

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
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MARION S. BARRY, JR.
Mayor

Boards & Commissions Public Notice 79-1
24 January 1979

NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

Mayor Marion Barry has appointed Ms. Betty King and Ms. Valerie Barry as Special Assistants to the Mayor for Boards and Commissions. Their duties include: (1) organizing information on the existing memberships of boards, commissions, and committees appointed by the Mayor; (2) informing the Mayor of pending vacancies; (3) processing nominations; and (4) advising the Mayor generally on technical and structural matters relating to boards, commissions, and committees.

All appointments of members of these bodies are made by the Mayor. In some cases, appointments require the approval (advice and consent) of the Council of the District of Columbia.

The Mayor is committed to correcting the geographical and sexual imbalance which has existed on many boards and commissions. Special attention will be given to those groups and areas which are currently underrepresented.

The Mayor has extended an invitation to all interested persons to nominate themselves or other qualified persons for membership on boards and commissions. All nominations from the public will receive full attention and consideration.

In order to nominate yourself or another person for appointment to a board, commission, or committee, write to:

Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr.
c/o Special Assistants for Boards
and Commissions
District Building, 4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20004

Each nomination should include a resume or biographical sketch. It is important to list the experience and background which makes the nominee a suitable candidate for appointment to the particular board or commission. Letters of endorsement from members of the community, as well as organizations and individuals with expertise or interest in the subject matter covered by the board or commission, are welcome. Endorsements should be sent to the same address as nominations.

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The following eight boards and commissions have current vacancies.
The Mayor will be considering appointments to these bodies immediately.

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COMMISSION ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Vacancies: 11 now

Purpose: To evaluate and initiate action on matters relating to the arts and humanities, to encourage programs and the development of programs which promote progress in the arts and humanities.

Duties and Functions: Annual plan; to serve as state agency for National Foundation on Arts and Humanities Act; make grants; accept gifts; appoint advisory panels; adopt regulations on granting procedures.

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COMMISSION ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES (continued)

Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Composition: Eighteen members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Members shall be persons who have displayed an interest or an ability in one of the various fields of the arts or humanities in D.C. Appointments will ensure representation of all the geographic areas and neighborhoods in D.C.

Compensation: None, although expenses are reimbursed.

Term: 3 years

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Leonard L. McCants, Esquire
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
District Building Room 9-A
Washington D C 20004

Re: BZA Case #12826

Dear Mr. McCants:

This letter is to supplement the views previously submitted by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C (ANC 3C) on the subject case # 12826 involving the application of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to establish a chancery at 2929 Mass. Ave., N.W.

In part this letter is intended to inform you of the activities of this ANC involving the particular case; in part it is to respond to some of the points conveyed in the letter dated January 20, 1979 from Stephen A. Koczac, et al, submitted to you at the time of the hearing, January 23; and, in part, it is designed to raise other considerations based on the testimony presented by the applicant.

This letter is submitted by the two members of the ANC who participated in the January 23rd hearing; it represents their efforts to summarize the issues involved. It is not, at this writing, a statement of the Commission per se (the letter will be shared with the members of the ANC at its next meeting, February 26).

BACKGROUND

ANC-3C first became aware of the application of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in November upon receipt of the same from the executive director of the zoning secretariat, Mr. Stephen E. Sher. In mid-November our Planning and Zoning Committee met with representatives of the applicant, Mr. Quin and Ms. Dutton, and their architect, Mr. Condit. At the time of that meeting, the application had been filed and accepted under both Article 46 (Chanceries) and Article 82 (Special Exceptions).

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Shortly thereafter, the ANC received word that the scope of the application had been revised to exclude Article 82 and to focus exclusively on Article 46.

The ANC met, as a body, November 27, 1978 and voted to support the application as we then understood it. (Notice of this meeting satisfied the requirements of D.C. Law 1-58). This supportive position was recorded in our letter of December 4 to Stephen E. Sher. On December 7, the Planning and Zoning Committee of ANC-3C met again and intended to focus on a different matter involving a similar issue in the same general area. At that time, neighbors of the proposed Saudi Project, both as individuals, and through their attorney, Mr. Thomas G. Cochran, Jr., informed the members of the Planning and Zoning Committee of their displeasure with the position the ANC had taken November 26 as set forth in our letter of December 4.

This led the chair of our Planning and Zoning Committee, upon recommendation of the committee members attending its December 7 meeting, to poll the available members of the ANC to request their permission to have our letter of December 4 withdrawn. This permission was forthcoming and communicated to you in a letter dated December 11. When the case commenced December 12, it was continued to January 23.

The neighbors of the proposed Saudi Chancery, and their attorney, along with representatives of the applicant met with ANC-3C again the evening of December 18. In effect, the neighbors asked the ANC to reverse, or at least reconsider, its position set forth in our December 4 letter.

The ANC took no specific action December 18, but heard a great deal of testimony. The Planning and Zoning Committee was asked to help draft a revised statement that took this testimony into account. The members of that committee met, on an open basis, with members of the ANC itself on January 8 to pursue this. Representatives of both the applicant and the neighbors were invited to attend, to consider middle ground. Counsel for the neighbors indicated that there was none; accordingly, when informed of this, counsel for the applicant elected to be absent as well inasmuch as counsel for neighbors would not be present.

At the written request of counsel for the neighbors ANC-3C held a special meeting January 16 (with notice posted to meet the requirements of DC Law 1-58). The Planning and Zoning Committee and members of the ANC attending the January 8 meeting presented their recommendations. This recommendation was

essentially the letter of January 17 submitted from the ANC regarding this case. This letter was read, considered, and adopted, with some changes the evening of January 16.

We submit, however, that while our January 17 letter does not come to the same conclusion as that most neighbors are recommending -- that the application be denied -- that it does indeed make a substantial effort to address the views and all of the areas of objection raised by the neighbors to their communications, both oral and written, to the ANC. We are disturbed, therefore, to read in the letter of January 20 from Stephen Koczac, et al, that our "letter itself clearly points out (page 3, tab 4), ANC-3C conclusion does not reflect the views, objections, or best interest of any of the immediate neighbors or any of the citizens who reside in the surrounding areas".

We feel that our letter does reflect the objections of the neighbors -- even if it does come to a different conclusion based on our assessment of the many subjective factors involved. Moreover, realizing that our ANC has no exclusive franchise on truth in this matter or other matters, we forwarded to you all the written communications we had received on this case so as to enable the Board of Zoning Adjustment to establish the applicable facts and to form its own conclusion based both on our advice, that of the immediate neighbors, and that of the applicant.

For what it is worth, we note that many of those objecting seem to be raising issues exclusively relating to the merit of allowing chanceries in the general area of the application. In other words, the objections -- which were similar to ones we raised unsuccessfully at the time the Zoning Commission was considering the chancery matter -- were not really ones that could properly influence either your decision (or our advice) in the instant case; the Zoning Commission had, in effect, "let the cat out of the bag". We, and the neighbors, feel it would be appropriate to get the "cat" back "in the bag". The ANC feels that this is usually the role of the Zoning Commission. Accordingly, our perspective -- albeit under a split 4-2-1 vote -- represents the effort to tame "the cat" with respect to issues of concern to both us and the immediate neighbors.

Our letter of January 17 raised a number of issues. To our knowledge, most of these remain unanswered. We expect the Board of Zoning Adjustment to ensure that, before it acts, information satisfactory to discuss points we raised, will be included.

For example, we suggest the site involves jurisdiction of the Commission on Fine Arts; to date, nothing has been included in the Case File, indicating either that they lack jurisdiction or have reviewed and commented on the proposal.

The applicant, January 23, introduced a traffic consultant as an expert witness. We questioned his testimony involving use of taxis as the prime means of arrival and departure from the proposed Saudi Chancery.* His own statements indicate his data-base to be the patterns others have observed at the present chancery on 18th street N.W. which is a congested inner-city area, lacking convenient parking. We suspect that taxis will be much less the mode of choice as compared to the private automobile and suggest comparative data on mode of travel (if not demand, i.e. number of trips) be obtained from other chanceries in the immediate vicinity of the one proposed by Saudi Arabia. The facts in this matter should impact the question of whether to allow a stairway along Rock Creek Drive.

CONCLUSION

We hope the foregoing will help the Board reach a decision in the public interest.

Respectfully,

Lindsley Williams

Lindsley Williams, Chair person
Commissioner 3C-04.

C. David Grinnell

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Commissioner, 3C-10

CC:

Mr. Corcoran
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Mr. Sher
Mr. Koczae

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Ms. Lillian A. Sedgwick
Special Assistant to the Mayor
District Building, Room 512
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Dear Ms. Sedgwick:

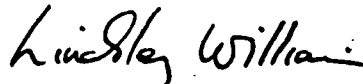
Enclosed please find both the original and a typed version of the list of ANC Chairpersons attending the meeting with Mayor Barry who indicated an interest on serving on a Committee that would be concerned with "Planning, Zoning, and Transportation." (The reference is to the meeting scheduled the evening of Tuesday, January 30.)

It is my understanding that a similar list was being circulated in another sector of the meeting room. In a conversation with you last week, following the meeting, you agreed to share it with me. I look forward to same.

The urgency relates to our plans to meet on the afternoon of Monday, February 19 to launch our activities (details enclosed). We would like to begin with a full complement of members and interested ANC Chairs.

Thank you for help and interest.

Very truly yours,



Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Known Members, Cte. on
Planning, Zoning, and Transportation

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TO : Known Members (See Below), Ad Hoc Committee of ANC
Chairs or Designees on Planning, Zoning, and Transportation

FROM : Convenor, Said Committee

SUBJECT: First Meeting

Date : 6 February 1979

On Tuesday, January 30, each of you indicated an interest in working, on an ad hoc basis, on a Committee on Planning, Zoning, and Transportation issues.

I agreed to serve as "convenor" of the first meeting of this group. In discussion which followed, many of you indicated willingness to meet on the afternoon of Monday, February 19 (when Washington's birthday is celebrated).

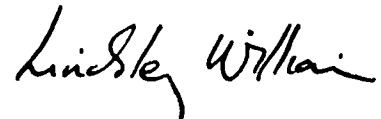
Bill Middleton, Chair ANC 2B (DuPont Circle) has agreed to "host" our meeting, at his home, 1749 Eighteenth Street, N.W. (telephone*727-6530). The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm.

We will, at that time, need to both further structure our agenda and mission (which I feel, personally, should relate to process issues around ANCs and the Government's plans and activities in relationship to planning, zoning, and transportation issues) and the matter of finding a permanent chairperson (a role to which I neither aspire nor to which I can be expected to serve).

I am, by copy of this memorandum, asking Ms. Lillian A. Sedgwick, Special Assistant to the Mayor, to inform us of those other Chairs who may have expressed an interest in Planning, Zoning, and Transportation by signing up on separate documents.

I think we can finish up by 6:30 or 7:00 pm. Some of us will then probably head off for dinner under an ad hoc, "Dutch Treat" arrangement.

Please RSVP to Bill Middleton so he can know how many to expect.



Lindsley Williams

cc: Ms. Lillian A. Sedgwick,
Special Assistant to the Mayor

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on Planning, Zoning, and Transportation

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| Ann Hargrove (1-c) | 1925 Biltmore Street, NW | 20009 | 483-0512 |
| Elaine Dym(1-D) | 2511 Massachusetts, NW | 20008 | 667-6381 |
| Ann Loikol (2-A) | 1010 25th, NW - A304 | | 337-2879 h 377-6448 o |
| Bill Middleton (2-B) | 1749 18th St., NW | | 727-6530 o |
| Lindsley Williams(3-C) | 2704 Cortland Pl, NW | 20008 | 234-4884 h 443-3175 o |
| Carol Currie Gidley(3E) | 4700 47th St., NW | 20016 | 244-1379 h |
| Karl Mautner (3-G) | 3717 Huntington, NW | 20015 | 686-0965 o |
| Wesley H. Garrett (4B) | 820 Tuckerman St., NW | | 882-6123 |
| Linda H. Moody (8-A) | 538 Oakwood Street, S.E. | | 563-3431 |

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Zoning, Planning, Transportation

| Name | Address | Best Telephone |
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| 4B | Wesley W. GARRETT | 820 TUCKERMAN ST N.W. 443-3175 |
| 8A | Lydia H. Moody | 538 Oakwood St SE 882-6123 |
| 1C | Ann Haynes | 1925 Biltmore St NW 563-3431 |
| 2A | Ann Haynes | 1010 25th St NW 483-0572 |
| (3C) | Kay Mc Grath | Office Planning + Development 337-2511 |
| 1D | Elaine Dym | 2511 Mass Ave. N.W. 277-0411 |
| 2E | CAROL CURRIE GIDLEY | 4700 4th St NW 727-6600 |
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I have no pride of authorship, but if you sign it as is and send it, I would be most elated. Otherwise, let me know.

Give me a call sometime so that I may know what else is going on.

--Phil

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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 for Pitts, McGrath, and Rothschild. McGrath arrived at about 9:30pm. Verification of the posting of notices of the meeting was ascertained.
- II. Grinnell gave the treasurer's report, a copy of which is appended to the file copy of these minutes.
- Kopff spoke on the status of the Commission's funds. Presently \$9000 are being held back by the City. There is doubt as to the legality of the Mayor's actions. An ad hoc coalition will be meeting regarding this; several ANC's may contribute to legal action, which is being considered. The Anne Blaine Harrison Institute will represent all ANC's, and Covington & Burling has assisted in a pro bono capacity. It was noted that the ANC should not count on getting its \$9000.
- The treasurer's report was approved.
- III. Bernie Arons presented a report, which had been deferred at the last meeting, on funding requests by three local schools. The following chart outlines the report and the Commission's action thereon:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Committee Recommend.</u> | <u>ANC Action</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hearst | \$1800 Mats for playground* | \$1500 | \$300 + \$450** |
| Oyster | \$1408 After-school music program (\$1008 for teacher and \$400 for equipment) | \$1008 | \$1008 |
| Eaton | \$4000 To match \$4000 grant for architect in residence | \$2000 | \$1500 |

*Of the \$1800 Hearst request, the Commission had already given tentative approval to \$300

**The \$450 will be granted if matched by the program by July 1, 1979

The funding requests were moved and approved as recorded above under "ANC Action." Grinnell abstained. It was also agreed that mention should be made of these programs in the forthcoming ANC Newsletter so that contributions may be sent to the programs.

IV. Planning & Zoning

A. Embassy of Iran: Sylvan Marshall, representing the Embassy, was introduced. He read a letter addressed to David Grinnell from the Charge D'Affaires Ad Interim. It was announced that the Zoning Commission has scheduled a hearing on the application for 1:00pm on March 26. The National Capital Planning Commission is also scheduled to take up the matter on March 1st. Williams explained that the Commission has dealt primarily only with the Zoning Commission regarding this case.

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Marvin J. Cantor, architect for the Embassy's application, addressed the Commission. He described the property and its relationship to abutting lots. He said no physical alterations or construction is contemplated for the entire lot. No new driveway or pedestrian access from 30th Street is planned; main access will be from Massachusetts Avenue. The building will represent approximately 19% of the Embassy's total chancery use. In answer to questions, Cantor explained Iran's restoration efforts on the building thusfar. He said he had done no interior alterations that would have converted the building's residential quality to that of an office building. Marshall said he thought the Embassy might be willing to accept covenants governing the land's use. Kopff asked Marshall for a statement of the building's current use. Marshall complained that he had offered a tour of the building last Fall, but the ANC's Planning & Zoning Committee had said it was unnecessary.

B. Zoning Case 78-12: Haugen announced that the hearing scheduled for February 15 had been postponed. She said that the proposed regulations were being rewritten, that they might be completed by mid-April, and so the hearing may not be rescheduled until the Summer. McGrath reported that the Office of Planning & Development has set-up an InterDepartmental Task Force, which includes five ANC Chairpersons and representatives of both the Federation of Civic and Citizens Associations. The re-write of the regulations has not been finished because DHR has yet to come up with some figures. McGrath said 3C's comments had been well received.

- V. Hugh Allen's letter of resignation from the Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee was distributed. A resolution was proposed that the ANC accept this resignation with extreme regret and best wishes. A second resolution was proposed that a letter be sent to Hugh and that it be signed by all. Both resolutions were approved unanimously.

Kay McGrath announced that she is tendering her resignation with regret. Her resignation will have to be submitted to the D.C. Board of Elections; the procedures were discussed. She said she was not required by law to resign, but she does not want to be in any position where a conflict of interest is possible with her new job. A resolution was proposed that a letter be sent by the Commission thanking her for her services and wishing her the best; it received unanimous approval. The resignation became effective with the meeting's adjournment.

- VI. Phil Mendelson distributed copies of a February 15 letter sent by Williams and Grinnell to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with regard to case #12826 (Saudi Arabia). He also announced two BZA hearings on applications within the Commission's boundaries: 1) a re-scheduled hearing on March 13 re. #12846 -- 2250 Cathedral Ave.; 2) March 21 re. #12896 -- 3009 Rodman St.

- VII. Newsletter: It was agreed that the two vacancies created by the above resignations should be mentioned. Coram said she would see if any P & Z Committee members wanted to succeed Hugh Allen as Chair. Kopff passed out a re-write of the article about ANC's. He discussed which Commissioners should re-write particular articles.

It was agreed that a deadline would be set--March 4th at the ANC office--for Deb Baker-Hall to receive all re-writes. The hope was expressed that the Newsletter will be out in two weeks. It was also agreed that a statement be included in the Newsletter to the effect that this would also constitute the Commission's annual report.

- VIII. The minutes of the meeting of January 22 were approved after Kay McGrath noted her absence at that meeting and asked that if she was present it be noted she is not participating in any planning and zoning issues.
- IX. Coram announced that the Commission has recieved notice of 4 more condo conversions--all within Single Member District #1. The Housing Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on March 14 at the 2D Police Station.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm. Williams said he would be out of town on March 26th, the date of the next regular meeting; Kopff will chair.

Attached to the file copy of these minutes are the following:

- Treasurer's report for the month of February, 1979
- Letter from the Embassy of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Iran
- Feb. 23 letter of resignation from Hugh Allen
- Newsletter article on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
- Feb. 15 letter from Williams & Grinnell to McCants of the BZA

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For Month of Feb, 1979

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\$ 9881.28

1. Checking maintained at _____
2. Savings maintained at _____
3. Other maintained at _____

\$ 8415.27
\$ 1466.01
\$ _____

B. Revenues During Month

1. D.C. Government
2. Interest on savings
3. Other

\$ _____
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\$ 0

C. Disbursements Made

Total Disbursed

\$ 243.97

| <u>Payee</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 2. | | |
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(Additional details posted in Treasury Accounts Book and in Treasury Vouchers, both available for inspection by consulting with the Treasurer)

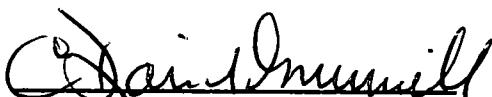
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\$ 9426.89

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2. Savings
3. Other

\$ 7960.88
\$ 1466.01
\$ _____

Respectfully submitted by


David Grinnell, Treasurer

Gary J. Kopff, Vice-Treasurer

Date

THE EMBASSY OF
THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN

February 22, 1979

Mr. David Grinnell
Chairman
Advisory Neighborhood Commission #3C
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

This letter will serve to confirm that the present
and continuing Government of Iran:

- (1) has adopted as its own, the application
now pending before the Zoning Commission
of the District of Columbia, for extension
of the D-Zone to include premises 2500 -
30th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., said
property being owned by the Government of
Iran; and,
- (2) continues its legal representation by
Sylvan M. Marshall, Esquire, and its
architectural-engineering representation
by Marvin J. Cantor, A.I.A., in connection B
therewith.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,



DJAFAR FAGHIH
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM

February 23, 1979

Commissioners of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
2737 Devonshire Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear ANC 3C Commissioners:

I submit to you my resignation as Chairman of ANC 3C's Planning and Zoning Committee. My action is prompted by the fact that I have placed my name in nomination to fill a mid term vacancy on ANC 3F. I enthusiastically seek this Commission seat and I will devote a significant portion of my volunteer time to the challenge of this position.

The more than three years that I have served the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C have been a opportunity for learning and a rewarding, fruitful experience. I have appreciated the cooperation and support of the commissioners for the Planning and Zoning Committee and its work on a variety of zoning cases and land use issues.

I look forward in continuing with you, although in a different capacity, the work of the ANCs in our Ward and our City and in making the ANCs an effective citizens' voice in our municipal government.

Sincerely,



Hugh Allen

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
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February 15, 1979

Leonard L. McCants, Esquire
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
District Building Room 9-A
Washington D C 20004

Re: BZA Case #12826

Dear Mr. McCants:

This letter is to supplement the views previously submitted by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C (ANC 3C) on the subject case # 12826 involving the application of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to establish a chancery at 2929 Mass. Ave., N.W.

In part this letter is intended to inform you of the activities of this ANC involving the particular case; in part it is to respond to some of the points conveyed in the letter dated January 20, 1979 from Stephen A. Koczac, et al, submitted to you at the time of the hearing, January 23; and, in part, it is designed to raise other considerations based on the testimony presented by the applicant.

This letter is submitted by the two members of the ANC who participated in the January 23rd hearing; it represents their efforts to summarize the issues involved. It is not, at this writing, a statement of the Commission per se (the letter will be shared with the members of the ANC at its next meeting, February 26).

BACKGROUND

ANC-3C first became aware of the application of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in November upon receipt of ^{notice of} the same from the executive director of the zoning secretariat, Mr. Stephen E. Sher. In mid-November our Planning and Zoning Committee met with representatives of the applicant, Mr. Quin and Ms. Dutton, and their architect, Mr. Condit. At the time of that meeting, the application had been filed and accepted under both Article 46 (Chanceries) and Article 82 (Special Exceptions).

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Shortly thereafter, the ANC received word that the scope of the application had been revised to exclude Article 82 and to focus exclusively on Article 46.

The ANC met, as a body, November 27, 1978 and voted to support the application as we then understood it. (Notice of this meeting satisfied the requirements of D.C. Law 1-58). This supportive position was recorded in our letter of December 4 to Stephen E. Sher. On December 7, the Planning and Zoning Committee of ANC-3C met again and intended to focus on a different matter involving a similar issue in the same general area. At that time, neighbors of the proposed Saudi Project, both as individuals, and through their attorney, Mr. Thomas G. Cochran, Jr., informed the members of the Planning and Zoning Committee of their displeasure with the position the ANC had taken November 26 as set forth in our letter of December 4.

This led the chair of our Planning and Zoning Committee, upon recommendation of the committee members attending its December 7 meeting, to poll the available members of the ANC to request their permission to have our letter of December 4 withdrawn. This permission was forthcoming and communicated to you in a letter dated December 11. When the case commenced December 12, it was continued to January 23.

The neighbors of the proposed Saudi Chancery, and their attorney, along with representatives of the applicant met with ANC-3C again the evening of December 18. In effect, the neighbors asked the ANC to reverse, or at least reconsider, its position set forth in our December 4 letter.

The ANC took no specific action December 18, but heard a great deal of testimony. The Planning and Zoning Committee was asked to help draft a revised statement that took this testimony into account. The members of that committee met, on an open basis, with members of the ANC itself on January 8 to pursue this. Representatives of both the applicant and the neighbors were invited to attend, to consider middle ground. Counsel for the neighbors indicated that there was none; accordingly, when informed of this, counsel for the applicant elected to be absent as well inasmuch as counsel for neighbors would not be present.

At the written request of counsel for the neighbors ANC-3C held a special meeting January 16 (with notice posted to meet the requirements of DC Law 1-58). The Planning and Zoning Committee and members of the ANC attending the January 8 meeting presented their recommendations. This recommendation was

essentially the letter of January 17 submitted from the ANC regarding this case. This letter was read, considered, and adopted, with some changes the evening of January 16.

We submit, however, that while our January 17 letter does not come to the same conclusion as that most neighbors are recommending -- that the application be denied -- that it does indeed make a substantial effort to address the views and all of the areas of objection raised by the neighbors to their communications, both oral and written, to the ANC. We are disturbed, therefore, to read in the letter of January 20 from Stephen Koczac, et al, that our "letter itself clearly points out (page 3, tab 4), ANC-3C conclusion does not reflect the views, objections, or best interest of any of the immediate neighbors or any of the citizens who reside in the surrounding areas".

We feel that our letter does reflect the objections of the neighbors -- even if it does come to a different conclusion based on our assessment of the many subjective factors involved. Moreover, realizing that our ANC has no exclusive franchise on truth in this matter or other matters, we forwarded to you all the written communications we had received on this case so as to enable the Board of Zoning Adjustment to establish the applicable facts and to form its own conclusion based both on our advice, that of the immediate neighbors, and that of the applicant.

For what it is worth, we note that many of those objecting seem to be raising issues exclusively relating to the merit of allowing chanceries in the general area of the application. In other words, the objections -- which were similar to ones we raised unsuccessfully at the time the Zoning Commission was considering the chancery matter -- were not really ones that could properly influence either your decision (or our advice) in the instant case; the Zoning Commission had, in effect, "let the cat out of the bag". We, and the neighbors, feel it would be appropriate to get the "cat" back "in the bag". The ANC feels that this is usually the role of the Zoning Commission. Accordingly, our perspective -- albeit under a split 4-2-1 vote -- represents the effort to tame "the cat" with respect to issues of concern to both us and the immediate neighbors.

Our letter of January 17 raised a number of issues. To our knowledge, most of these remain unanswered. We expect the Board of Zoning Adjustment to ensure that, before it acts, information satisfactory to discuss points we raised, will be included.

For example, we suggest the site involves jurisdiction of the Commission on Fine Arts; to date, nothing has been included in the Case File, indicating either that they lack jurisdiction or have reviewed and commented on the proposal.

The applicant, January 23, introduced a traffic consultant as an expert witness. We questioned his testimony involving use of taxis as the prime means of arrival and departure from the proposed Saudi Chancery.* His own statements indicate his data-base to be the patterns others have observed at the present chancery on 18th street N.W. which is a congested inner-city area, lacking convenient parking. We suspect that taxis will be much less the mode of choice as compared to the private automobile and suggest comparative data on mode of travel (if not demand, i.e. number of trips) be obtained from other chanceries in the immediate vicinity of the one proposed by Saudi Arabia. The facts in this matter should impact the question of whether to allow a stairway along Rock Creek Drive.

CONCLUSION

We hope the foregoing will help the Board reach a decision in the public interest.

Respectfully,

Lindsley Williams

Lindsley Williams, Chair person
Commissioner 3C-04.

C. David Grinnell

C. David Grinnell
Commissioner, 3C-10

CC:

Mr. Corcoran
Mr. Quin
Mr. Sher
Mr. Koczag

* of visitors

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

One of the Nation's most intriguing innovations in grassroots politics was created by the Congress in the Home Rule Charter for the District of Columbia: Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs). Less than ___ years old, ANCs are now thriving in many neighborhoods of the City and your ANC - that is, ANC-3C - is among the most active in the City. In this article, we describe (a) our purpose, (b) how we are structured, (c) the procedures governing our activities, and (d) your role as citizens relative to your ANC.

Purpose

ANC's are neighborhood commissions established by the Home Rule Charter to furnish a highly local, advisory link between citizens and their government. The official charter is to [quote from statute]. Thus the ANC's provide an additional means for the public to provide its opinions to the government bureaucracy on matters of local concern. Receiving information from the government, sharing it with the public, and responding by alerting government to your views is the major ANC mission.

This function for ANCs was not secured without controversy. Despite clear language in the Acts passed by the Congress and, later, by the City Council, the early years of ANC's existence were characterized by widespread neglect from most agencies of the District government. ANC-3C was a prime participant* in the Court "test case" which validated ANC's purposes and rights. In Kopff et. al. v. Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, the D.C. Court of Appeals issued the landmark decision in 1977 that, in effect, upheld the rights of all ANCs throughout the City before all agencies of the District of Columbia Government.

Structure

ANC-3C is one of 36 Commissions in the District, each representing a specified cluster of neighborhoods. ANC-3C represents nearly 20,000 residents in Cathedral Heights, Cleveland Park, McLean Gardens, and Woodley Park [others?].

Each Commission is a collective entity composed of about a dozen individually elected officials who represent "Single Member Districts" (SMD's). Thus, each Commissioner who serves on ANC-3C (meaning Ward 3 with "C" one of seven Commissions, 3A to 3G) is further identified by his SMD number (01 to 10). The

* - By law, ANC's may not sue; individual Commissioners, however, do have standing before Courts. Gary Kopff (before he became a Commissioner) filed the suit on behalf of citizens in our neighborhood, including individual ANC commissioners. The Georgetown Law Center's Anne Blaine Harrison Institute for Public Law represented us pro bono publico.

map on page ____ identifies the SMD boundaries and the SMD commissioner for each area is identified on page _____. In this sense ANC's are analogous to the City Council, the bulk of whose members are elected to represent specific areas of the city. Public access to ANC commissioners, however, is proportionately far greater than it is to City Council representatives; each SMD commissioner has only 1,500 to 2,000 constituents whereas the wards served by a City Council member may have [x to y] people.

Unlike our City Council counterparts, as ANC commissioners we are non-partisan, serve part-time, and are unpaid except for trivial expense reimbursements. If you voted in November 1977, you elected one of us - as one of your neighbors - to serve as your ANC commissioner for a two-year term. The next election is in November 1979 and Commissioners are limited to two successive terms.

Procedures

The ANC's provide an additional forum for citizens to voice their opinions and advise the City Government on matters of public policy. To do so, ANC's operate in three ways:

1. As a Commission, meeting monthly on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Second District Police Headquarters at [address].
2. Thru Committees, chaired either by Commissioners or by residents in our neighborhood. Our Committees are listed on page _____. Committees meet periodically between meetings of the Commission.
3. As individual Commissioners who talk with their constituents in their neighborhood, write letters or make telephone calls on their behalf, and direct them to city agencies or Committees of the ANC.

In the case of ANC-3C, we strongly encourage citizens to both serve on and chair our Commission committees. Occassionally, when an issue is particularly contentious, we schedule a special "town hall" meeting to encourage broad public discussion of a specific problem, practice, or policy. For example, in 1978, we did this for the application for a chancery by the government of Saudi Arabia, [give more examples].

ANC's are required each year to meet nine times as a Commission and, in addition, to hold at least three "town hall" meetings. ANC-3C differs from many ANC's in that it meets every month as a Commission and includes as part of each meeting a "town hall" segment.

As ANC's, we serve only in an "advisory" capacity, but the lack of veto authority does not render us powerless before the District government.

ANC-3C, subject to a funding formula established by the Home Rule Charter, is entitled to a sum of money each year for [quote statute]. In 1978, our ANCs spent ____ percent of our funds on office space, equipment, and supplies, postage, and contractual legal, editorial, and research work; the remaining ____ percent was provided to community groups for "enhancement projects" for our neighborhood.

ANC revenues are exceedingly limited! ANC's were not created primarily to be a funding agency; therefore, your ANC-3C is committed to spreading its funds among diverse concerns. In the past, we have contributed to such projects as the Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues shopper bus service for the aged; a neighborhood zoning and land use plan for Cleveland Park; and a community garden and recreation facility at 39th and Newark Streets. (A detailing accounting of our use of funds is provided at page ____).

Citizen's Role

As citizens you influence ANC-3C in three important ways: (1) you elect the Commissioners every two years (next election is in November 1979!); (2) you present your views to your elected Commissioner as you see him/her in your neighborhood or at ANC meetings; and (3) you serve on ANC committees (invitation to join and list of committees is on page ____). Our purpose is to advise the District Government on your behalf and we take that responsibility quite seriously. Your participation in each of the three ways is critical for us to function effectively.

JW

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
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Minutes

February 26, 1979

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lindsley Williams at 8:15pm. All Commissioners were present except for Pitts, McGrath, and Rothschild. McGrath arrived at about 9:30pm. Verification of the posting of notices of the meeting was ascertained.
- II. Grinnell gave the treasurer's report, a copy of which is appended to the file copy of these minutes.
- Kopff spoke on the status of the Commission's funds. Presently \$9000 are being held back by the City. There is doubt as to the legality of the Mayor's actions. An ad hoc coalition will be meeting regarding this; ~~the~~ ANC's ~~will~~ ^{may} contribute to legal action, which is being considered. The Anne Blaine Harrison Institute will represent all ANC's, and Covington & Burling ~~will~~ ^{has} assisted in a pro bono capacity. It was noted that the ANC should not count on getting its \$9000.
- The treasurer's report was approved.
- III. Bernie Arons presented a report, which had been deferred at the last meeting, on funding requests by three local schools. The following chart outlines the report and the Commission's action thereon:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Committee Recommend.</u> | <u>ANC Action</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hearst | \$1800 Mats for playground* | \$1500 | \$300 + \$450** |
| Oyster | \$1408 After-school music program (\$1008 for teacher and \$400 for equipment) | \$1008 | \$1008 |
| Eaton | \$4000 To match \$4000 grant for architect in residence | \$2000 | \$1500 |

*Of the \$1800 Hearst request, the Commission had already given tentative approval to \$300

**The \$450 will be granted if matched by the program by July 1, 1979

The funding requests were moved and approved as recorded above under "ANC Action." Grinnell abstained. It was also agreed that mention should be made of these programs in the forthcoming ANC Newsletter so that contributions may be sent to the programs.

IV. Planning & Zoning

A. Embassy of Iran: Sylvan Marshall, representing the Embassy, was introduced. He read a letter addressed to David Grinnell from the Charge D'Affaires Ad Interim. It was announced that the Zoning Commission has scheduled a hearing on the application for 1:00pm on March 26. The National Capital Planning Commission is also scheduled to take up the matter on March 1st. Williams explained that the Commission has dealt primarily only with the Zoning Commission regarding this case.

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Grinnell reported that no response has been received from the D.C. Zoning Administrator concerning the use of the premises at 2500 30th St. Marshall said the premises are vacant. Grinnell said a recent newspaper article stated that Iran's Military Mission is located there.

Marshall then explained various arguments on behalf of the zoning application. In answer to questions, he said the application was not for a new chancery building but for an annex, and that the State Department has endorsed the application.

Marvin J. Cantor, architect for the Embassy's application, addressed the Commission. He described the property and its relationship to abutting lots. He said no physical alterations or construction is contemplated for the entire lot. No new driveway or pedestrian access from 30th Street is planned; main access will be from Massachusetts Avenue. The building will represent approximately 19% of the Embassy's total chancery use. In answer to questions, Cantor explained Iran's restoration efforts on the building thusfar. He said he had done no interior alterations that would have converted the building's residential quality to that of an office building. Marshall said he thought the Embassy might be willing to accept covenants governing the land's use. Kopff asked Marshall for a statement of the building's current use. Marshall complained that he had offered a tour of the building last Fall, but the ANC's Planning & Zoning Committee had said it was unnecessary.

B. Zoning Case 78-12: Haugen announced that the hearing scheduled for February 15 had been postponed. She said that the proposed regulations were being rewritten, that they might be completed by mid-April, and so the hearing may not be rescheduled until the Summer. McGrath reported that the Office of Planning & Development has set-up an InterDepartmental Task Force, which includes five ANC Chairpersons and representatives of both the Federation of Civic and Citizens Associations. The re-write of the regulations has not been finished because DHR has yet to come up with some figures. McGrath said 3C's comments had been well received.

- V. Hugh Allen's letter of resignation from the Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee was distributed. A resolution was proposed that the ANC accept this resignation with extreme regret and best wishes. A second resolution was proposed that a letter be sent to Hugh and that it be signed by all. Both resolutions were approved unanimously.

Kay McGrath announced that she is tendering her resignation with regret. Her resignation will have to be submitted to the D.C. Board of Elections; the procedures were discussed. She said she was not required by law to resign, but she does not want to be in any position where a conflict of interest is possible with her new job. A resolution was proposed that a letter be sent by the Commission thanking her for her services and wishing her the best; it received unanimous approval. The resignation became effective with the meeting's adjournment.

- VI. Phil Mendelson distributed copies of a February 15 letter sent by Williams and Grinnell to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with regard to case #12826 (Saudi Arabia). He also announced two BZA hearings on applications within the Commission's boundaries: 1) a re-scheduled hearing on March 13 re. #12846 -- 2250 Cathedral Ave.; 2) March 21 re. #12896 -- 3009 Rodman St.

- VII. Newsletter: It was agreed that the two vacancies created by the above resignations should be mentioned. Coram said she would see if any P & Z Committee members wanted to succeed Hugh Allen as Chair. Kopff passed out a re-write of the article about ANC's. He discussed which Commissioners should re-write particular articles.

It was agreed that a deadline would be set--March 4th at the ANC office--for Deb Baker-Hall to receive all re-writes. The hope was expressed that the Newsletter will be out in two weeks. It was also agreed that a statement be included in the Newsletter to the effect that this would also constitute the Commission's annual report.

- VIII. The minutes of the meeting of January 22 were approved after Kay McGrath noted her absence at that meeting and asked that if she was present it be noted she is not participating in any planning and zoning issues.
- IX. Coram announced that the Commission has recieved notice of 4 more condo conversions--all within Single Member District #1. The Housing Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on March 14 at the 2D Police Station.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm. Williams said he would be out of town on March 26th, the date of the next regular meeting; Kopff will chair.

Attached to the file copy of these minutes are the following:

- Treasurer's report for the month of February, 1979
- Letter from the Embassy of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Iran
- Feb. 23 letter of resignation from Hugh Allen
- Newsletter article on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
- Feb. 15 letter from Williams & Grinnell to McCants of the BZA

Respectfully Submitted
for the Commission:


Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & Corrected:

Katherine V. Coram
Recording Secretary