board to minimize the adverse impacts of the proposed chancery. Specifically, the ANC feels the Department of Transportation should eliminate parking at all hours on the south-east side of Rock Creek Drive from Massachusetts Avenue to Edgevale Terrace and that it should work to establish a "residential permit zone" along the northeast side. The ANC sees no need to establish any "diplomatic" parking zone for the Saudi chancery and recommends against same.

The Board should also know that the residential neighbors of the proposed Saudi chancery appear unanimous in their desire that this ANC oppose the application and that the Board deny it. The ANC has considered their views and is sharing the communications the ANC has received from neighbors concerning this application with the Board for its consideration.¹ The ANC feels the proposed chancery, subject to conditions identified herein, is preferable to non-use and preferable to what might exist if the existing building were to be replaced by a non-historic structure which might be built to the limits established by sections 4603.22 through 4603.24.²

I. SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN:

- (1) Parking, overflow of vehicles to residential areas, driveway width, and screening of parking areas

Issue: How Many Spaces Are Required?

Section 4603.25 of the Zoning Regulations requires that there be one space for every 800 square feet in chancery use. Applicant maintains that 11,599 square feet are in chancery use. The building has a total of 16,000 square feet. Applicant is not counting Ballroom, dining room, or caretaker's area as "chancery."

ANC 3-C requests that the Board make a determination of (a) the total square footage to be in chancery use and the number of spaces this would require and (b) the total square footage in other uses, the legality of those uses in the "D/R-1-A" zone, and the number of spaces required for those uses (if use is legal). Board should require applicant to supply total number of spaces required for all legal uses.

¹ The ANC is not forwarding, however, the materials provided the ANC by counsel for the neighbors, Mr. Corcoran, due to the bulk. It is available on request.

² The issues raised by the ANC in connection with the application of the Saudis to establish a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. are not necessarily exhaustive of all issues that might apply to that case. The issues, moreover, are ones which might well be considered by this ANC or other parties in connection with other applications to establish chanceries or to effect map changes as a precursor to the establishment of a chancery. As the facts, as applied to the issues raised here in this case, may not be the same as the facts that apply in others, this ANC reserves the right to come to varying conclusions, depending on the factual circumstances of individual applications, in other cases involving chanceries or related map cases. The ANC also reserves the right to introduce additional issues in cases subsequent to the Saudi case as the need may arise.

Issue: How Many Spaces Are Really Needed?

Applicant's counsel have represented to us that the site can contain all cars associated with employees. Total employment is stated as 35 persons, no more than 25 on duty at any one time.

Applicant has not stated to us the size or frequency of functions involving the ballroom or dining areas. Their capacity appears to be considerably in excess of the maximum number of employees.

Applicant's counsel have represented to us that total number of visitors during working hours, which are 9am to 1pm, would rarely exceed 6 in number at single time.

ANC 3-C concludes, outside of ballroom and dining functions, there is a need for approximately 30 spaces ($25 + 6 = 31$).

Counsel for the applicant has represented to ANC 3-C that 15 spaces will be provided (as defined by Article 72) with 10 or more additional parking spaces potentially available with the use of an attendant.

Issue: What if There isn't Enough Parking?

Applicant's counsel have maintained that there will be ample parking. Neighbors and this ANC are not sure. What if it works out that there isn't enough? Will chancery staff and visitors park in the adjacent residential area or on Rock Creek Drive?

ANC 3-C suggests that the Ambassador from Saudi Arabia require each employee of the chancery who drives to work to park on the grounds. We further suggest that the Ambassador require each employee's vehicle have affixed to it a mark, insignia, or flag that clearly identifies the vehicle as being one associated with the Saudi chancery. Should such a vehicle be seen parked in streets of the area and reported to the chancery, it should be removed immediately.

Issue: How Wide Must the Driveway Be?

Article 72 of the Zoning Regulations specifies that driveways must be 14 feet in width. The applicant's proposal would have a driveway of lesser width.

ANC 3-C is not certain whether article 72 applies or not. We feel the driveway should be of such a width as to permit vehicles to enter and leave the parking area safely and with ample vision (see, however, the need for ample screening).

(1) cont'd

ANC 3-C requests the Board to make a specific finding on this requirement and the applicant to abide by the Board's order.

Issue: What Will the Parking Area Look Like?

ANC 3-C recommends that the parking area be screened from public view by shrubbery that is green around the year, berms, or walls that are compatible with the neighborhood.

Issue: Will Chancery Employees Be Immune from Parking Regulations under the Diplomatic Relations Act?

While embassy personnel no longer enjoy immunity under the newly enacted Diplomatic Relations Act, they may nevertheless escape paying fines if they can show that, at the time the infraction was ticketed, they were performing an "official act." Since Saudi employees could arguably be in the midst of official acts while at the Chancery, they might be able to disregard any area parking regulations.

The Board should obtain an assurance from the Ambassador that he would not prepare any letters asking that employees of the chancery be excused from tickets they might receive in the vicinity of the proposed chancery and that employees would be required to pay any fines from their own pockets.

(2) Access to Rock Creek Drive

Issue: Should There be A Stairwell to Rock Creek Drive?

Applicant's proposal involves the installation of a stairwell connecting the parking area behind the chancery to Rock Creek Drive. This stairwell would provide direct access from Rock Creek Drive to the passport office proposed for the lower level, rear, of the chancery.

ANC 3-C maintains that this stairwell should not be approved as it would promote use of Rock Creek Drive in lieu of the applicant's own parking area. (This is a reversal of the "neutral" position we took on this point in our letter of December 4, 1978 to Stephen E. Sher on the subject application.)

(2) Cont'd

Issue: Should There Be Any Access for Vehicles to the Chancery from Rock Creek Drive?

Applicant's counsel informed us that consideration had been given to providing a curb cut along Rock Creek Drive to the rear of the proposed Chancery. They indicated this idea had been abandoned due to grade and other site characteristics.

ANC 3-C recommends, for reasons similar to those on the stairwell and to discourage any use of Rock Creek Drive by vehicles associated with the chancery as employees or visitors that no curb cut be considered at any time.

(3) Lighting, both Interior and Exterior

Issue: What Image will the Building Give at Night?

Many contemporary offices make considerable use of fluorescent lighting. This is a type of lighting that is used rarely in residential areas except in kitchens and work areas and bathrooms.

ANC 3-C has no information as to the type of lighting proposed for the chancery. However, we recommend that the applicant employ subdued lighting (and appropriate window shading/curtains) in all areas which have windows in public view or in view of residential neighbors adjacent to the proposed chancery.

Issue: What Type of Exterior Lighting is Planned?

The applicant may wish to illuminate the rear of the chancery, particularly the parking area.

The ANC has no information as to the type of lighting planned. However, the ANC recommends that any lighting that is installed lie low to the ground and be subdued. Bright lamps or ones high off the ground would be inappropriate and convey an image of a shopping center.

(4) Transferability and Enforceability

Issue: Could the Chancery Be Sold to Some Other Nation for Use as a Chancery?

The subject application is from the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Zoning Regulations are silent on the subject of transferability from one nation to the next.

(4) cont'd

In hearing this application, the ANC and the Board will have heard a number of representations and be provided by numerous assurances from the applicant. These would appear to vanish should the subject property be transferred to others through sale or lease.

ANC 3-C recommends that the Board limit any approval to the applicant now before the Board and require a new case under other circumstances.

Issue: What If the Saudi Chancery Function Expands?

Applicant's counsel indicate that the Saudi chancery function is currently of modest proportion and not expected to grow, for example total employment is stated as 35 and number of visitors is not expected to exceed 6 at any one time. The nature of travel to Saudi Arabia is such that the passport/visa function is not active at this time.

Circumstances change, however. For example, the ANC could foresee a time when some aspect of the chancery function might expand dramatically. A change in travel policy, for example, could result in far more business in that area requiring both more staff and generating more traffic on the part of persons seeking visas. While this is just an example, the issue relates to the issue of expansion.

The ANC recommends that the Board obtain an assurance from the Ambassador that should any aspect of the chancery function expand in such a way as to result in the chancery function not being self-contained by the lot the proposed chancery occupies, that the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would establish temporary or permanent satellite offices for that expanded function (e.g. passports/visas).

Issue: Are the Conditions Agreed To Binding on the Applicant?

Ambassadors change from time to time. As new Ambassadors from Saudi Arabia may not be familiar with the commitments made by the present one, we suggest the Board take steps to have any conditions it sets in this case reviewed and reaffirmed as each new Ambassador takes office.

(5) Maintenance and
Upkeep

Issue: What Assurance Does the Area Have
That the Property Will Be Maintained?

Neighbors close to the Saudi embassy have suggested to the ANC that the standards for upkeep and maintenance of the embassy appear to relax when the Ambassador is not in residence. For example, trash cans are left out on the street and the yard is not so well maintained.

What assurance can be provided that the property of the chancery, along with the adjacent embassy, will be maintained in a suitable fashion?

The ANC requests the Board to insure that maintenance of the property will be regular and appropriate in order to protect nearby residential neighbors from potential harmful effects.

The Board should also know that the residential neighbors of the proposed Saudi chancery appear unanimous in their desire that this ANC oppose the application and that the Board deny it. The ANC has considered their views and is sharing the communications we have received on this subject from them (other than their counsel

II.

CONFLICT WITH THE CHANCERY ACT OF 1964

One problem which must be resolved before any action is taken on the application by the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., is the applicability of the Chancery Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-659, 78 Stat. 1091 (October 13, 1964), D.C. Code §5-418(b)-(d) (1973 ed.). The proposed chancery might well be in violation of subsection 6(c) of the Act which states that

" . . . except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, no foreign government shall be permitted to construct, alter, repair, convert, or occupy a building for use as a chancery. . . within any district or zone restricted in accordance with this Act to use for residential purposes."

Subsection (d) allows chanceries in districts zoned for medium-high density and high density apartments, with approval of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). In effect, the Chancery Act removed chanceries from the list of permitted uses in R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5-A and R-5-B Districts. Zoning Regulations, Section 8207, note asterick (September 1, 1973).

Recently in accordance with the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC) Foreign Missions and International Agencies Element of the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Commission has issued new regulations providing for Mixed Use Diplomatic Districts (hereafter "Diplomatic Overlay Districts"). Diplomatic Overlay Districts allow chanceries as a permitted use in R-1-A districts provided that such chanceries are not incompatible with the present and proposed development of the neighborhood, applying the following six criteria applicable here: (1) architectural design and arrangement of off-street parking spaces is compatible with the character of the neighborhood; (2) height of the building is not excessive; (3) the building is not oversized for the size of the lot; (4) off street parking spaces are provided at a ratio of one space for every 800 square feet of gross floor area devoted to chancery use; (5) the FAR does not exceed 1.5 or the maximum allowed in the district, whichever is greater; and (6) the use will not create dangerous or other objectionable traffic conditions.

The premises at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., has been designated part of a diplomatic Overlay District, a fact which gave rise to the present Saudi Arabian application. In effect, however, this new permitted use district has been superimposed over an R-1 district for which chanceries are absolutely forbidden by the Chancery Act.

The Zoning Commission's action was based on its perceived mandate to formulate regulations and amend zoning maps in a manner "not incompatible" with the NCPC's Foreign Missions Element. However, while the NCPC is the federal planning agency for the District and the Zoning Commission is obligated to comply with the NCPC Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Commission is not required to comply with aspects of that plan which overreach the authority of the NCPC. The authority of the Zoning Commission to amend its regulations and maps in accordance with NCPC Plan Elements is not questioned. But neither the authority of the Zoning Commission nor the authority of the NCPC may extend to nullification of an Act of Congress. This is precisely the effect of the new regulations. The Zoning Commission does not have the authority to rewrite an Act of Congress by administrative rule, and if the limitations of the Chancery Act are to be changed, Congress is the proper governmental body to address.

At this point it is appropriate to acknowledge the fact that the Zoning Commission's decision may have been based in part on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel dated July 7, 1978. In that opinion the Corporation Counsel's basic position was that

" . . . although zoning implementation of the Element would inevitably lead to changes in the mapped character of certain areas of the city, such changes are not proscribed by the Chancery Act. All the Act requires is that such changes be grounded upon zone Districts which are of such a character that they are intended to contemplate chanceries as a logical element thereof, rather than as a deviation therefrom." Memorandum from the Corporation Counsel at 6 (July 7, 1978).

Nowhere in the Chancery Act is such broad discretion given to either the NCPC or the Zoning Commission. The Act is explicit. Chanceries are forbidden in residential districts other than high density apartment districts. Had Congress intended to limit the Chancery Act to such a broad expression of policy, it would have so indicated. Instead, its legislative intent is clearly and unequivocally stated as a prohibition of chanceries in certain areas.

Even under Corporation Counsel reasoning, chanceries are not a "logical element" of R-1 Zones, but a "deviation therefrom." While the proposed Saudi Arabian chancery is not of itself unobjectionable, the overreaching of authority by both the NCPC and the Zoning Commission is inconsistent with fundamental concepts of separation of power under the Constitution. Article 46 of the Zoning Regulations is therefore extremely objectionable, and will continue to be so until the proper actions are taken to seek change of the law through Congress.

III.

CONFLICT WITH SECTION 8207.2 OF THE
ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Prior to 1964, chanceries were permitted as a special exception in all residential areas under § 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations. Section 8207.2 states that the Board has jurisdiction

"... to grant special exceptions ... where in the judgment of the Board such exceptions will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and maps and will not tend to affect adversely the use of the neighboring property in accordance with said zoning regulations and maps, subject in each case to the special conditions specified in said Articles ..."

With the enactment of the Chancery Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-659, 78 Stat. 1091 (October 13, 1964); D.C. Code § 5-418(b)-(d) (1973 ed.), chanceries have been absolutely forbidden in R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5-A and R-5-B Districts.

The Zoning Commission in Order 236 (Case No. 77-45) dated September 14, 1978, extended the areas for which chanceries were permitted to include areas mapped R-5-C, R-5-D, SP, or D. As had been the case for chanceries prior to the Chancery Act of 1964, jurisdiction to grant special exceptions was provided by an amendment to § 8207.2 for each of the four permitted use categories, except the last -- D Districts. See Zoning Commission Order No. 236 at 11 (September 14, 1978). As a result the BZA is without jurisdiction under § 8207.2 to grant special exceptions for Mixed Use Diplomatic Districts.

The BZA must therefore look elsewhere to find jurisdiction to permit the Saudi chancery. Section 4603 cannot be the basis for jurisdiction, since it only enunciates standards for review once jurisdiction has been obtained. Section 4603.1 allows chanceries as a permitted use "in areas mapped D, R-5-C, R-5-D, or SP." However, since jurisdiction for special exceptions in every district except D Districts was provided by the amendment to § 8207.2, it appears unlikely that the Zoning Commission intended § 4603 to be a grant of jurisdiction.

Similarly, the Chancery Act provides no jurisdiction to grant special exceptions for chanceries in Mixed Use Diplomatic Districts. The BZA's jurisdiction under the Chancery Act is expressly limited to medium-high and high density apartment districts.

In conclusion, for whatever reason the Zoning Commission chose to omit BZA jurisdiction to grant special exceptions, at the present time it appears that such jurisdiction simply does not exist.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. Shackleton and Mr. Clarke introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To provide for the limitation on the location of chanceries in residential areas of the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Location of Chanceries Amendment of 1979".

Sec. 2. Section 6(c) of the Act entitled "An Act providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1938 (52 Stat. 998; D.C. Code, sec. 5-418), is amended by striking the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and which restriction was in effect on July 1, 1978 unless permission for each use is granted as part of an approved planned unit development for the land, application for which was filed and preliminarily approved by the Zoning Commission prior to July 1, 1978."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect pursuant to the provisions of section 602 (c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

Pres. Shackleton
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January 8, 1979

The Honorable J. Carter Brown, Chairman
 The Commission on Fine Arts
 708 Jackson Place, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C has been active in a number of areas since it was established in early 1976. It has, among other things, been active in matters of historic preservation -- and this letter is written in that regard.

While the area we represent includes many areas, buildings, and sites that are already designated as historic areas or landmarks along with others that are in process, there is much to be done. We would like your help -- and, at our meeting of December 18, 1978, we decided to seek it.

Specifically, we are hoping that staff of the Commission on Fine Arts might be directed to prepare documents and supporting materials that would be necessary to nominate four of Washington's notable bridges as historic landmarks, namely --

- Massachusetts Avenue, NW, bridge over Rock Creek
- William Howard Taft (Connecticut Avenue, NW) bridge over Rock Creek
- Duke Ellington (Calvert Street, NW) bridge over Rock Creek
- Connecticut Avenue, NW, bridge over Klinge Road.

We know of and very much appreciate the work staff of the Commission on Fine Arts that led up to the publication of "Bridges and the City of Washington" in 1974. It is our hope that, with your concurrence, staff might be able -- without too much expense -- to prepare the necessary documentation for nomination of each of these bridges as historic landmarks.

We, for our part, would be pleased to co-sponsor any nominations that become possible. We would also be willing to help defray the costs of nomination itself -- a sum used to pay for a required legal notice.

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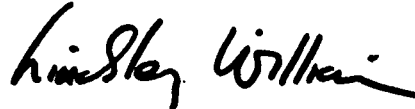
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As a secondary matter, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C would appreciate the views of the Commission on Fine Arts on whether it would be appropriate to consider naming the Massachusetts Avenue bridge, which is not yet dedicated to anyone else, after Frederick Law Olmsted, the person most responsible for Rock Creek Park and the large system of parks enjoyed by so many residents of and visitors to the National Capital. If you believe this would be appropriate, we should also appreciate your advice on who should be contacted and the materials they might need to make a decision.

We hope you can give our request favorable consideration.

FOR THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lindsley Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lindsley" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Williams".

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Chairman, Joint Committee on Landmarks (Mr. Brylawski)
Members, Council of the District of Columbia, with
jurisdiction by topic (Rev. Moore) or by ward
(Mr. Clarke, Ward I; Mrs. Shackleton, Ward III)
Chairpersons, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 1-C, 1-D, and 3-A

Bridges and the City of Washington

Donald Beekman Myer, AIA

U.S. Commission of Fine Arts—Washington, D.C. 1974



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View from Georgetown looking down the Potomac toward Washington, from Keim's *Washington and its Environs*, 1880—Aqueduct Bridge is shown in foreground and Long Bridge can be

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., BRIDGE



Rendering for the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge over Rock Creek, as built, ca. 1940. C.F.A.

The present Massachusetts Avenue Bridge is the most solid, massive structure over Rock Creek Park. The random ashlar faced, semi-circular arched structure is virtually an offspring of its culvert predecessor. The present and two previous crossings were built in response to real estate development demands in the far northwest section of Washington. As with the Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street Bridges, the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge is an extension of the existing street pattern of the city over the valley.

First to cross the creek in this vicinity was an iron bridge about two hundred yards upstream at Normanstone Drive. It was 45 feet high, 370 feet long and 17 feet wide. This had been sponsored by northwest developers in 1888. In 1897, two designs for a high-level bridge on the alignment of Massachusetts Avenue were prepared by the Corps of Engineers. One was a three-

bridge actually built in 1901 for \$111,740 was little more than a low-level, dirt-filled culvert with a granite facing and a single brick barrel vault arch over only the creek.¹ It was deplored soon after construction and did not permit a good roadway beneath.

Since the District of Columbia Government and the Commission of Fine Arts considered the 1901 culvert to be both dangerous and ugly, a stone, arched bridge was suggested. Charles Moore, Chairman of the Commission

of Fine Arts, said:

"I am heartily in favor of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge to replace the viaduct which never should have been built. It was constructed during a long vacation of Congress, primarily to accommodate real estate interests having dirt to dispose of; and I well remember the chagrin when Congress came back to find that treatment. The bridge seems an infinitely better solution. . . ."²

Designs for the new bridge began in 1940. Washington architect Louis Justement (who later designed the present K Street Bridge) prepared drawings

with Kansas City engineers Harrington and Cortelyou. The District of Columbia submitted them for approval by the Commission of Fine Arts.

At present, Massachusetts Avenue Bridge rises 75 feet in a single dramatic span over both creek and parkway. The structure is random, rough-faced stone with a smooth arch ring and a simple parapet. It is topped by a simple tubular safety rail. On either side of the arch are large curved planters, adding

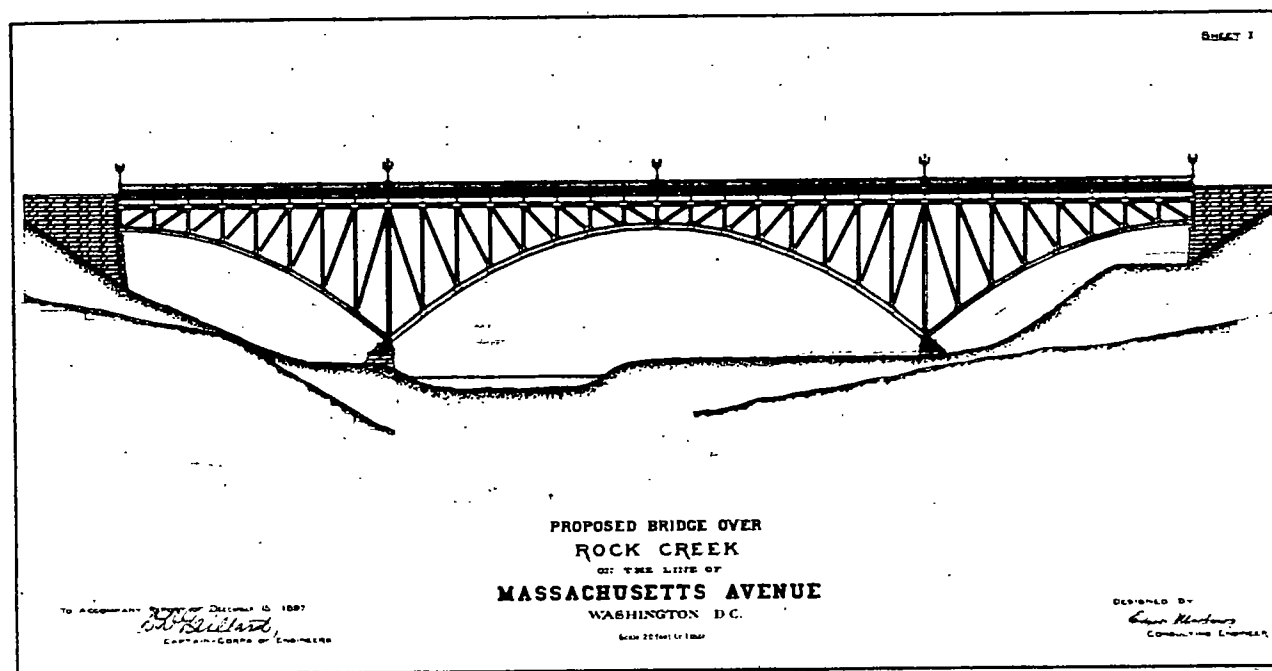
massiveness to the bridge.

Overall length of the bridge is 100 feet with a 50-foot roadway and 10-foot sidewalks. Contractors were Poits, Han Contracting of Baltimore, Maryland, and the cost was approximately \$506,853.³

¹ Spratt, p 123.

² MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS, April 21, 1939.

³ D.C. Dept. of Highways, p 54.

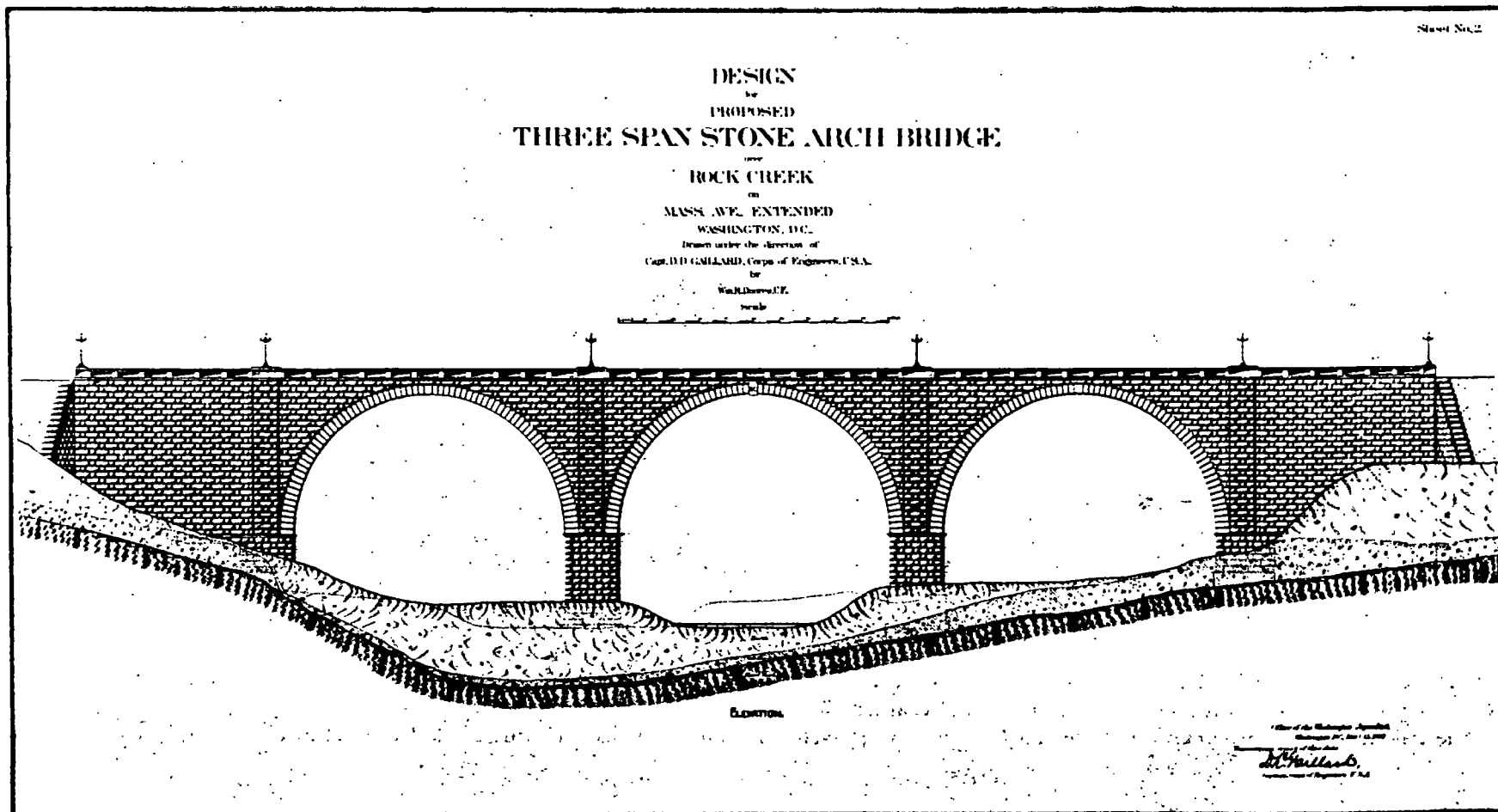


Massachusetts Avenue Bridge proposal in 1897 Archives, Map 2765, No. 5, Record Group 77.

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Construction of present Massachusetts Avenue Bridge. 1901 culvert is shown at left. C.F.A.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT BRIDGE

Taft Bridge, carrying Connecticut Avenue over Rock Creek Park, was one of the first and largest unreinforced concrete bridges built in the world. This graceful, five-span, high-arched structure was built in a progressive and structurally expressive way between 1897 and 1907. It was Washington's first great masonry bridge. Open spandrel arch design and ornamental use of concrete and exposed aggregate make it an important early landmark in concrete construction.

Bridging Rock Creek at this point was part of the development of the far northwest section of Washington in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The first two bridges at this location were wooden creek crossings; but in 1888, a new iron deck truss bridge was constructed with five 150-foot spans, 40 feet wide.¹ This \$35,000 structure was slightly to the west and lower than the present crossing. The bridge connected to Woodley Lane was called Woodley Lane Bridge or High Bridge. This light-weight metal structure became obsolete ten years after its completion and was removed for Taft Bridge, leaving behind one red sandstone abutment.

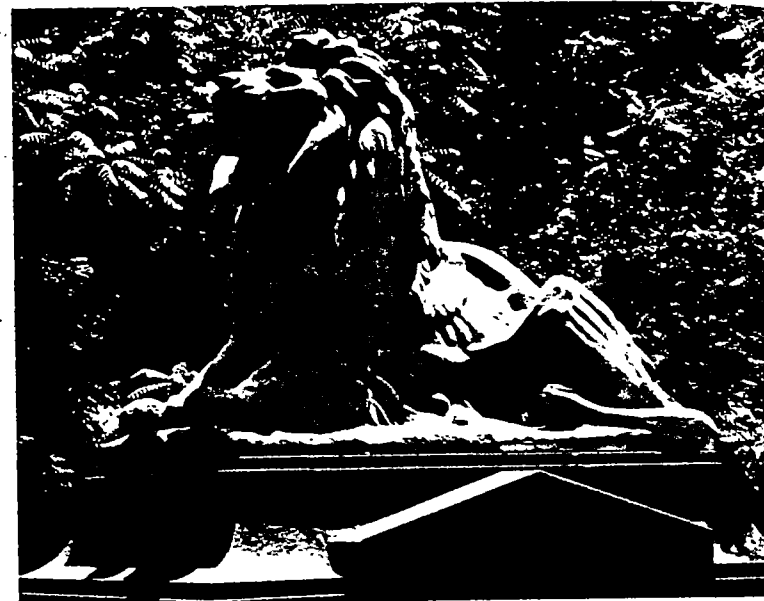
A competition in the 1890's started the design for the present bridge. Though three proposals presented steel arches, a progressive concrete design was selected. This was by a well known

railroad bridge designer, George S. Morison. Morison's scheme for crossing Rock Creek Park was carried out by the District of Columbia Bridge Division, under the supervision of engineer W. J. Douglas and consulting architect Edward Pearce Casey. Both Casey and Morison were involved with various designs for the Memorial Bridge Competition.

The winning Taft Bridge design called for poured-in-place concrete with bush-hammered surfaces of exposed granite-like concrete aggregate. Arch rings, quoins and other trim were constructed of pre-cast concrete blocks of the same aggregate. Concrete blocks were used as permanent forms as well as the finish surface. The roadway was laid on four feet of earth fill to absorb impact and sound. Main arches were topped by six open spandrel arches to lighten the structural load. All arches were hingeless and without reinforcing, though the spandrel arches reputedly have some iron bars.² The asphalt covered roadway was enlarged in 1936 from 35 to 40 feet by diminishing the sidewalks. Parapets have concrete posts and bronze railings. Total cost was approximately \$846,331.

Cranford Paving Company built the foundations on bed rock starting in 1897. The superstructure was finished by the District Construction Company in 1907. Cost was a factor in the

Lion by sculptor R. Hinton Perry on the Taft Bridge, carrying Connecticut Avenue over Rock Creek Park. J. Alexander, C.F.A.



bridge's long construction time, since appropriations were insufficient and costs were considered high. Taft Bridge received the nickname, "The Million Dollar Bridge" and carried this until 1931 when it was named after William Howard Taft, who once lived nearby.

Each end of the bridge has a pair of concrete lions sculpted by R. Hinton Perry. Weather had eroded them through the years, so in 1965 the District Government contracted sculptor Renato Lucchetti to restore the four of them for \$10,000.

Taft Bridge's multiple-span concrete, arched structure is 1,341 feet long and

has a roadway of 40 feet and two 5-foot walks. Vertical highway clearance under the bridge is 50 feet and the roadway is about 125 feet above the valley.³

Though there had been some early discontent with the open spandrel arches and exposed concrete, Taft Bridge with its articulation and grace was held up as an example for future bridge construction in the District of Columbia, particularly in Rock Creek Park.

¹ D.C. Dept. of Highways, p. 47.

² Tyrrell, p. 404.

³ D.C. Dept. of Highways, p. 47.



Taft Bridge as seen from Rock Creek Park. J. Alexander, C.F.A.

CALVERT STREET BRIDGE

The bold, powerful Calvert Street Bridge across Rock Creek Valley is a neat three-arch, stone-faced, concrete structure which is the second crossing at its location. Like Taft Bridge, it is a significant part of that Northwest Washington development which surged across Rock Creek in the late nineteenth century.

The first bridge on the site was a 125-foot high steel trestle on a series of open towers built in 1891 by the Edgemoor Bridge Company for the Rock Creek Railroad Company. This street-car line was an important part of the Northwest development and was eventually incorporated into the Capital Traction Company. The \$70,000 bridge, built and turned over to the District of Columbia, was 755 feet long and 30 feet wide.¹

By 1911 this bridge became shaky and had to be reinforced by trimming its width and reducing the overhang. Timber cribbing was added inside each tower for stability. Planning was begun shortly after for a new bridge. Funding delayed completion until 1935. When the new structure was begun, the old bridge was moved and used continuously during construction. This remarkable feat was accomplished by using horses on capstans to roll the rigid structure along rails to temporary foundations 80 feet downstream. Moving took seven hours and five minutes. Two hours later, all utilities were returned to service and the bridge was reopened.² Thus, traffic continued and

the site for the new bridge was ready.

Designing and funding the present bridge had been a more lengthy affair. Congress gave the District of Columbia \$6,000 for designing a replacement bridge. The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed several designs, selecting one with five masonry arches by architect George Oakley Totten. They recommended that the Calvert Bridge design be slightly restudied with an eye to making it more subordinate to Taft Bridge. At this point the project was shelved.

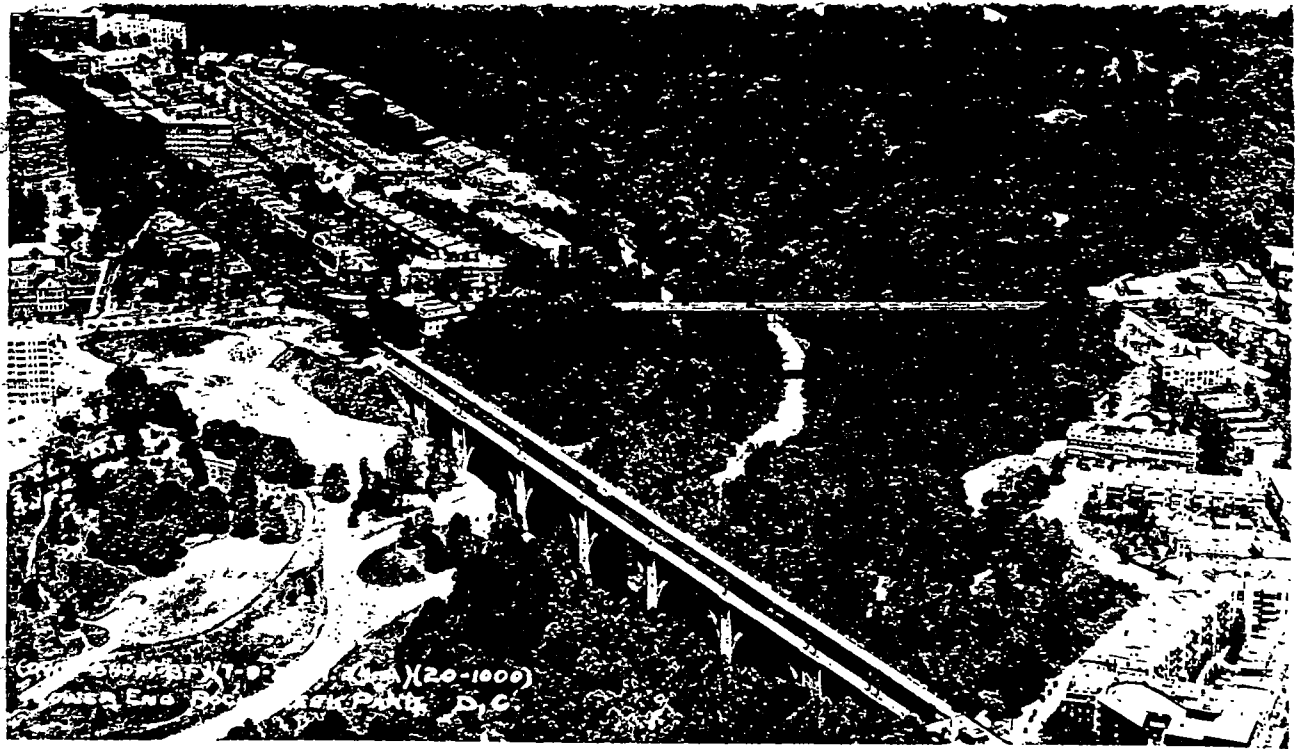
In 1931 architect Paul Cret informally submitted plans for a single-span steel bridge that stirred quite a citizen

controversy. The Commission of Fine Arts insisted on continuity in Rock Creek Park and suggested again a bridge in harmony with Taft Bridge. The present design was worked out with Cret and engineers Modjeski, Masters and Chase of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Calvert Street Bridge is a frank and unadorned three-arch, concrete structure faced with smooth Indiana limestone. Spans are semi-circular with triangular (in plan) piers running vertically between the arches which are very simply trimmed. It is a high bridge with high masonry arches that carry out the theme of other Rock

Creek Park bridges. It is subordinate to the more exhibitionistic structure of its neighbor, Taft Bridge.

Overall length of Calvert Bridge is 825 feet, with a 60-foot roadway and 12-foot walks. Vertical highway clearance is 60 feet. The cost was approximately \$964,705.³



Aerial view of Rock Creek Valley with Taft Bridge in the foreground and 1891 truss bridge at Calvert Street, ca. 1930. U.S. Army Air Corps.

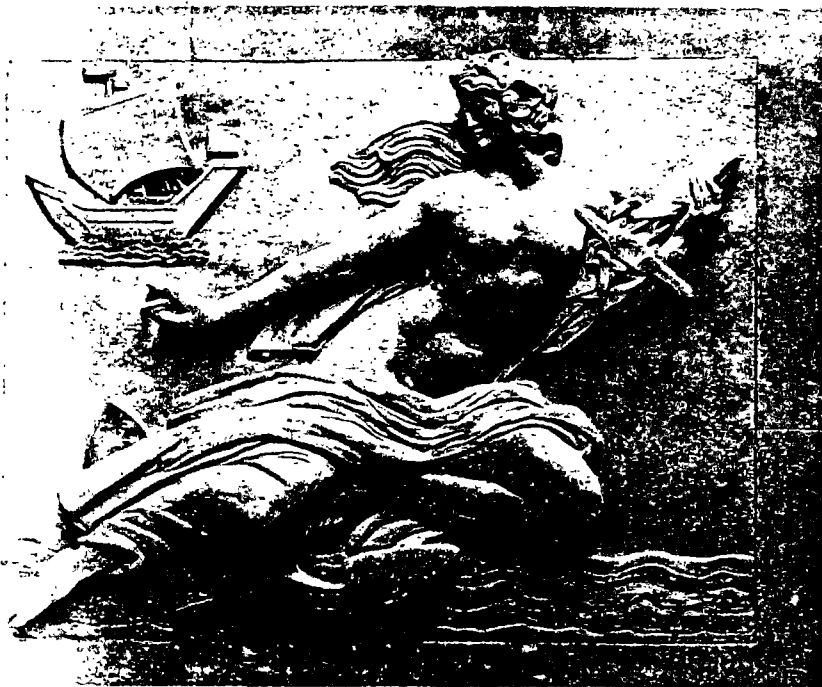
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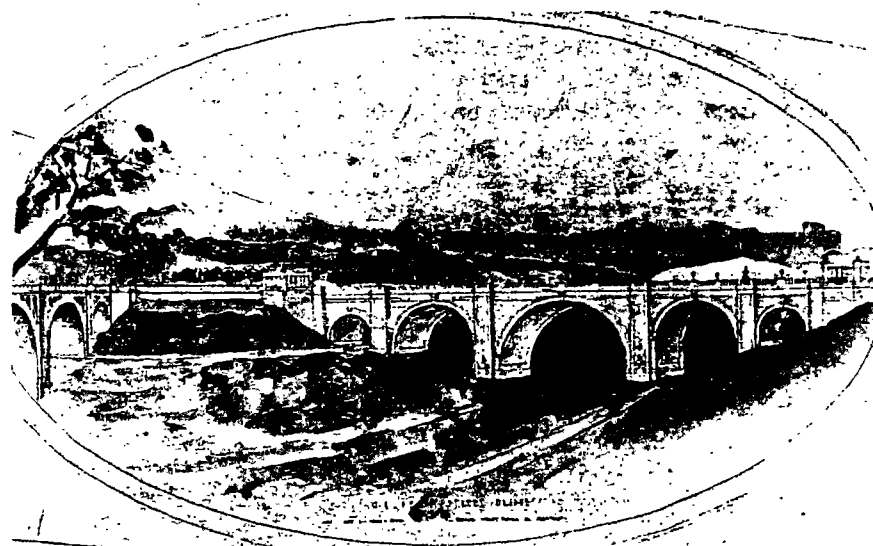
³ D.C. Dept. of Highways, p 56



Calvert Street Bridge over Rock Creek Park, in 1968. J. Alexander, C.F.A.



Sculpture panel from Calvert Street Bridge by sculptor Leon Hermant Weintraub, C.F.A.



Proposal for Calvert Street Bridge by architect George Oakley Totten, Jr. in 1917. Not built. C.F.A.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE BRIDGE OVER KLINGLE VALLEY

Connecticut Avenue crosses Klingle Valley Parkway near a point where this tributary joins Rock Creek. A strong, simple, unobtrusive, single-arched bridge was built in 1931 to replace an obsolete 1891 structure.

The first bridge had been built for the Rock Creek Railroad Company as a promotion for the real estate development of Chevy Chase by the Edgemoor Bridge Company.³ The \$35,000 original bridge was 497 feet long, 35 feet high, and was carried on a steel truss with stone abutments. Railroad tracks were in the center of the bridge with roadways on either side. The present roadway is 25 feet wider, with 10-foot walks.⁴

Architect Paul Cret designed the existing bridge; the engineers were Modjeski, Masters and Chase. Contractor V. P. Thurston Company, Inc., built it for \$458,951.⁵ Simple steel arch construction was selected in agreement with the Commission of Fine Arts to create a minimal intrusion to the

wooded valley. The arch with its light steel superstructure is compatible with the trend in Rock Creek crossings. Random stone abutments lessen the impact of the steel on the natural landscape.

Connecticut Avenue's bridge over Klingle Valley is actually a study in neutral adaptation to a specific situation. Its role in the extension of Connecticut Avenue as a part of developing the L'Enfant Plan as the city has grown is quite important. The bridge is at once anonymous, proper, and subservient to the nature of the city plan around it.

³ Spratt, p 116.

⁴ D.C. Dept of Highways, p 59.

⁵ Ibid.

Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Klingle Valley. C.F.A.



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To: ANC-3C Commissioners
Fr: Deb Baker-Hall
Re: Status Report on ANC Newsletter

In my absence from the January ANC-3C meeting, I would like to submit a written report on the status of the ANC's newsletter.

It has been repeatedly stressed the function of this edition be multi-fold. The newsletter should enlighten people about what an ANC is and how it operates generally. The newsletter should speak specifically to the actions of ANC-3C over the past year, doubling in its function as an annual report. And, in the context of reports about ANC actions and operations, the newsletter should encourage citizen participation by demonstrating how individuals and special interest groups can work with their ANC to initiate change or to perpetuate action that enhances the quality of life in their communities.

In addition, I perceive a desire by the Commission to communicate to citizens their need to take personal action in effecting municipal service deliveries and community aid programs. Thus, the newsletter also should 1) inform area residents of other means and opportunities outside of ANC-3C to exercise civic responsibilities; and 2) list for citizens other community associations and government offices that exist to respond to public sentiment.

I. Conclusions About Content & Form

It is neither practical nor desirable to report on every action taken by ANC-3C over the past year-and-a-half.

However, there are a number of general themes or evident civic concerns that facilitate such reports. Below are listed specific categories or story lines for inclusion in the ANC-3C newsletter:

1. History of the development of the District's ANC's.
2. Feature on ANC-3C - speaking generally to its philosophy and operations as demonstrated by specific actions, grants, and commissioner quotes; also, informing citizens how to approach the ANC for support in community programs and civic actions and responses to proposed District legislation and regulation.
3. Report on Saudi/Iranian zoning issues.
4. Report on aged - providing background information on high percentage of 60+ adults in the ANC and reporting on various programs initiated, supported, or partially funded by the ANC in relation to senior adults (ex: PAST PRESENT, shopper bus, etc.).
4. Report on public transportation, traffic, and parking - problems resolved or addressed by the Commission with an update on METRO construction and possible changes in bus routes.
5. Report on the ABC suit - expanding the article to address other problems with commercial zoning.
6. Report on McLean Gardens - expanding the piece to address the problems of diminishing low-to-moderate rental units.
7. Report on neighborhood preservation issues - citing CCL as an example but delving into the issues of land use and population density.
8. Report on Commission actions relevant to landmark designations.
9. Report on ANC actions concerning school programs.
10. Report on ANC actions concerning park and recreation programs and facilities.

To fulfill the primary goals and objectives of the newsletter, each major report could be concluded with a listing of "who-to-go-for-what" relevant to the topic being discussed. Thus, a report on the aging ~~my~~ conclude with a listing of major senior citizen agencies (to encourage citizen participation) or a listing of social service agencies (ex: meal centers, senior citizen craft shops, and the food stamp distribution center). The background piece on ANC-3C, encouraging citizen participation, could conclude with a list of other citizen and civic associations. The report on transportation and traffic could conclude with a listing of who to call at DC DOT about instituting resident parking zones, posting school warnings, and altering traffic routes.

In this suggested manner, the newsletter would not only report on ANC actions and community issues, but serve as a mini self-help directory to encourage citizens to shoulder their civic responsibilities rather than delegate them to others.

II. Deadlines

To date, I have spent over 35 hours reviewing the office files and Commission minutes, completing other background research, and talking with a limited number of the Commissioners. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week I will schedule interviews with those Commissioners to whom I have not spoken with at length; my objective is to complete all Commissioner interviews by Friday, February 2. (Follow-up phone calls

will be necessary as copy is being written.) Newsletter copy and a mock-up of the publication will be submitted to a review committee (or person) the week of February 12.

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
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January 26, 1979

Mr. J.D. Lee, President
CBI-Fairmac Corporation
3118 S. Abingdon Street
Arlington, Virginia 22206

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am writing to express our support and congratulations for your recent decision to sign a contract to sell McLean Gardens to the McLean Gardens Residents Association. This event is important-- both in terms of the on-going controversy between you and the tenants and in terms of the city's housing situation.

ANC-3C has frequently gone on record in support of the tenants and, in fact, has long recognized the legitimacy of the McLean Gardens Residents Association. ~~But~~ ^{as} our role is that of an elected body with grass-roots community support and interest. As such, we are supposed to serve all sectors of the community *and we believe* ~~it is for this reason that~~ ^{consequently} the Commission is ^{on balance} pleased with the prospective sale; not that it is a victory for any one party but that it is an event the entire community can celebrate.

If the Commission can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

the community Sincerely,

is as well served
by this sale as is possible considering
Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

the limited alternatives, we would
have favored approaches -- were they

cc: McLean Gardens Residents Association
The Honorable Marion Barry
The Honorable Polly Shackleton

feasible -- that would
have preserved all
housing units in region
and for low/moderate
income persons. Unfortunately,

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Minutes

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:15pm. All Commissioners were present except McGrath. Williams stated that notice of the meeting had been posted twice in each SMD by Phil Mendelson.
- II. Grinnell gave the treasurer's report, which is appended to the file copy of these minutes. The Commission's current balance is \$9,670.86; Grinnell reported that this money is not in the savings account because of funding questions with the D.C. Government. He stated that the Commission may receive only about \$1500 per quarter because its funds were never reduced to zero. This makes budgeting for the Commission difficult. The treasurer's report was approved.

Grinnell presented the Commission's quarterly report. \$810.76 was spent; this amount would be twice or triple the amount but for the fact that no newsletter was produced and no office help has been hired. The quarterly report was approved.

Grinnell also reported that he was presenting a check for \$50 to Phil Mendelson although a bill has not yet been presented. He asked that the bill be soon forthcoming and that it be signed by the Chairperson.

The Anne Blaine Harrison Institute has expended from its account with 3C \$479.10 during the first quarter and \$260.33 during the past month (on the Saudi BZA case).

- III. The minutes for November 27, 1978 were approved as is.

A discrepancy was noted in the figures stated for the treasurer's report in the minutes of December 18, 1978. The minutes were amended to append a copy of the report, as prepared by Grinnell, and to reflect this in the minutes themselves (under item "III."). The minutes were also amended to show that McGrath was absent from the meeting (under item "I."). With these changes, the minutes were approved.

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The minutes for January 18, 1979 were approved with an amendment to item "III." so that the third paragraph reads as follows: "In response to a question from Mr. Koczak (Cleveland Park Citizens Ass'n), the Chair reiterated the policy to provide a summary of actions taken as its official minutes--not a transcript."

It was agreed that a copy of the treasurer's report, as prepared by Grinnell, would be attached to the minutes for each month.

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IV. Planning & Zoning:

A. Grinnell reported that he had called Mr. Bess, Zoning Administrator, to find out the use of the house on the property involved in the Government of Iran zoning case. He was told that as of last summer the use was listed as an extension of the ambassador's residence. Bess had also said that the ANC should write to him in order to be able to get the Dep't of State to ascertain the current use. Accordingly, it was moved that the Commission send a letter of inquiry, requesting an inspection of the premises, to both the D.C. Dep't of Housing and the State Department. Williams added to the motion that the letter request that the building plans be examined as well. The motion was approved unanimously. Mendelson will type the letter as written by Grinnell.

B. A motion was made that the Commission communicate its support of the Bill: "Location Of Chanceries Amendment Of 1979", introduced by Councilmembers Shackleton and Clarke. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Hugh Allen, just arrived, presented a report with his recommendations.

1. A proposed letter to Steven E. Sher regarding zoning case 78-29 (Iran) was approved with several changes. A copy of the final--approved--letter is attached.

Williams reported that Tim Corcoran had called him to say he would not be representing the neighborhood residents on this case. Williams suggested to the Commission that both he and Grinnell meet with the residents to discuss what they can do.

2. A motion was moved and approved to accept for consideration the report from the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee on zoning case 78-12.

Haugen reviewed 3C's earlier discussion on this case. She also reported on efforts of other groups to get this case withdrawn. She distributed two documents. Kopff felt the beginning of the draft position was unclear; the Commission should clearly state its desire that the case be withdrawn, but express a number of qualifications in the event that it is not withdrawn.

The Commission, by a vote of 5-2 (McGrath and Grinnell absent), approved the P & Z Committee's draft statement and authorized Kopff to write the final copy.

D. It was reported that the Foggy Bottom/West End ANC has requested the Zoning Commission to consider restricting hotel use in residential areas, including the conversion of apartment buildings to apartment hotels. Bill Carroll, of the Woodley Park Community Ass'n, addressed the Commission, reviewing the various questions regarding hotel use.

A consensus was reached that ANC-2A's position be endorsed in concept. However, the exact wording of a letter was not approved until later in the meeting. That letter is attached to these minutes. Approval was unanimous.

E. The Chair asked for approval to send a letter to Dr. Lewis, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, attaching the ANC's comments on the Saudi BZA case that were drafted by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute. There was no objection.

V. Other Business:

A. Kopff reported that the liquor license for Ireland's Four Provinces is up for renewal and that the litigation due to the Commission's previous opposition is still pending. After brief discussion it was moved that the ANC reaffirm its opposition to granting a renewal of the license. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-1-1.

B. Arons presented a report, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, recommending funding for Hearst, Oyster, and Eaton Schools. The specific funding proposals had been presented to the Commission at an earlier meeting; the Committee's recommendations were contained in a written report. Arons suggested that the funding could be budgeted over at least the next three quarters.

Kopff pointed out that if the Commission has lost some of its allocations from the District Government, then this proposal (totalling \$4508) would be too large. Williams stated that he would like a report on what the three schools did with the funds given them in the past. He and other Commissioners stated that other ANC's (3F and two in Ward I--all sharing the affected school districts) should be providing funding, too. It was decided that the report would be tabled until next month, and that Williams would contact ANC-3F, Kopff would talk to the city about its allocations, and Pitts would be asked to contact the Ward I ANC's.

C. The D.C. Dep't of Transportation has contacted Williams about altering traffic light patterns as a result of pending right turns on red. Williams said he would be contacting each Commissioner to discuss this with regard to their SMD.

D. Williams reported on the COG Citizens Advisory Committee on transportation.

E. Commissioner Coram presented a proposed letter to James Redmond of the National Park Service concerning the possibility of a soccer field at the northern end of Glover Archbold Park. Two amendments were made: one adding the fact that the North Cleveland Park Citizens Association has taken a position against the soccer field; the second stating that: "In choosing this alternative we are aware of the growing demand for soccer facilities in the area and we endorse the request made by several groups that a survey be made of the facilities available for this sport the demand for such facilities and, if there is found to be a need, possible sites for soccer fields. Kopff moved adoption as amended, and the vote was unanimous in approval.

F. Post Office: It was announced by the Chair that the new Friendship Station will hold an open house this coming Sunday, January 28th. Kopff reported that the Cleveland Park Station may be announcing plans that will be controversial; if so, he'll report further on it.

G. Kopff asked for authorization to expend up to \$750 to acquire computer printed mailing labels; a set of labels would be purchased and put on a computer disc. The information could be recalled in all or in part, for mailing and/or polling the Commission area or just a part of it. Kopff said the lists may be either incomplete or out of date. Williams mentioned utilizing the crisscross directory.

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Kopff said the mailing labels could be used for the ANC Newsletter, which is proposed to be ready in February. The mock-up will be ready the week of the 12th.

A motion was approved to authorize the following:

- ° Spending up to \$750 for the purchase of address labels
- ° Spending funds, at such sums as may be necessary, to distribute the next ANC Newsletter in a manner to be decided by the Chair and Vice-Chair
- ° Spending any necessary amounts to acquire a mailing permit.

H. Rothschild stated he would miss the next several Commission meetings.

I. It was announced that Mr. Schweibert will be leaving the Sheraton Park Hotel. Bill Carroll said he will be writing a letter commending Schweibert for his time and willingness to work with the community on the hotel's development plans. Carroll asked that the ANC take similar action. It was agreed by the Commissioners that the Chair should send such a letter too.

J. Haugen reported that she had had lunch with the people from Youth For Understanding at Rosedale. She said she had learned that Y.F.U. had lost its tax-exempt status.

K. Mendelson was asked to contact Grinnell about making any necessary changes to the Commissions bank accounts with regard to signing checks and withdrawals.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18pm.

Attached to these minutes:

- ° 1/26/79 letter to the Zoning Secretariat re. hotel use
- ° 1/29/79 letter to the Zoning Secretariat re. case no. 78-29 (Iran)

Distributed at the meeting:

- ° Jan. 8th letter to J. Carter Brown re. landmark status for bridges
- ° Jan. 22nd P & Z Committee report
- ° Notice of meeting on 78-12 sponsored by Federation of Civic Ass'ns
- ° Copies of four newspaper clippings on case no. 78-12
- ° Chart showing hotel uses by various zones
- ° Jan. 22nd Education Committee report
- ° Proposed letter to James Redmond
- ° Petitions for a referendum on the proposed convention center

Also attached to the file copy of these minutes:

- ° Treasurer's report
- ° Jan. 22nd letter to the Commission from Mr. Jack Belcher re. Hearst wall (attached by request of the Commission)

Attested as approved & Corrected:

Respectfully Submitted
for the Commission:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary


Phil Mendelson

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January 26, 1979

Mr. Steven E. Sher
Executive Director
Zoning Secretariat
The District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Sher:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C supports the efforts of ANC 2A to end, as a matter of right, the use of hotels in "R" and "W" districts. On the other hand, we support the recent Zoning Commission action to have hotels in mixed use districts be treated as "commercial" use.

We reserve comment on specific proposals for hotel zoning until a later date and recognize the need to consider possible map amendments as a companion to changes in the regulations themselves.

FOR THE COMMISSION,

Lindsley Williams
Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

cc: ANC-2A
Polly Shackleton
Woodley Park Citizens Ass'n

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January 29, 1979

Mr. Steven E. Sher
Executive Director
D.C. Zoning Commission
The District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Case No. 78-29

Dear Mr. Sher:

We are opposed to the amendment requested in the application of the Imperial Embassy of Iran "to amend the D.C. Zoning Map from R-1-A to D/R-1-A for lots 9, 821 and 2 in square 2145, at 2500 30th Street, N.W."

We have examined the outline of the property in the application and find that the proposed amendment would extend the current "D" overlay into an exclusively residential community lying northeast of the present zone boundary of the D/R-1-A zone along Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. We, along with the residents in this area, are strongly opposed to any administrative action that would permit chanceries behind that zone boundary.

We appreciate your consideration of this ANC's recommendation.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lindsley Williams
Lindsley Williams
Chairperson

cc: National Capital Planning Commission

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Minutes
January 16, 1979

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:15pm. All commissioners were present except Pitts and Rothschild. An attendance sheet was passed through the audience. Williams stated that notice had been posted by Phil Mendelson in each of the SMD's. The Commission's usual order of business was suspended by consent of all commissioners present.
- II. Elections: Williams turned the Chair over to Bernie Arons, who recognized Kay McGrath. McGrath presented the following nominations:
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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Chair: | Lindsley Williams |
| Vice-Chair: | Gary Kopff |
| Recording Secretary: | Katherine Coram |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Ruth Haugen |
| Treasurer: | David Grinnell |
| Vice-Treasurer: | Bernie Arons |

Each nominee was introduced. Arons called for a vote, and the nominees were elected unanimously.

- III. BZA case #12826 (Saudi Arabia chancery application): Grinnell read a statement, which is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Williams gave a brief overview of the situation. McGrath announced that she would not take any position, due to her position with the D.C. Government, on this issue or any other planning and zoning matters that come before the ANC in the future.

A draft letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, stating the ANC's position, was distributed to commissioners, counsel, ^{for application} in attendance, and the president of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association. A motion was then made and seconded to adopt the letter with its attachments.

amended
In response to a question from Mr. ^{Kozak} Kozak (Cleveland Park Citizens Ass'n), the Chair ~~stated that there would not be a transcript of tonight's meeting, but there would be minutes.~~ *This is a transcript of the past meeting of the Commission.*

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the document under consideration. The Commission then began discussion on a page by page, issue by issue basis, beginning with Tab A of the letter. The following is a list of the amendments, all of which were adopted by consensus, unless otherwise noted.

Pg.2, para.4: "...believes the neighbors and their counsel may raise questions on issues (6) and (7)." was changed to read:
"...also recognizes as issues matters (6) and (7)."

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Pg.1, para.1: One sentence was changed as follows (the underlining show the changes/additions): "Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C (ANC 3-C or ANC) does not necessarily accede to the legality of this article or the associated map changes as the ANC sees them as being potentially in conflict with the Chancery Act of 1964 (see below)."

Pg.4: A new paragraph was added at the end of the issue "How many spaces are really needed?" which reads as follows: "Counsel for the applicant has represented to ANC 3C that 15 spaces will be provided (as defined by Article 72) with 10 or more additional parking spaces potentially available with the use of an attendant."

Pg.4, same issue: Another amendment, made by Kopff, which would have read: "ANC-3C is prepared to support any petition neighbors may develop to establish residential permit zones" was withdrawn. It was felt that a statement to the BZA was not the appropriate forum for this support.

Grinnell asked that the minutes note that area of concern #2, "Access to Rock Creek Drive", represents a change from the ANC's former position on this case.

Pg.5, para.6: the word "feels" was changed to "maintains" in the first sentence of the paragraph.

Pg.6, para.4: The second sentence was changed as follows (underlining shows additions): "However, we recommend that the applicant employ subdued lighting (and appropriate window shading/curtains) in all areas which have windows in public view or in view of residential neighbors adjacent to the proposed chancery."

Add "II." and "III.", respectively, to "Conflict With The Chancery Act Of 1964" and "Conflict With Section 8207.2 Of The Zoning Regulations Of The District Of Columbia" and delete the words "Draft 1/16/78". These come at the end, and comprise the last two sections, of Tab A.

The Commission then turned its considerations to the cover letter to Mr. McCants of the BZA. Numerous changes were made, and so a copy of the revised letter, accurately reflecting every change, is attached to these minutes.

At this point a number of members in the audience objected to their inability to participate. Arons then said he felt a vote should be taken; he was opposed to the document and would vote no, but felt there should be no further discussion.

There being no further discussion on the part of the commissioners, Coram took a roll call vote. Haugen, Williams, Coram, and Kopff voted yes; Arons and Grinnell voted no; McGrath abstained. The letter with attachments A and B, as amended, was approved 4-2-1.

A recess was then declared.

IV. Iranian Chancery zoning map change:

Williams gave a brief explanation of the proposed change; it would extend the Diplomatic "D" zone to include 3 residential lots behind the extant embassy. Tim Corcoran said he did not know if he would be representing the neighborhood's residents on this matter. The ANC has already taken a position, in principle, against this zoning change.

Distributed to the Commissioners were copies of correspondence relating to this matter. The ANC had requested that a hearing not be granted, although a hearing has nonetheless been set for late February. The Commission has received a letter from the attorney for the Embassy of Iran. Grinnell asked that the minutes show that this letter is incorrect, in paragraph 4 of page 2, where it states that he chaired the meeting of December 7, 1978; he did not chair it. Williams commented that there were numerous inaccuracies in the letter.

A question was raised concerning the current use of an existing building on one of the 3 affected lots. Several members of the audience said the building is presently being used as an office.

Kopff moved that the Commission direct, by letter, several D.C. agencies to find out: a) who owns the subject property; b) for what purposes is it presently being used; and c) is this use consistent with extant zoning. This motion was agreed to by consensus, and arrangements were discussed whereby Grinnell could dictate the letter to Kopff, who could have it typed on the morrow.

The Commission received, from members of the audience, a request that it support Councilmember Polly Shackleton's re-introduction of a bill relating to chancery intrusion into residential neighborhoods. Through discussion it was agreed that the Planning & Zoning Committee should review this legislation and recommend action, or that the full Commission should review its previous position on the original (expired) bill at next week's regular meeting.

Kopff suggested that opposing counsel be invited to next week's meeting. Williams said he would like to see a position taken by neighborhood residents. Corcoran asked if any residents in the audience supported, or knew of other residents who support, the Iranian application. There was no affirmative response.

It was also suggested that the ANC could recommend that all parking be eliminated from Edgevale Terrace so as to combat overflow parking from the chancery(s).

The Chair said he will attempt to have the Planning & Zoning Committee meet before the next Commission meeting and to have a draft letter from the Committee for consideration by the Commission.

- V. The meeting was adjourned, upon motion by Arons, at 10:28pm. Notice of the next meeting, January 22, 1979 at 8pm at the Police Station, was posted on the Board.

Attached to these minutes:

- Letter of January 17, 1979 to Leonard McCant, Chairperson on the Board of Zoning Adjustment, as adopted by the Commission on January 16, 1979

Attached to the file copy of these minutes:

- Proposed letter to the BZA with attachments "Tab A" and "Tab B" which were distributed at the meeting
- Correspondence, dated January 4, January 9, 10, and 14, 1979 relating to Zoning Commission case #78-29 (Embassy of Iran), which were distributed at the meeting
- Statement by David Grinnell
- Attendance record of the meeting

Respectfully Submitted
for the Commission:

Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary

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January 17, 1979

Leonard L. McCants, Esq., Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
District Building, Room 9-A
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. McCants:

This letter concerns the application, number 12826, of the Royal Kingdom of Saudia Arabia to establish a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. By vote of the Commissioners (4-2-1) present at its special meeting of January 16, 1979, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C recommends that the application be approved, subject to satisfactory resolution of issues raised herein.

It is our perspective that no chancery is inherently compatible with any residential area it may abut. The application appears to meet the requirements of sections 4603.22 through 4603.24 of the Zoning Regulations.

Under the Duties And Responsibilities Act (D.C. Law 1-58), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C expects that you will give serious consideration and great weight to the attached presentation of: (1) five specific areas of concern, detailed in Tab A, section I; (2) specific unanswered questions concerning the legality of the "Mixed Use Diplomatic (D)" districts vis-a-vis the Chancery Act of 1964, detailed in Tab A, section II; (3) an apparent conflict between the requirements of Article 46 of the Zoning Regulations and the provisions of section 8207 relating to special exceptions, detailed in Tab A, section III; and (4) the issues raised by the correspondence this Advisory Neighborhood Commission has received on this application, as detailed in Tab B, other than counsel of either side.

We hope these materials will help the Board reach a decision that is in the public interest.

BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION

Lindsley Williams

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

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