



ADVISORY
NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION 3-C

Cathedral Heights
Cleveland Park
McLean Gardens
Woodley Park

MINUTES

November 24, 1980

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, Chairman Gary Kopff presiding. Commissioners Klose and Mendelson were absent. Meeting place was Cleveland Park Congregational Church.
- B. Verification of notice was established.
- C. October 27, 1980 minutes were approved with the following corrections:
- 1) P. 4, item 5, paragraph 2: Charles Szoradi sent a letter to D.C. Housing Director Robert Moore in this regard.
 - 2) P. 5, under item 7, paragraph 3: Council of Governments Public Advisory Committee, however, is not in favor of the cutbacks.
 - 3) P. 5, under Zoning, paragraph 4: Williams reported that ANC-3C had written and submitted a letter making points about Hotels cases 80-3 and 80-4.
- D. Vice-Chairman's Report
Lucy Weisz of the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute reported on their research into the definition of a "sexually-oriented business establishment and massage parlor." Apparently these are permissible or not according to the degree of negative effect they are determined to have on a given community. It was the consensus of the Commission to share this memo with other community organizations in the city who are active in opposition to sexually-oriented businesses. Ms. Weisz concluded discussion of this topic with information for the Commission that the American Civil Liberties Union is considering representing the opposing side of the sexually-oriented establishment/massage parlor issue. Ms. Weisz next reported that a follow-up case to the original Kopff case would be argued on November 25th at 10 AM. This case involves ANC-3F's opposition to building permit for Burger King Restaurant on Connecticut Avenue, on the basis that 3F did not receive the required 30-day notice. Ms. Weisz reported on Bob Stumberg's behalf that he would provide a financial statement re: ANC-3C's contract status with Anne Blaine Harrison Institute within the next week.
- E. Treasurer's Report
Consensus of the Commission was that Dr. Sheldon Holen's letter from the Friends of Tregaron sufficiently met the conditions set forth with the original vote to grant that organization

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02-Ruth Haugen
03-CHARLES SZORADI
04-Joe Jeff Goldblatt
05-Phil Mendelson

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06-Kaj Strand
07-Gary Kopff
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09-Patricia Wamsley
10-David Grinnell

\$500 in funding for its communications activities. Kopff will be follow-up Commissioner with Friends of Tregaron funding grant.

Discussion of ANC-3C's budget was tabled until the December meeting. A committee to gather facts and organize information about 1980 funding decisions and other expenditures of ANC-3C will consist of Ruth Haugen, Charles Szoradi and Linda Major.

November Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

F. Secretary's Report

- There was discussion about the "Annual Report"(of funds disbursed in 1980)i.e. which Commissioners would take responsibility for the task and what information the report should contain. Ruth Haugen and Linda Major will work on the Program Priorities Statement and have rough draft available for the December meeting. They will begin with analysis of an outline of all resolutions taken by the Commission during 1980.

A few words of explanation of the League of Women Voters ANC study were given by Ruth Haugen, who explained that those persons who worked on recommendations for the D.C. Law realize the degree of support for self-determination given by the League. As part of the push toward self-determination for the District of Columbia, the D.C. League of Women Voters supported the ANC concept and provided input for their establishment.

For additional November information, see Secretary's Report (attached).

AUDIENCE ISSUES

The following issues were taken out of their normal committee order to accommodate citizens and/or committee members in the audience:

Recreation Committee

Clark Row, Recreation Committee Chairman, discussed the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for the District of Columbia; he summarized it, in fact, by saying that D.C. recreational facilities will respond to the changes in number and nature of the District's population. The Plan foresees a declining recreation budget for the city.

As concerns ANC-3C's area, Row says that the 3C area is, recreation-wise, one of the most poorly-served areas in the city.

He was able to find no plans for the Woodley Playground, which is on National Park Service land and so does not come under the auspices of the D.C. Recreation Department. Row pointed out to Commissioners that many of the 3C area playgrounds are poorly maintained if not dangerous. In response to this problem, he will attempt to identify both public and semi-public recreational facilities which need attention, make qualitative judgments of their condition and requirements and give the report to the Commission for action. There are ANC-3C funds available for such a study. Row was advised to contact Lindsley Williams for information about groundwork already laid for improvement of 3C recreational facilities, especially Woodley Playground. David Grinnell asked that facilities at the Guy Mason Center be included in ANC-3C's

Recreation Committee's area of interest, since 3C had taken the initiative in setting up the "tot lot" there.

Ruth Haugen reported that, to her knowledge, no ANC-3C response had been written to the original draft of the D.C. Recreation Comprehensive Plan. She referred Clark Row to the Ward III Recreation Council and Joel Garner for help with identifying and finding solutions for recreation problems in the 3C area. Row would serve as ANC-3C representative to that Council, which is greatly concerned with the Comprehensive Plan. Row's copy of the Comprehensive Plan will be circulated among interested Commissioners. Meanwhile, he will prepare ANC-3C's response. Chairman Kopff thanked Clark Row for his interest; Commissioners Szoradi and Goldblatt volunteered to serve as members of Row's Recreation Committee.

Transportation and Zoning Committee

1. Clark Row noted for Commissioners that ANC-3C had received a letter from a 3C-03 constituent complaining about litter and parking problems caused by Maret School students(attached). Goldblatt, Szoradi, Major and Williams will work together on this problem and contact Maret Headmaster Peter Sturtevant.
2. 3C-07 resident Peter Espenschied pointed out to the Commission an important factor which he feels may not have been taken into consideration by D.C.D.O.T. in formulating the "Reno Road Plan." He feels that Reno Road, if D.O.T.'s plan (as published in the D.C. Register), is implemented, might potentially become more dangerous for pedestrians. Gaps in traffic which presently allow pedestrians to cross, especially in non-rush hours, would decrease in number if not disappear if the "reversible" lane is removed and the same number of autos is forced to travel back-to-front. He feels that the only benefit to D.O.T.'s plan would be a lowered noise and vibration level; pollution levels would remain the same or increase due to idling traffic. He pointed out that a similar change was made some years ago on Military Road, whose traffic problems, if anything, have worsened since elimination of the "reversible" lane.

STANDING COMMITTEES: REPORTS AND ISSUES

Preservation and Landmarks

No committee report.

Communications

Consensus of the Commission was to provide for the District Building enough information to meet the minimal requirements for an ANC Annual Report.

Commissioners also agreed to investigate use of advertising space in a neighborhood newspaper, such as Uptown Citizen or Northwest Current, as vehicle for information to the 3C community which otherwise might appropriately be published in door-to-door newsletter form. For the December meeting, each Commissioner should bring two paragraphs, containing items of individual SMD or committee interest, which might be included in such a newspaper newsletter.

Discussion of the reordering of the Haines Directory was tabled to the December meeting, after consultation with Lindsley Williams.

Human Services and Aging

Ruth Haugen reported that the Ward III Forum on November 15th was a great success with over 100 people attended. She will prepare a report to share with the Commission.

She called Commissioners' attention to her November 6th testimony (attached to October minutes) in support of the renomination of Marguerite Gilmore to the D.C. Commission on Aging.

Housing

No committee report.

Crime Prevention

Joe Goldblatt reported that the crime prevention brochure he'd been ~~been~~ preparing will be published next week. Its distribution will be in the ANC-3C-04 and -07 single member districts. Commissioners Kopff and Goldblatt plan to meet with Cleveland Park Citizens' Association President Arthur Meigs to clarify the extent of their participation, excluding funding, in the distribution of the brochure. Kopff and Goldblatt feel that it is desirable to consider the impact and/or reaction of the community to the first crime brochures distributed in their SMD's before publishing more and distributing more widely throughout the 3C community. Szoradi moved to have ANC-3C contribute \$150.00 toward the publishing and distribution of crime brochures in 3C-03, with the understanding that he will come up with \$50.00 in community participatory funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Transportation

It was reported that no reply had been received from D.C.D.O.T. in response to Mrs. Jane Loeffler's crossing concern at the Garfield/Massachusetts intersection.

Zoning

Pat Wamsley reported that Police Second District's Lt. Herbert had been unaware of 3828 Cathedral Ave. NW as a community trouble spot. He will retrieve from the police computers information about the member and variety of police calls to that address. David Grinnell is dissatisfied with Tim Corcoran's lack of response to ANC-3C's concerns about neighbors' complaints of embassy-type activities at that address. He would like Lindsley Williams and the Zoning Committee to look into alternative means of getting at the facts of that situation.

Education

Kaj Strand asked if ANC-3C funds might be used to support Cardozo High School band's trip to the Rose Bowl parade. Consensus of the Commission was that this would not be appropriate use of ANC funds.

Ruth Haugen reported from the Cleveland Park Citizens' Association meeting that, during Carol Schwartz' presentation there, she explained the School Board's vote to recall Frank Schaffer-Corona. Petitions have been printed and distributed to the public to collect enough signatures to verify this recall. Although the petition of D.C. registered voter signatures requests that a special election be held to implement this recall, the School Board is not willing to use funds which could be better used for school programs to run a special election for this purpose alone. They will hold the petitions in hand

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until an election is held in which the recall resolution might be included. Kaj Strand, Joe Goldblatt, Pat Wamsley and Gary Kopff took a petition each for community signatures.

David Grinnell submitted for the record a lead editorial in Nov. 14th Washington Post which underscores the problem of administrative fat in the District's education budget.

The December meeting will be held as usual at the Second District police Headquarters on the fourth Monday of the month, December 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted for the Commission:

Linda Dodd Major, Recorder

Approved, as corrected:

Ruth Haugen, Secretary