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VIII. F.: There was no objection to the [Anne Blaine Harrison] Institute assisting the Commission in its response to the pending application by the Embassy of Iran for a map change in zoning, pending Grinnell finding out the approximate cost first.

December 18, 1978:

IV. D.: The Embassy of Iran has applied for a map change to extend the Diplomatic Zone to include the property (which it owns) adjacent to its embassy. The Zoning Commission will decide on January 11th whether or not to grant a hearing on the application. A motion was moved and approved (Kopff abstaining) for Hugh Allen to prepare a letter on behalf of the Commission opposing the application and seeking to avoid the granting of a hearing.

V. K.: Williams mentioned two items for the Commissioners to consider before the next meeting: election of officers for 1979 and review of the Saudi and Iranian Chancery applications. He proposed that there be an informal meeting the week of January 15, 1979.

January 16, 1979:

[A copy of the pertinent excerpt is attached.]

January 22, 1979:

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

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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.

[Section IV.B. is deleted here.]

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.

February 26, 1979:

IV. 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.

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.

March 26, 1979:

[A copy of the pertinent excerpt is attached. These minutes have not yet been approved by the Commission.]

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cc: Lindsley Williams
Anne Blaine Harrison Institute

Cathedral Heights

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March 27, 1979

MEMORANDUM:

TO: David Grinnell, Treasurer

FR: Bernie Arons, Chair, Education Committee

RE: Education Funding Voted February 26, 1979

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

Dear Doug:

This is to inform you of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C's support for the rules your department is proposing to adopt as section 40.102 in 17 DCRR, Chapter IV, Part 40 deriving from the Notice appearing in the D. C. Register of March 2, 1979.

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These proposed rules would establish a prohibition for trucks (over $1\frac{1}{4}$ ton) and commercial buses from operating along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street, N.W. except the purpose of making a pickup or delivery.

We support these proposed rules and urge their adoption as soon as possible. We also urge that the Department examine other roadways which would benefit from similar treatment throughout the District of Columbia. In this connection, we would ask you to consider adopting similar rules for the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Cathedral Avenue, N.W. (which connects Connecticut Avenue with Beach Drive/Rock Creek Park). The problem here is the use of that segment of Cathedral Avenue as an access route for METRO construction vehicles.

We look forward to working with you and the Metropolitan Police Department in an effort to enforce the regulations upon their adoption.

Sincerely,

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Deputy Chief Smith, MPD, 2nd District Chairpersons, ANCs 3E, 3F, and 3G Assistant Chief, Policies and Plans, DOT Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations, DOT

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of intent to amend Title 17, D.C. Rules & Regulations, Chapter IV, Part 40, section 40.102, "Truck/Bus Regulations," as follows in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice:

TITLE 17 DCRR CHAPTER IV - PART 40

SECTION 40.102 TRUCK/BUS REGULATIONS

When signs are erected bearing legend truck and/or bus on minor arterial roadways, as designated by the Department of Transportation's 1980 Function Classification of Streets and Highways Map, no person shall operate any truck exceeding one and one-quarter (1 1/4) ton capacity, or commercial bus, upon any of the following streets; provided, that such trucks or buses may be operated thereon for the purpose of making a pickup or delivery:

(a) Northwest Section

ADD: 41st Street/Reno Road - between Western Avenue and

Nebraska Avenue.

ADD: Reno Road/34th Street - between Nebraska Avenue and

Porter Street.

ADD: 34th Street - between Porter Street and Massachusetts

Avenue.

Persons wishing to comment on these proposed rules should do so in writing addressed to the Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Operations, Room 716, 613 G Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20002.

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Hugh Allen 3834 Windom Pl., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Hugh:

The Commission, at its February 26, 1979 meeting, passed a resolution accepting with the deepest regret your resignation as Chair of the Planning And Zoning Committee. It was unanimously agreed that this letter be sent as a token of our appreciation for your work. You have set an excellent example of how a member of the community can assist the ANC's--particularly when the ANC concept is still relatively new. You have also been of vital importance to the Commission as it has taken up a series of very troublesome land use issues.

Our loss will be ANC-3F's gain. We wish you all the best.

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Ms. Kay C. McGrath 3312 Rowland Pl., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Kay:

It was with extreme regret that we received your resignation at our February 26th meeting. As you know, we have had tremendous respect for your commitment and dedication to the ANC since its earliest days. Your firm leadership did much to set the direction for 3C--and, for other ANC's as well.

The city's gain is our loss. We wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Acting Chairman

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Mr. Paul O'Neill Managing Director and Vice President Sheraton Corporation Sheraton Park Hotel 2660 Woodley Road N. W. Washington, D. C. 20008

RE: WOODLEY ROAD CONTRACT POSTAL STATION

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

At our meeting on Monday evening, March 26, 1979, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C considered and adopted the enclosed resolution.

We trust you will give this expression of our concern due consideration in your attempts to locate space for continuation of the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station.

ON BEHALD OF THE COMMISSION

Gary J. Kopf

Vice-Chairman and Vice-Treasurer

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CC: Woodley Park Community Association St. Thomas apostle Parish Council Cleveland Park Citizens Association Edward F. Curry, Station Manager

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RESOLUTION

- Regarding Woodley Road Contract Postal Station Sheraton Washington Hotel/Convention Center 2660 Woodley Road N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008
- WHEREAS, the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station serves the residents of several single member districts within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C, and
- WHEREAS, this Station has been in operation in the Sheraton Park Hotel for over 30 years, and
- WHEREAS, the Station provides all postal counter services, except COD and postal box facilities, and personalized services including:
 - a. stock of tax forms, Federal and District of Columbia;
 - b. immigration report forms;
 - c. volunteer tax assistance to the elderly and to the large Hispanic community of residents on occasion, and
- WHEREAS, in response to the needs of a large body of foreign guests of the Sheraton and community residents, though not required by the Station's contract with the Postal Service, international parcels are accepted and processed, and
- WHEREAS, the Station's records' indication of 22% increase in dollar volume of sales and service in FY 1978 reflect the community as well as hotel guest and employee reliance on the Station, and
- WHEREAS, several Sheraton public announcements and promotional advertisements have clearly stated that the new Sheraton Washington Hotel/Convention Center would include a postal facility, and
- WHEREAS, the Station manager, a community resident, has had no previous reason to inform the community of the possible loss of the Station, and
- WHEREAS, in 1976, the community and the hotel joined together to save the Station when the Postal Service considered its termination, and

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WHEREAS, this ANC has been informed that Sheraton has now told the Station manager that the Station will have to be vacated by June 22, 1979, and

WHEREAS, the Sheraton has also indicated that no space could be allotted for the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station in the foreseeable future, possibly not before the Spring of 1980, and

WHEREAS, this vacating and lack of immediate space could result in permanent loss for both the hotel and the surrounding community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C strongly urges the Sheraton Corporation to find, among the thousands of square feet in the present and future Woodley Road complex, adequate space for the continuation of the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station.

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Minutes
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- I. The meeting was called to order, with Gary Kopff presiding, shortly after 8:00pm at the Second District Police Station. The roll was called: Arons, Williams, and Coram were absent. (Arons and Coram arrived later.)
- II. Verification of the posting of notice was ascertained. Mendelson was asked to do the posting in the future, instead of each member being individually responsible.
- III. The minutes for the meeting of February 26, 1979 were approved with one correction. The fourth and fifth sentences of paragraph two of the Treasurer's Report were corrected to read as follows: "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."

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Grinnell gave the Treasurer's Report, stating the current balance as \$13,324.12. Various commitments, a bill from Phil Mendelson, and the forthcoming newsletter will reduce this current balance. A copy of the report is appended to the file copy of these minutes. The ANC received \$4181.23 from the D.C. Government this month; this is higher than the normal quarterly allotment. Grinnell said that he had not received a statement with the allotment, and that when he called David Leonard, he was given a lengthy verbal explanation. Through a series of calculations, the Commission was shown that the quarterly allotments should be \$2926.24, but that the first quarter payment had been only \$1671.25. The \$4181.23 represents a one-time payment of the balance owed on the first quarter plus the full second quarter allotment. The report was approved by voice vote.

Grinnell raised the matter of changing the signatories on the Commission's accounts with National Savings & Trust. The bank's forms include a resolution to be adopted authorizing the account. The Commission gave its approval for Grinnell to proceed.

Kopff asked for approval to pay his secretary \$25 for typing, at \$5 per hour, for the newsletter. This was a rush item, which is the reason for the arrangement. Approval was given. Kopff also asked to be reimbursed a \$15 delivery charge for having the newsletter delivered to Suburban Press in Silver Spring. Haugen questioned why a suburban printer was used, especially since the Commission's policy is to patronize D.C. businesses. Kopff said Suburban Press was \$2000 cheaper. Approval was given.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Administration Committee: It was reported that the newsletter was at the printers and that it should be ready by the weekend of March 30th. A resolu-

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tion was approved authorizing the payment of up to \$20 per SMD for distribution of the newsletter (preferably by local youths). It was agreed that Rothschild would take responsibility for SMD-08 and Kopff would take SMD-06.

- B. Human Resources & Aging Committee: Haugen noted the Mayor's strong position on getting input from citizens on appointments to D.C. Commissions and Boards. The State Health Coordinating Committee (SHCC) has an opening now. She asked for suggestions on who might be interested in the position; she would refer the name(s) to the Mayor's staff.
- C. The Housing Committee report was deferred until later in the meeting. There were no other committee reports.

VI. Citizens' concerns:

- A. Jack Belcher delivered to the Commission a copy of a letter he sent to the D.C. Department of Recreation. It is attached to the file copy of these minutes.
- B. Chester Nauminow reported that he had received word from the National Park Service that the proposal for a soccer field to be located at the Northern end of Glover-Archbold Park had been dropped.
- C. The Commission received a presentation from Donald Beach, the D.C. Chief Tax Assessor. He explained the different methods to assess (e.g., cost, market value, etc.) and the difficulties; "the name of the game is mass appraisal." The average selling price of a house in Cleveland Park rose by almost \$50,000 in 1977 over 1975. This year the city's total assessment is \$2 billion. The current tax rate is \$1.54; with the increased value of land, if the city were to collect no increase in the total amount of taxes, the rate could drop to \$1.36. Beach outlined the procedures for appealing assessments. In answer to a question, he said no assessments went down this year. Assessors use permits on file with the city to determine the nature of improvements on properties.

Beach said the designation of an historic distric does not affect assessments directly, but it might increase values. The designation of historic property does affect the tax assessment (it holds down or lessens the value because of the restrictions). He explained the homestead exemption, which reduces assessments. The only way the tax burden will shift off property is through other new taxes (i.e., commuter), raising the Federal payment, bringing in new industry (and revenue), or by legislative policy to put more burden on income or sales taxes. Beach also explained other tax relief programs such as Schedule H and the circuit breaker. Attached to the file copy of these minutes is a list of residential median sales prices by area and a map of these areas.

D. Embassy of Iran: The Zoning Commission has requested more information from ANC-3C on its opposition to the application for chancery use. The Office of Planning & Development (OPD) has recommended that one (lot 9) of the three lots be re-mapped; the other two should not. Part of lot 9 is presently used for parking, and part of it already has the "D" over-lay zone. The Zoning Commission would like to know if 3C would accept this. Grinnell reported

that the neighborhood is afraid that any re-mapping will open the door to more re-zonings in the future. The residents don't like chancery use, but will accept embassies.

It was stated that 3C has long opposed the "soft edge" concept of the "D" map, is opposed to chancery use on all three lots, and has challenged the parking presently in use on part of lot 9.

NCPC has already given preliminary approval to the application, based on 4 conditions (1: no additional buildings; 2: screening traffic from view; 3: no vehicular access from 30th St., except for service and emergency; 4: all chancery traffic required to enter/exit via Massachusetts Ave.). Susan Aramaki said these conditions would be difficult to enforce. Their was brief discussion about whether covenants can be binding on sovereign nations. Aramaki also said she thinks that if the area is not re-mapped the Iranian Embassy will request a PUD, since the area is more than 3 acres in size.

The Chair referred the matter to the Planning & Zoning Committee, and asked Grinnell to serve as temporary chairman of the Committee. Grinnell asked the Commission to give direction to the Committee by passing on the OPD and NCPC recommendations. By vote of the Commission, the OPD recommendation (to approve lot 9 but deny the other two) was rejected. By vote of the Commission, the NCPC recommendation (to approve all three lots with four conditions) was rejected. Both votes were 1-5 (Rothschild voted for).

Aramaki reported that the ANC has filed a request to be a party to the case before the Zoning Commission. She gave the Commission a copy of its statement, submitted earlier in the day. This "Statement Of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C In Opposition To The Application" has been placed in the Commission's file on case 78-29. Aramaki said she will be working on a brief of "Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law." Kopff asked that a commitment for the amount of time necessary to prepare this should wait until the meeting addressed its funding problems.

E. Bob Stumberg reported that unless the ANC reduces its funding on a regular basis it will loose its quarterly allocations. A few of the ANC's have been able to negotiate with the city to recoup some of the lost quarterly payments. Representatives of a number of the ANC's have met to discuss what can be done. They generally agreed that a conciliatory, rather than tough, approach should be taken.

Stumberg outlined three issues to be researched:

- 1. The impact of Mayor's Order 78-22 (e.g., the cash basis requirement ignores unexpended obligations incurred by the ANC's)
- 2. Comparison of the city's requirements of the ANC's with other government agencies
- 3. Alternatives to the present situation, while keeping the same goals espoused in Mayor's Order 78-22

This research could cost \$1000, but the Ward IV ANC's are paying. The research should be completed by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute in 10 weeks, and will be available to 3C.

Kopff stated that the ANC's budget is virtually inoperable because the amount of funding to be received is never certain.

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.

VII. Other Issues

- A. A question was raised as to whether the Commission wants to accept a free addressograph machine. The Chair referred the matter to the Administration Committee and asked Grinnell to look at the machine.
- B. Woodley Road Contract Postal Station: Haugen distributed a proposed resolution. The Woodley Park Citizens Association supports this. The manager of the station was present and indicated his support. The resolution, urging the Sheraton Corporation to locate space for the continuation of the station, was approved 5-0 (unanimous).
- C. The report of the Housing Committee was distributed. It requests authorization for work to be done. A question was raised about part 2b of the report: does such a pamphlet exist. Coram explained that one of the tasks to be undertaken would be to find out. Regarding part 1 of the report: it was noted that the ANC newsletter will be soliciting volunteers. Haugen asked if different groups such as St. Thomas Church and the Vicariat of Catholic Churches could participate. Coram said these groups are interested in the elderly and not housing, per se. It was requested that the information on conversions be broken down by SMD. The Committee's report, with its request for expenditures, was approved.
- D. The Commission unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the D.C. Department of Transportation regarding the prohibition for trucks and commercial buses from operating along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street.
- E. There was discussion regarding a letter (dated January 26, but approved at the Commission's December meeting) to the president of the CBI-Fairmac Corp. The letter has not been sent because of substantial changes to which both Coram and the McLean Gardens Residents Association have objected. Both Kopff and Grinnell said the letter should reflect the fact that it is a disappointment that not more units will be kept low/moderate income. Coram stated that this was a disappointment to the Residents Association, too. She agreed to try to rewrite the letter.
- F. It was reported that the Police Station has been reserved for the April 23rd meeting of the Commission. It was decided that the May meeting will be held on May 28th (Memorial Day).
- G. A request was presented to the Commission to support the tenants of the Berkshire Apartment on Massachusetts Avenue in opposing their landlord's proposal for the implementation of paid parking. It was explained that this could affect 3C if the tenants have to find parking on Macomb Street. The matter was referred to the Transportation Committee.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm.

Attached to these Minutes:

•March 26, 1979 letter from Polly Shackleton to the Zoning Commission recase no. 78-29 (Iran)

Attached to the file copy of these Minutes:

- Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 1979
- *March 15, 1979 letter from Jack Belcher to the D.C. Dep't of Recreation re. the Hearst Wall
- *List of residential median sales prices by area and a map of these areas *Letter and accompanying resolution re. the Woodley Road Contract Postal

Station at the Sheraton Park Hotel

- *March 26, 1979 Report of the Housing Committee
- *Letter to the D.C. Dep't of Transportation re. the prohibition of trucks and buses along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street.
- Draft letter to Mr. J.D. Lee, president of the CBI-Fairmac Corporation
- *Copy of March 24, 1979 *Post* article re. the Sheraton Park (this was distributed at the meeting)

Not attached:

•The Commission's statement of opposition in zoning case 78-29

Respectfully Submitted for the Commission:

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram Recording Secretary

Proposed resolution re. parking at the Berkshire Apartments



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

March 26, 1979

Mr. Stephen Sher
Executive Director
Zoning Commission
Government of the District of Columbia
District Building, Room 9-A
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Case No. 78-29

Dear Mr. Sher:

This letter is to notify the members of the Zoning Commission of my support of the position of ANC 3C and the immediate neighbors in their opposition to the Embassy of Iran Application to Amend the Zoning Regulations for the property at 2500 - 30th Street N.W.

It is my opinion that this application is in direct violation of the "D" zone regulation and an unwarranted intrusion of a Business-Chancery operation in a clearly defined residential area.

Sincerely,

POLLY SNACKLETON Councilmember

Ward 3

CC: ANC 3C Chairperson Lindsley Williams
Mr. Tim Corcoran

TREASURER'S REPORT, ANC-3C

	For Month of	March, 197 <u>9</u>	/	13,608.1
A.	Opening Balances			\$ = 2142
	1. Checking maintained at MS	T	\$ 7960	.88
	2. Savings maintained at 1057	<u> </u>	\$ 1466	.01
	3. Other maintained at		\$	
В.	Revenues During Month			
	1. D.C. Government		\$ <u>4181.2</u> 2	\$ -
	2. Interest on savings		\$	
	3. Other		\$	
C.	Disbursements Made	Total D	isburse d	\$ 284.00
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Jack Belcher 2801 Quebec Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008

Harch 15, 1979

Dr. William H. Rumsey, Director D. C. Department of Recreation 3149 16th St. N.W. Washington, D. C. 20010

Dear Dr. Rumsey:

As you know, the D. C. Department of Recreation recently installed a tennis backboard at the Hearst Playground, to replace the two backboards removed from there two years ago.

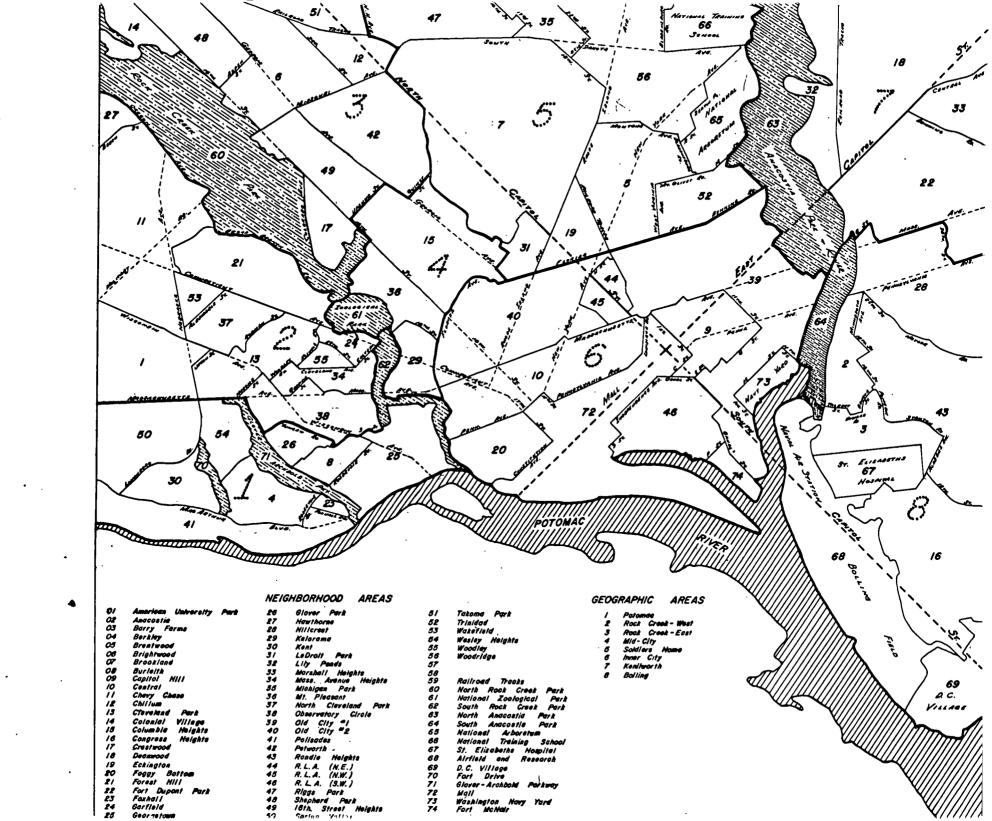
Now, again, children and adults can practice their tennis strokes and improve their abilities.

On behalf on ANC - 3C and the Hearst community and the many players who use these courts, I wish to thank you very much for the installation of the backboard.

We especially wish to commend Mr. John Stewart and his crew who cooperated with the community step-by-step on this project. Mr. Stewart is able, friendly, and very cooperative.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely, Josh Belthe



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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C Government of the District of Columbia

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March 26, 1979

Mr. Paul O'Neill Managing Director and Vice President Sheraton Corporation Sheraton Park Hotel 2660 Woodley Road N. W. Washington, D. C. 20008

RE: WOODLEY ROAD CONTRACT POSTAL STATION

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

At our meeting on Monday evening, March 26, 1979, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C considered and adopted the enclosed resolution.

We trust you will give this expression of our concern due consideration in your attempts to locate space for continuation of the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

/s)

Gary J. Kopff
Vice-Chairman and Vice-Treasurer

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cc: Woodley Park Community Association St. Thomas apostle Parish Council Cleveland Park Citizens Association Edward F. Curry, Station Manager

Single Member District Commissioners, 1978–1979

RESOLUTION

- Regarding Woodley Road Contract Postal Station Sheraton Washington Hotel/Convention Center 2660 Woodley Road N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008
- WHEREAS, the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station serves the residents of several single member districts within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C, and
- WHEREAS, this Station has been in operation in the Sheraton Park Hotel for over 30 years, and
- WHEREAS, the Station provides all postal counter services, except COD and postal box facilities, and personalized services including:
 - a. stock of tax forms, Federal and District of Columbia;
 - b. immigration report forms;
 - c, volunteer tax assistance to the elderly and to the large Hispanic community of residents on occasion, and
- WHEREAS, in response to the needs of a large body of foreign guests of the Sheraton and community residents, though not required by the Station's contract with the Postal Service, international parcels are accepted and processed, and
- WHEREAS, the Station's records' indication of 22% increase in dollar volume of sales and service in FY 1978 reflect the community as well as hotel guest and employee reliance on the Station, and
- WHEREAS, several Sheraton public announcements and promotional advertisements have clearly stated that the new Sheraton Washington Hotel/Convention Center would include a postal facility, and
- WHEREAS, the Station manager, a community resident, has had no previous reason to inform the community of the possible loss of the Station, and
- WHEREAS, in 1976, the community and the hotel joined together to save the Station when the Postal Service considered its termination, and

- WHEREAS, for all of the foregoing reasons, the Task Force of the community groups convened by this ANC to review community concerns about the building of the hotel/convention center in the Woodley Park residential community has had no reason to believe that there was any question about the continuation of the Woodley Road Postal Station in the Sheraton Washington, and
- WHEREAS, this ANC has been informed that Sheraton has now told the Station manager that the Station will have to be vacated by June 22, 1979, and
- WHEREAS, the Sheraton has also indicated that no space could be allotted for the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station in the foreseeable future, possibly not before the Spring of 1980, and
- WHEREAS, this vacating and lack of immediate space could result in permanent loss for both the hotel and the surrounding community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C strongly urges the Sheraton Corporation to find, among the thousands of square feet in the present and future Woodley Road complex, adequate space for the continuation of the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station.

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March 26, 1979

Housing Committee

- 1. The Housing Committee needs more members. Would all commissioners suggest possible committee members.
- 2. Two of the projects that the Committee would like to undertake require daytime research efforts that no one on the Committee can do at this time. We would like to ask the Commission to permit us to use Mr. Mendelson or someone else, as follows:
 - a. We want to compile statistics on condominium conversions, coop conversions and related matters in the Commission area and the Ward. Once collected we would make these statistics available to the Public through the Uptown Citizen and the Potomac Current. Such statistics will also help us to assess the scope of the problem.

We would like to request up to 10 hours of time for this project.

b. We hope to produce a pamphlet explaining the condominium conversion law and perhaps some related issues. This pamphlet could then be distributed by individual Commissioners when a certificate of eligibility is issued for a building.

We would like to request up to 20 hours of staff time to research this. The committee would write the publication and then we would need more staff time to type and reproduce it. Additionally, we would like to request up to \$150 to reproduce the pamphlet as cheaply as possible.

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March 27, 1978

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

Dear Doug:

This is to inform you of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C's support for the rules your department is proposing to adopt as section 40.102 in 17 DCRR, Chapter IV, Part 40 deriving from the Notice appearing in the <u>D. C. Register</u> of March 2, 1979.

These proposed rules would establish a prohibition for trucks (over 14 ton) and commercial buses from operating along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street, N.W. except the purpose of making a pickup or delivery.

We support these proposed rules and urge their adoption as soon as possible. We also urge that the Department examine other roadways which would benefit from similar treatment throughout the District of Columbia. In this connection, we would ask you to consider adopting similar rules for the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Cathedral Avenue, N.W. (which connects Connecticut Avenue with Beach Drive/Rock Creek Park). The problem here is the use of that segment of Cathedral Avenue as an access route for METRO construction vehicles.

We look forward to working with you and the Metropolitan Police Department in an effort to enforce the regulations upon their adoption.

Sincerely,

Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

cc: Deputy Chief Smith, MPD, 2nd District Chairpersons, ANCs 3E, 3F, and 3G Assistant Chief, Policies and Plans, DOT Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations, DOT

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

ANC-3C Office 2737 Devonshire Place, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20008 232-2232 06-Kry-MaGrath
07-Gary Kopff
0809-Louis Rothschild
10-David Grinnell

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of intent to amend Title 17, D.C. Rules & Regulations, Chapter IV, Part 40, section 40.102, "Truck/Bus Regulations," as follows in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice:

TITLE 17 DCRR CHAPTER IV - PART 40

SECTION 40.102 TRUCK/BUS REGULATIONS

When signs are erected bearing legend truck and/or bus on minor arterial roadways, as designated by the Department of Transportation's 1980 Function Classification of Streets and Highways Map, no person shall operate any truck exceeding one and one-quarter (1 1/4) ton capacity, or commercial bus, upon any of the following streets; provided, that such trucks or buses may be operated thereon for the purpose of making a pickup or delivery:

(a) Northwest Section

ADD: 41st Street/Reno Road - between Western Avenue and

Nebraska Avenue.

ADD: Reno Road/34th Street - between Nebraska Avenue and

Porter Street.

ADD: 34th Street - between Porter Street and Massachusetts

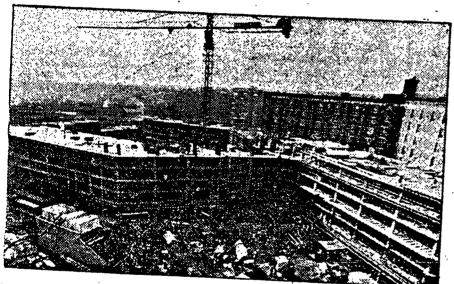
Avenue.

Persons wishing to comment on these proposed rules should do so in writing addressed to the Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Operations, Room 716, 613 G Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20002.

The Washington Post EAL ESTATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1979

New Sheraton Is Topped Out



Replacement for Sheraton Park takes shape few feet away from old building.

United Press International

he Sheraton-Park, Harry Ward-man's grandest creation and one of Washington's most famous hotels, is going to come down this fall. A \$95 million replacement already is rising in the old building's back yard.

The new structure, the Sheraton Washington, billed as the largest luxury hotel and convention exhibit center on the East Coast, was topped off Tuesday as an evergreen tree bearing the American, District of Columbia and Sheraton flags was hoisted 10 stories to the newly completed roof. The tree-raising is a gesture taken from ancient Scandanavian tradition intended to drive out evil that may have entered the structure's framework.

When the I,512-room: hotel complex is completed this fall it is expected to "bring Washington from 65th place in terms of exhibit capability to 20th

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Topping Out

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of "Dennis the Menace" were filmed on location

Singer Kate Smith got her start at the Wardman Park, and Perle Mesta, known as "the hostess with the mostest," put on lavish parties at the Tower for the political party that happened to be in power at the time.

The hotel had a touch of intrigué too: an American "Mata Hari" used it as a base to spy on the French Vichy embassy before the United States entered World War IL Both the Watergate jury in 1974 and the Hanafi Muslim jury three years later were sequestered there.

After the Sheraton Corp. bought the hotel in 1953, the Sheraton-Park became more convention oriented. A ballroom and an exhibit hall were added in 1955, giving Washington its first major convention facility.

At the same time, the VIPs who once resided in the Wardman Tower began moving either to the suburbs or to the newer Watergate complex.

Only about 30 people, including Mrs. Earl Warren and retired "Meet the Press" moderator Lawrence Spivak, still live in Wardman Tower. Mamie Eisenhower maintains an apartment there.

The Wardman Tower will receive a \$8.5 million facelift as part of the construction of the Sheraton Washington.

Sheraton Park Replacement Is Topped Out

SHERATON, From E1

place in the country" and to increase by 400,000 the number of conventioneers accommodated by the city annually, said Paul O'Neil, the hotel's managing director.

In the past decade the annual number of conventions or trade association shows held here increased from 674 to 824 and the number of conventioneers increased from 512,000 in 1967 to more than 750,000 last year. Because Washington has no facility that can seat more than 5,000 persons it is limited to smaller conventions. The city this year launched a slick magazine to entice more convention and tourist business.

The Sheraton complex will include 100,000 square feet of exhibit space, 38 meeting rooms, three large ballrooms, two swimming pools and a health club and sauna as well as six restaurants.

A Washington landmark since 1918, the Sheraton-Park in its time was one of the city's most fashionable addresses. Presidents and potentates, cabinet members and congressmen, generals and judges lived there over the years.

But the grand old lady is showing her age and was found to need more than \$50 million in structural and cosmetic repairs. The Sheraton Washington, slated to be a "world class" hotel and convention center, is being built a few feet behind the 61-year-old structure.

The new building is so close to the old that the Sheraton-Park decked out one of its cocktail areas as a "Construction Lounge" where guests can sit and sip while playing sidewalk superintendent.

When the Sheraton-Park is torn down, the only survivor will be Wardman Tower, an adjoining apartment building named for the enterprising Englishman who built the complex and thousands of other homes and buildings in Washington during its early 20th century building boom.

Wardman settled in this country by mistake. Intending to emigrate to Australia in 1889, he got on



By Frank Johnston—The Washington Poss Ceremonial tree is lowered at Sheraton.

the wrong boat and landed in New York. Penniless, he saved enough money building staircases in Philadelphia to become a builder in turn-of-the-century Washington. By the time he died in 1938, 10 percent of Washington's population was believed to be living in homes he built.

Wardman built the Sheraton-Park—called the Wardman Park until 1953—for \$5 million during World War I. The hotel, opened 12 days after the Armistice, had 1,200 rooms and was billed as the largest in the world. It also was dubbed "Wardman's Folly" because its location was so far out in the "country"—about two miles north of the White House and just above Rock Creek Park.

However, the Wardman Park prospered during the 1920s, especially after the Congressional Wing, the apartment hotel later named the Wardman Tower, was built in 1928.

But Wardman's habit of letting friends stay for free, a lingering illness and the Depression led to the collapse of his \$30 million empire in 1930. He had to sell his major properties, including the Wardman Park, and died trying to make a comeback from a hospital bed at the age of 65.

Residents of Wardman Tower included three men who became president (Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson), four vice presidents (Charles Curtis, Henry Wallace, Johnson, Spiro Agnew), two chief justices (Frederick Vinson, Earl Warren) and hundreds of other assorted VIPs.

When the Sheraton-Park celebrated its 60th anniversary last year, the invitations to former residents included Sen. Barry Goldwater, Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV, Dean Rusk, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Gore Vidal.

The Sheraton Park alao was a news and cultural center. "Meet the Press," "Camel News Caravan," the "Arthur Murray Dance Program" and segments of the "Today Show" originated from the hotel. The movie "Advise and Consent" and a television episode

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C

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Minutes March 26, 1979

- I. The meeting was called to order, with Gary Kopff presiding, shortly after 8:00pm at the Second District Police Station. The roll was called: Arons, Williams, and Coram were absent. (Arons and Coram arrived later.)
- II. Verification of the posting of notice was ascertained. Mendelson was asked to do the posting in the future, instead of each member being individually responsible.
- III. The minutes for the meeting of February 26, 1979 were approved with one correction. The fourth and fifth sentences of paragraph two of the Treasurer's Report were corrected to read as follows: "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."

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Grinnell gave the Treasurer's Report, stating the current balance as \$13,324.12. Various commitments, a bill from Phil Mendelson, and the forthcoming newsletter will reduce this current balance. A copy of the report is appended to the file copy of these minutes. The ANC received \$4181.23 from the D.C. Government this month; this is higher than the normal quarterly allotment. Grinnell said that he had not received a statement with the allotment, and that when he called David Leonard, he was given a lengthy verbal explanation. Through a series of calculations, the Commission was shown that the quarterly allotments should be \$2926.24, but that the first quarter payment had been only \$1671.25. The \$4181.23 represents a one-time payment of the balance owed on the first quarter plus the full second quarter allotment. The report was approved by voice vote.

Grinnell raised the matter of changing the signatories on the Commission's accounts with National Savings & Trust. The bank's forms include a resolution to be adopted authorizing the account. The Commission gave its approval for Grinnell to proceed.

Kopff asked for approval to pay his secretary \$25 for typing, at \$5 per hour, for the newsletter. This was a rush item, which is the reason for the arrangement. Approval was given. Kopff also asked to be reimbursed a \$15 delivery charge for having the newsletter delivered to Suburban Press in Silver Spring. Haugen questioned why a suburban printer was used, especially since the Commission's policy is to patronize D.C. businesses. Kopff said Suburban Press was \$2000 cheaper. Approval was given.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Administration Committee: It was reported that the newsletter was at the printers and that it should be ready by the weekend of March 30th. A resolu-

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tion was approved authorizing the payment of up to \$20 per SMD for distribution of the newsletter (preferably by local youths). It was agreed that Rothschild would take responsibility for SMD-08 and Kopff would take SMD-06.

- B. Human Resources & Aging Committee: Haugen noted the Mayor's strong position on getting input from citizens on appointments to D.C. Commissions and Boards. The State Health Coordinating Committee (SHCC) has an opening now. She asked for suggestions on who might be interested in the position; she would refer the name(s) to the Mayor's staff.
- C. The Housing Committee report was deferred until later in the meeting. There were no other committee reports.

VI. Citizens' concerns:

- A. Jack Belcher delivered to the Commission a copy of a letter he sent to the D.C. Department of Recreation. It is attached to the file copy of these minutes.
- B. Chester Nauminow reported that he had received word from the National Park Service that the proposal for a soccer field to be located at the Northern end of Glover-Archbold Park had been dropped.
- C. The Commission received a presentation from Donald Beach, the D.C. Chief Tax Assessor. He explained the different methods to assess (e.g., cost, market value, etc.) and the difficulties; "the name of the game is mass appraisal." The average selling price of a house in Cleveland Park rose by almost \$50,000 in 1977 over 1975. This year the city's total assessment is \$2 billion. The current tax rate is \$1.54; with the increased value of land, if the city were to collect no increase in the total amount of taxes, the rate could drop to \$1.36. Beach outlined the procedures for appealing assessments. In answer to a question, he said no assessments went down this year. Assessors use permits on file with the city to determine the nature of improvements on properties.

Beach said the designation of an historic distric does not affect assessments directly, but it might increase values. The designation of historic property does affect the tax assessment (it holds down or lessens the value because of the restrictions). He explained the homestead exemption, which reduces assessments. The only way the tax burden will shift off property is through other new taxes (i.e., commuter), raising the Federal payment, bringing in new industry (and revenue), or by legislative policy to put more burden on income or sales taxes. Beach also explained other tax relief programs such as Schedule H and the circuit breaker. Attached to the file copy of these minutes is a list of residential median sales prices by area and a map of these areas.

D. Embassy of Iran: The Zoning Commission has requested more information from ANC-3C on its opposition to the application for chancery use. The Office of Planning & Development (OPD) has recommended that one (lot 9) of the three lots be re-mapped; the other two should not. Part of lot 9 is presently used for parking, and part of it already has the "D" over-lay zone. The Zoning Commission would like to know if 3C would accept this. Grinnell reported

that the neighborhood is afraid that any re-mapping will open the door to more re-zonings in the future. The residents don't like chancery use, but will accept embassies.

It was stated that 3C has long opposed the "soft edge" concept of the "D" map, is opposed to chancery use on all three lots, and has challenged the parking presently in use on part of lot 9.

NCPC has already given preliminary approval to the application, based on 4 conditions (1: no additional buildings; 2: screening traffic from view; 3: no vehicular access from 30th St., except for service and emergency; 4: all chancery traffic required to enter/exit via Massachusetts Ave.). Susan Aramaki said these conditions would be difficult to enforce. Their was brief discussion about whether covenants can be binding on sovereign nations. Aramaki also said she thinks that if the area is not re-mapped the Iranian Embassy will request a PUD, since the area is more than 3 acres in size.

The Chair referred the matter to the Planning & Zoning Committee, and asked Grinnell to serve as temporary chairman of the Committee. Grinnell asked the Commission to give direction to the Committee by passing on the OPD and NCPC recommendations. By vote of the Commission, the OPD recommendation (to approve lot 9 but deny the other two) was rejected. By vote of the Commission, the NCPC recommendation (to approve all three lots with four conditions) was rejected. Both votes were 1-5 (Rothschild voted for).

Aramaki reported that the ANC has filed a request to be a party to the case before the Zoning Commission. She gave the Commission a copy of its statement, submitted earlier in the day. This "Statement Of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C In Opposition To The Application" has been placed in the Commission's file on case 78-29. Aramaki said she will be working on a brief of "Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law." Kopff asked that a commitment for the amount of time necessary to prepare this should wait until the meeting addressed its funding problems.

E. Bob Stumberg reported that unless the ANC reduces its funding on a regular basis it will loose its quarterly allocations. A few of the ANC's have been able to negotiate with the city to recoup some of the lost quarterly payments. Representatives of a number of the ANC's have met to discuss what can be done. They generally agreed that a conciliatory, rather than tough, approach should be taken.

Stumberg outlined three issues to be researched:

- 1. The impact of Mayor's Order 78-22 (e.g., the cash basis requirement ignores unexpended obligations incurred by the ANC's)
- 2. Comparison of the city's requirements of the ANC's with other government agencies
- 3. Alternatives to the present situation, while keeping the same goals espoused in Mayor's Order 78-22

This research could cost \$1000, but the Ward IV ANC's are paying. The research should be completed by the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute in 10 weeks, and will be available to 3C.

Kopff stated that the ANC's budget is virtually inoperable because the amount of funding to be received is never certain.

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.

VII. Other Issues

- A. A question was raised as to whether the Commission wants to accept a free addressograph machine. The Chair referred the matter to the Administration Committee and asked Grinnell to look at the machine.
- B. Woodley Road Contract Postal Station: Haugen distributed a proposed resolution. The Woodley Park Citizens Association supports this. The manager of the station was present and indicated his support. The resolution, urging the Sheraton Corporation to locate space for the continuation of the station, was approved 5-0 (unanimous).
- C. The report of the Housing Committee was distributed. It requests authorization for work to be done. A question was raised about part 2b of the report: does such a pamphlet exist. Coram explained that one of the tasks to be undertaken would be to find out. Regarding part 1 of the report: it was noted that the ANC newsletter will be soliciting volunteers. Haugen asked if different groups such as St. Thomas Church and the Vicariat of Catholic Churches could participate. Coram said these groups are interested in the elderly and not housing, per se. It was requested that the information on conversions be broken down by SMD. The Committee's report, with its request for expenditures, was approved.
- D. The Commission unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the D.C. Department of Transportation regarding the prohibition for trucks and commercial buses from operating along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street.
- E. There was discussion regarding a letter (dated January 26, but approved at the Commission's December meeting) to the president of the CBI-Fairmac Corp. The letter has not been sent because of substantial changes to which both Coram and the McLean Gardens Residents Association have objected. Both Kopff and Grinnell said the letter should reflect the fact that it is a disappointment that not more units will be kept low/moderate income. Coram stated that this was a disappointment to the Residents Association, too. She agreed to try to rewrite the letter.
- F. It was reported that the Police Station has been reserved for the April 23rd meeting of the Commission. It was decided that the May meeting will be held on May 28th (Memorial Day).
- G. A request was presented to the Commission to support the tenants of the Berkshire Apartment on Massachusetts Avenue in opposing their landlord's proposal for the implementation of paid parking. It was explained that this could affect 3C if the tenants have to find parking on Macomb Street. The matter was referred to the Transportation Committee.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm.

Attached to these Minutes:

*March 26, 1979 letter from Polly Shackleton to the Zoning Commission recase no. 78-29 (Iran)

Attached to the file copy of these Minutes:

- Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 1979
- *March 15, 1979 letter from Jack Belcher to the D.C. Dep't of Recreation re. the Hearst Wall
- *List of residential median sales prices by area and a map of these areas *Letter and accompanying resolution re. the Woodley Road Contract Postal Station at the Sheraton Park Hotel
- March 26, 1979 Report of the Housing Committee
- Letter to the D.C. Dep't of Transportation re. the prohibition of trucks and buses along segments of 34th Street/Reno Road/41st Street
- *Draft letter to Mr. J.D. Lee, president of the CBI-Fairmac Corporation *Copy of March 24, 1979 *Post* article re. the Sheraton Park (this was distributed at the meeting)

Not attached:

The Commission's statement of opposition in zoning case 78-29

Respectfully Submitted for the Commission:

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Phil Mendelson

Attested as approved & corrected:

Katherine V. Coram Recording Secretary

^{*}Proposed resolution re. parking at the Berkshire Apartments



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

March 26, 1979

Mr. Stephen Sher
Executive Director
Zoning Commission
Government of the District of Columbia
District Building, Room 9-A
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Case No. 78-29

Dear Mr. Sher:

This letter is to notify the members of the Zoning Commission of my support of the position of ANC 3C and the immediate neighbors in their opposition to the Embassy of Iran Application to Amend the Zoning Regulations for the property at 2500 - 30th Street N.W.

It is my opinion that this application is in direct violation of the "D" zone regulation and an unwarranted intrusion of a Business-Chancery operation in a clearly defined residential area.

Sincerely,

POLLY SNACKLETON Councilmember

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Ward 3

CC: ANC 3C Chairperson Lindsley Williams
Mr. Tim Corcoran