

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Single Member District Commissioners 01-Lee Brian Reba * 02-Gwendolyn Bole * 03-Jessica Wasserman 04-Beau Finley * 05-Emma Hersh * 06-Angela Bradbery 07- Maureen Boucher Kinlan * 08-Malia Brink * 09-Nancy MacWood P.O. Box 4966 Washington, DC 20008 Website http://www.anc3c.org Email all@anc3c.org

Minutes Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C June 18, 2018 Public Meeting Maret School, 3000 Cathedral Avenue, NW 7:30PM

Establishment of Quorum:

The Chair, Commissioner MacWood, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and announced that there was a quorum. Commissioners Brink, Wasserman, and Finley were absent.

Verification of Notice:

The Administrator confirmed that notice of the meeting had been sent to eight local community listservs, apartment listserv moderators, published in the Northwest Current Newspaper, and was on the ANC3C website and Twitter.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner MacWood moved approval of the amended agenda. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

(None)

Community Forum:

Jim Shephard, who lives at 3808 Woodley Road, discussed the John Eaton Elementary School renovation. He is not happy about the design, and he is asking for a revised feasibility study to include the neighbors input.

Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Bole moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Motion was approved by voice vote for a Historic Preservation Review Board Application (HPA #18-423) for a one-story rear addition, and replacement front door with enlarged porch landing for 3419 30th Street NW.

Commission Business:

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1. Presentation by Lucinda Babers, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, on her Strategic Plan

See dmv.dc.gov for more details.

2. Consideration of a Public Space Application (#275499) for curb cuts, a pedestrian walkway and tree removal at 3320 Idaho Avenue NW as part of the Ward 3 short-term family housing project

Commissioner Bradbery presented but asked to postpone the resolution until the July meeting because new information about the site plan, received just before the meeting, raised questions. Commissioner Bradbery made a motion to draft a letter to the Public Space Committee to postpone consideration of this application until the July PSC meeting. Motion was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Bradbery will send questions from Commissioners to the Department of General Services (DGS), including DGS representative Jackie Stanley.

3. Consideration of a grant request to the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities to fund a mural to be painted on the exterior building wall facing 40th Place NW adjacent to Van Ness Street and Upton Street

Commissioner Bradbery read and moved a resolution in support of the grant request and introduced artist Jarrett Farrier and neighborhood activist Chuck Ludlam. Motion was approved by voice vote. See Attachment A.

- 4. Consideration of a Public Space Application (#299180) for use of public space in a historic district by the McDonald's restaurant at 2616 Connecticut Avenue, NW Commissioner Bole read and moved a resolution on the application. Mr. Harry Thomas Jr., representing McDonald's, also presented information. Commissioners MacWood and Reba made friendly amendments which Commissioner Bole accepted. Motion was approved by voice vote. See Attachment B.
- 5. Consideration of a Resolution requesting a full safety study by the D.C. Department of Transportation of the intersection of Connecticut Ave southbound and 24th Street NW Commissioner Bole read and moved a resolution on the issue. Motion was approved by voice vote. See Attachment C.

Other:

Commissioner Bole gave an update on the progress of the new ANC3C website. It should be done by the July meeting.

Commissioner Bole moved adoption of the May 21, 2018 minutes. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner MacWood reported that the treasurer will be moving out of her district and a new treasurer will have to elected soon. An investigation by the Office of Attorney General and police of the bank fraud of ANC3C's bank accounts is continuing.

Commissioner Boucher Kinlan left the meeting early.

SMD reports:

SMD 01-Commissioner Reba 1. In the future, the ANC needs to discuss the construction and traffic plans for 2607 Connecticut Ave NW. There are issues at the National Zoo with rideshare cars

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parking in the crosswalk. The Zoo is working with MPD regarding enforcement. The Zoo is communicating with Uber and Lyft that there be a designated pick-up and drop-off for them.

SMD 02-Commissioner Bole said a bike share is to be installed above Rock Creek at the corner of Connecticut Ave and Calvert St NW.

SMD 05-Commissioner Hersh 1. The Uptown Theatre signage Historic Preservation Office case will be postponed and she will ask for an indefinite postponement. 2. Uptown Shuffle is coming up on June 24th in Sam's Park & Shop parking lot. 3. She is talking to businesses about Great Street Grants.

SMD 06-Commissioner Bradbery said the playground is very overgrown, but it will be fixed.

SMD 09-Commissioner MacWood 1. The Cleveland Park Library had their grand opening. It was a wonderful event. 2. There has been graffiti tagging on some dumpsters on Macomb Street NW. She had a conversation with Commander Gresham and a Captain from MPD, who said that the tagging signifies an invitation for criminal activity. Police are now patrolling. 3. Permeable paving construction on 34th and Wisconsin Ave NW is about to begin. 4. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs gave the wrong information to a resident about her skylights. Commissioner MacWood and the Historic Preservation Office were able to correct the situation and there will be follow up with DCRA. 5. John Eaton Elementary modernization is underway. Commissioner MacWood is on the SIT team. The feasibility study is quite important, but there is widespread unhappiness that it did not result in options suggested by parents and neighbors. The current enrollment projection is 490 students but needs to be reviewed. Parking is also a huge issue. Residents would like underground parking included, but the DGS is not in favor. A lot more information is to come.

Adjournment:

Commissioner MacWood moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Attested by

Gwendolyn 7 Bole

Gwendolyn Bole, Secretary, on July 16, 2018

These minutes were approved by a voice vote on July 16, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Attachment A:

ANC3C Resolution 2018-021 Regarding a Grant Application to the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities for a Mural to Be Painted on the 40th Place NW Wall

WHEREAS, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities offers grants to individuals for public art;

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WHEREAS, artist Jarrett Farrier -- who has painted a mural at Tenley Circle depicting the history of Tenleytown -- is seeking a grant for a mural he would paint on the blank wall that runs along 40th Place NW just south of Van Ness Street and across from the entrance to Glover-Archbold Park;

WHEREAS, the proposed mural would celebrate the history, flora and fauna of Rock Creek Park, which has been in existence for nearly 128 years and is a significant asset to Northwest D.C.;

WHEREAS, the mural would enhance the neighborhood, improve the streetscape and help protect against graffiti on the wall;

WHEREAS, the proposed mural would consist of five primary panels and two smaller side panels depicting Glover-Archbold Park, Peirce Mill, Pulpit Rock, Hazen Creek and Soapstone Creek, and bearing quotes and facts about Rock Creek Park;

WHEREAS, renderings of the proposed mural have been circulated on the McLean Gardens, Cleveland Park and Springland Farm Community listservs, and fliers have been distributed notifying residents and businesses within a three-block radius of the property about the proposal and soliciting feedback;

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the rendering will be refined with input from about a dozen groups being consulted by the artist;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ANC3C:

Supports the grant application by Jarrett Farrier to the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities to paint a mural on the wall that runs along 40th Place NW just south of Van Ness Street NW and across from the entrance to Glover-Archbold Park;

Finds that the proposed mural -- designed to celebrate the history, flora and fauna of Rock Creek Park -- would be an asset to the neighborhood and would enhance the streetscape and reduce graffiti; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair and Commissioner for ANC3C06 or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission in this matter. Attested by

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Nancy J. MacWood

Chair, on June 18, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on June 18, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Attachment B:

ANC3C Resolution 2018-022 Resolution Regarding Use of Public Space at 2616 Connecticut Ave NW Public Space Tracking No. 299180

WHEREAS, there is a construction application for the McDonald's restaurant at 2616 Connecticut Ave, NW to renovate a three-sided enclosure over the steps leading down to one restaurant entrance; and

WHEREAS, the enclosure is in public space; and

WHEREAS, the applicant plans to retain the footprint and height of the existing enclosure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed enclosure of all transparent glass would be more attractive than the present aging plexiglass one which has been there for decades; and

WHEREAS the Public Space Committee approved this glass enclosure with the condition that the applicant submit an alternative which would be in the style of an enclosed sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has drawn the alternative enclosure with sliding glass panels; and

WHEREAS, this rendition would require multiple railings for safety as the sliding glass panels, open for many months of the year, would allow for safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, adding the railings would destroy the transparency of the enclosure as conditionally approved; and

WHEREAS, the PSC requested a rendition of the enclosure with landscaping in the front of and to the north; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is presently using public space for three trash receptacles on 24th St NW, behind the restaurant, and

WHEREAS, the Public Space Committee required that the applicant find an alternative for trash storage, preferably not on public space.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C continues to approve (see Resolution 2018-10, passed April 18, 2018) of the first rendition of a new enclosure on Connecticut Ave which was approved conditionally by PSC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C approves the addition of landscaping as shown in the alternative rendition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C finds that the alternative enclosure based on a sidewalk cafe look would require safety railings which would be unattractive and would be much less transparent and obtrusive and would still allow moisture on the steps when the windows were open.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C approves the proposed reduction in size of a replacement canopy on the 24th St entrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C agrees with the PSC that the trash containers should be within private property if possible. If public space must be used, ANC3C recommends that PSC require that the number of trash containers and the fenced-in area be significantly reduced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of ANC3C or the Commissioner for 3C02 or their designees be authorized to represent the Commission in this matter.

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Nancy J. MacWood

Chair, on June 18, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on June 18, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Attachment C:

ANC3C Resolution 2018-023 Request for full DDOT safety study at Connecticut Ave southbound and 24th St NW

WHEREAS, the intersection of 24th St and Connecticut Ave NW has a high volume of pedestrian traffic, including National Zoo and hotel visitors unfamiliar with this intersection; and

WHEREAS, this has long been identified as a dangerous intersection, including by a Pedestrian Safety Audit by the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action; and

WHEREAS, The Woodley Park Metro station is located at the southwest corner of the intersection and two Metro bus stops are located south of the intersection and one bus stop is on the right side of 24th Street. All these add to the congestion and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, there are two pedestrian walk signals in order to cross 24th Street, one on each side of a pedestrian island. Pedestrians must walk one leg to the island and wait for the pedestrian signal to change; and

WHEREAS, the corner of Connecticut Av southbound is a slip lane, curving into 24th Street with a wide, rounded lane and curb radius and encouraging cars to turn at unsafe fast speeds. Cars are unable to see pedestrians until almost to the intersection. And many cars do not stop before making the sliding turn. Yet cars are now permitted to turn on red; and

WHEREAS, there is a green arrow for the right turn onto 24th Street from Connecticut Av when pedestrians have the stop signal. There is no sign advising cars to turn only on green nor one advising "No Turn on Red" when pedestrians have the go signal. There is just a "Turning vehicles must yield to pedestrians" sign curbside on Connecticut before the light and even it is confusing with several colors and fonts; and

WHEREAS, a DDOT representative reports that a "No Turn on Red" sign might be effective in protecting pedestrians, but might cause back-up of cars on Connecticut Av southbound with some blocking of the box at Connecticut and Woodley Rd;

WHEREAS, traffic enforcement and signage at that location might remedy that issue;

WHEREAS, there is a "No Turn on Red" sign on Connecticut Av at Woodley Road going northbound;

WHEREAS, ANC3C passed a Resolution requesting a study of this intersection in 2013 resulting in a cursory visit by DDOT representatives with no written recommendations or actions. Subsequent requests for studies and safety measures have also brought no results, except the "yield to pedestrians" sign; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the City is to become more pedestrian friendly and less reliant on cars;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C urges DDOT to perform an extensive study of this intersection, including consideration of a No Turn on Red sign, with a written plan of action for additional steps to enhance pedestrian safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or the Commissioner for 3C02 or their designees are authorized to represent ANC3C in this matter.

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Nancy J. MacWood

Chair, on June 18, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on June 18, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.