

	ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS • CLEVELAND PARK MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS McLEAN GARDENS • WOODLEY PARK
<i>Single Member District Commissioners</i> 01-Lee Brian Reba * 02-Gwendolyn Bole * 03-David Valdez 04-Vacant * 05-Margaret Siegel * 06-Carl Roller 07- Victor Silveira * 08-Catherine May * 09-Nancy MacWood	P.O. Box 4966 Washington, DC 20008 Website http://www.anc3c.org Email all@anc3c.org

Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C July 20, 2015 Public Meeting McLean Gardens Ballroom, 3811 Porter Street, NW 7:30PM

- I. Establishment of Quorum:
 At 7:32pm, the Chair, Commissioner Roller acknowledged that, with five Commissioners present, a quorum had been established and called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Victor Silveira, Lee Brian Reba, Nancy MacWood, Margaret Siegel, and Gwen Bole. Commissioner Roller announced that fact that the meeting was being audio recorded in accordance of DC law.
- II. Verification of Notice (Listserve: CP, WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter):
 Commissioner Roller verified that notice was given on the ANC3C website, local community listservs, Twitter and in the Northwest Current newspaper.
- III. Approval of Agenda:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Establishment of Quorum II. Verification of Notice (Listserve: CP,WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter) III. Approval of Agenda IV. Announcements V. Community Forum VI. Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Objection to Consideration of an HPRB application for addition, deck and retaining walls at 3401 Macomb Street NW • No Objection to Consideration of an HPRB demolition application for a garage at 3507 Woodley Rd. NW • No Objection to Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for curb cut at 3203 Macomb Street NW • No Objection to Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for Starbucks at Cathedral Commons, Idaho Avenue NW. • No Objection to Consideration of a BZA special exception application to allow an increase in maximum number of seats from 18 to 28 for Starbucks at Cathedral Commons, Idaho Avenue NW VII. Commission Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. Presentation by DDOT regarding construction of Klinge Trail. 2a. Discussion, including MPD, regarding recent murder at St. Luke's church 3a. Consideration of an HPRB application for a side addition to 3450 Ordway Street NW 4a. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for curb cut at 3515 Woodley Rd. 5a. Consideration of an ABRA roof deck expansion and entertainment endorsement at Savoy Hotel, 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW (Petition date: 8/10/2015) (Hearing date: 8/24/2015) VIII. ANC Coordination Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mayor's Meeting: 2. Council 3. ANCs IX. Officer's Reports/Committee Reports, Administration Issues, SMD Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting 2. Treasurer's Report: Approval of Quarterly Report 3. Administrative Issues: 4. SMD Reports X. Adjournment
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Commissioner Silveira moved approval of the agenda. Motion was approved by voice vote.

IV. Announcements:

Commissioner Roller noted that the next public meeting of ANC3C would be in September.

V. Community Forum: Nothing forthcoming

VI. Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Reba moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed via voice vote.

- No Objection to Consideration of an HPRB application for addition, deck and retaining walls at [3401 Macomb Street NW](#) .
- No Objection with Resolution to Consideration of an HPRB demolition application for a garage at [3507 Woodley Rd. NW](#) .

ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-027

Regarding HPRB Application for Garage Demolition at 3507 Woodley Road, NW

Whereas the owner of 3507 Woodley Rd. has sought HPRB approval of the demolition of a garage located to the rear of the contributing house in the Cleveland Park Historic District:

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C does not object to the demolition based on four distinguishing characteristics of this garage:

1. It is unusually small and the garage opening is not wide enough for most cars;
2. It is located behind and very close to the rear façade of the house leaving only a passageway between the house and the garage;
3. The garage opening is oriented to the side of the driveway and requires a 90 degree turn to enter or exit the garage to the driveway;
4. The garage architecture is undistinguished and does not complement the contributing house architecture.

Be It Resolved that the Chair and the 3C09 SMD commissioner are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by



Carl Roller

Chair, on July 20, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on July 20, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

- No Objection to Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for curb cut at [3203 Macomb Street NW](#) .
- No Objection to Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for Starbucks at Cathedral Commons, [Idaho Avenue NW](#) .
- No Objection to Consideration of a BZA special exception application to allow an increase in maximum number of seats from 18 to 28 for Starbucks at Cathedral Commons, [Idaho Avenue NW](#) .
- No Objection to Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for curb cut at [3515 Woodley Rd. NW](#) .-

VII. Commission Business:

1a. Presentation by DDOT regarding construction of Klinge Trail:

Paul Hoffman and Geoff Pelletier provided the overview. The start date was June 15, 2015. Questions and concerns may be shared with Mr. Pelletier (Construction Manager) at gpelletier@hntb.com or Andrew Kaufmann (Project Manager) at Andrew.Kaufmann3@dc.gov. Commissioner Reba suggested the group reach out proactively to the Kennedy Warren, as well as local community association groups. Mr. Hoffman noted that an easement with Tregaron Conservancy is in progress.

2a. Discussion, including MPD, regarding recent murder at St. Luke's church:

Commissioner Roller provided an overview on this matter. Other discussants included Rev. Dr. Charles A. Parker and Rev Dottie Yunger of St. Luke's, John Gordon of Georgetown Heights Condominium Association, and Paul Cunningham of Massachusetts Avenue Heights Community Association. It was noted that St. Luke's is one of 3-networked parishes (Metropolitan, Wesley United Methodist Church and St. Luke's) doing mission work with homeless and works closely with Friendship Place. Rev. Parker promised that: signs will be posted to allow MPD to remove trespassers, communication with neighboring condo residents to ensure there are no overnight guests, removing and disposing of all personal effects left on church property, exploring motion sensors and camera technology, and a willingness to hire temporary security to work with police. St. Luke's may not continue as a hyperthermia center; yet to be decided.

3a. Consideration of an HPRB application for a side addition to [3450 Ordway Street NW](#):

Commissioner MacWood provided an overview of the project for the commission. The architect for the project provided additional information. Commissioner MacWood read and moved a resolution on this matter. Motion was approved by voice vote.

ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-028 Regarding HPRB Application for Addition to 3450 Ordway Street, NW

Whereas, the owners of the property at 3450 Ordway St., which is improved with a contributing house to the Cleveland Park Historic District, have applied for concept review to replace a non-contributing addition with a larger addition and other associated improvements; and

Whereas, the contributing house has another addition that incorporates a modern triangular structure at one end of the house; and

Whereas, the proposal would add, as a bookend, a simple rectangular shaped structure at the opposing end of the house that would be attached with a 10 foot high hyphen structure; and

Whereas, the architect has worked with ANC 3C and the Historic Preservation Office to simplify and lower the proposed structure so that important features of the original, contributing house, like the eave line, are maintained; and

Whereas, the essential standards of review for this application include respectful and deferential massing, scale, height, setbacks, and design; and

Whereas, the proposal satisfies those criteria and is compatible with the preservation of important architectural and design features in the Cleveland Park Historic District:

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C supports the application, including the removal of the non-contributing addition to be replaced with the proposed new addition to the south and west facades, and the proposed changes to the north façade dormer window and other incidental windows;

Be It Resolved that the Chair and the 3C09 SMD commissioner are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by



Carl Roller

Chair, on July 20, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on July 20, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

- 4a. Consideration of an ABRA roof deck expansion and entertainment [endorsement](#) at Savoy Hotel, [2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW](#) (Petition date: 8/10/2015) (Hearing date: 8/24/2015)
Commissioner Siegel provided an overview on the application. She read and moved a resolution on the matter. Matt Wexler, part of ownership team of Savoy Suites Hotel was present for the discussion. Commissioners MacWood, Bole, and Siegel offered several friendly amendments, which were accepted. Motion was approved by voice vote.

ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-029
Regarding Objection to BZA Building Permit B1404954 for Summer Garden Roof Deck and Mechanical Structures for Savoy Suites Hotel, located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Whereas, the owners of the Savoy Hotel (“Savoy”), located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue (Square 0072 Lot 0045) (“Property”) applied for permits to erect a roof deck summer garden and additional structures on the roof of the hotel and to expand the existing use of the restaurant, lounge, and ground level summer garden; and

Whereas, DCRA granted those permits on May 7, 2015 without neighborhood notification and without opportunity for neighborhood review or input; and

Whereas, the property is located in ANC3C08 in a neighborhood zoned R-1-B and within the Naval Observatory Overlay; and

Whereas, the property was originally rezoned from R-1-B to R-5-D for the purpose of permitting constructing of the Savoy and was subsequently rezoned to its original R-1-B status; and

Whereas the proposed non-conforming construction and expanded commercial use of the property in an R-1-B neighborhood should not be permitted, if at all, without special exception or variance; and

Whereas, if the zoning for the property were R-5-D rather than R-1-B the owners would have to apply for a special exception or variance to expand the commercial use of the property; and

Whereas, the owners have filed ABRA application #090804 *(see attached Application) which indicates their intent to provide new rooftop and expanded indoor and outdoor ground level food and beverage service, alcohol service and entertainment until 1 am and thus greatly expand the commercial uses of the property; and

Whereas, in the owners discussions with the neighborhood, the owners have indicated their intent to have TV’s, live entertainment, amplified sound and expanded event capacity that will thereby further expand the commercial uses of the property; and

Whereas the intended changes would have a substantial impact on the peace, order and quiet of the surrounding residential neighborhood, including a significant impact on traffic and parking in the neighborhood, and create an increased trash burden; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association (MAHCA) which represents all neighbors to the north, south and east of the property, joined by numerous individual neighbors, has filed an appeal with the Board of Zoning Adjustment challenging the issuance of the permits that would result in a substantial expansion of the commercial use of the property in a residential neighborhood and has asked the Zoning Administrator to reconsider the permits in light of ABRA application for Class C liquor license and entertainment endorsement:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC3C joins the appeal filed by the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association *(see attached document), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C strongly objects to the circumventing of regulatory processes and the issuance of the permits and requests the revocation of the permits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C requests that the property at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue, NW be required to follow the regulatory process of the District of Columbia, which would either preclude or require the application for a variance and/or special exception (which would be subject to ANC review and allow for neighborhood review and input) for the expansion of a commercial use in a residential neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of ANC3C, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee be authorized to represent the Commission on this issue.

Attested by



Carl Roller

Chair, on July 20, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on July 20, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

4b. Commissioner Siegel provided an overview on the ABRA application. She read and moved a resolution on the matter. Matt Wexler, part of ownership team of Savoy Suites Hotel was present for the discussion. Commissioner Roller offered an amendment, which was accepted. Commissioner Reba requested a roll-call vote. Motion carried by vote of 5-0, with one abstention.

Bole - yes
MacWood - yes
Reba - abstain

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Roller - yes
Siegel - yes
Silveira - yes

**ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-030
Regarding ABRA Application (ABRA #090804) for Substantial
Change to Class C Liquor License for Savoy Suites Hotel,**

located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Whereas, Savoy Suites Hotel (“Savoy”) located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW, and which is located in a non-conforming building and operates non-conforming commercial uses in a residential neighborhood zoned R-1-B, has filed an application with ABRA (#090804) (“Application”) that seeks a substantial change to a Class C liquor license and an entertainment endorsement to expand Savoy’s outdoor service of alcohol, to include a new summer garden service area on its roof with a capacity of 136 seats, which Savoy proposes to operate on Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight and Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and

Whereas the Savoy is located in ANC3C08 in a neighborhood zoned R-1-B and comprised of predominantly single family dwellings and is not located in the C-2-A Glover Park Commercial District; and

Whereas, the Application also proposes expansion of the capacity of the restaurant and ground floor summer garden; and

Whereas the proposed roof deck summer garden, together with the expanded capacity of the restaurant and ground level summer garden, would have significant negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, adversely affecting (a) the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, (b) residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety, (c) real property values; and

Whereas ABRA should be not issuing licenses for greatly increased commercial uses for any premises located in a residential neighborhood where such uses are not permitted under the zoning regulations; and

Whereas, all other ABC licensed establishments in ANC3C are located in commercial zones and not in residential zones as is the Savoy; and

Whereas other ABC licensed establishments in ANC3C located in commercial zones have limited hours of operation for outside service, no outside entertainment, no outside TVs, and no outside live entertainment, and the hours requested by the Savoy would greatly exceed those permitted in other commercial establishments in ANC3C; and

Whereas, denial, as required by law, of the Application and of any other licensing of the Savoy that would permit alcohol service and outdoor entertainment on a roof deck and expand the capacity of the restaurant and ground level summer garden would have the highly beneficial effect of limiting the growth of Savoy’s existing out-of-compliance commercial uses in a residential neighborhood; and

Whereas, no other properties in an R-1-B residential neighborhood can legally receive ABC licenses nor are they allowed to serve alcohol or provide roof deck entertainment for commercial purposes; and

Whereas, the DCRA permits for construction not allowed in an R-1-B district issued to Savoy in May 2015 were issued without neighborhood notice, review or input, and are currently the subject of an appeal filed by the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association (MAHCA) and several individual neighbors; and

Whereas, ANC3C has joined as a party to the appeal filed by MAHCA and individual residents:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC3C protests the Application on the grounds it would have an adverse effect on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C objects to the hearing or issuance of any ABRA permit for the Savoy pending the appeal of the DCRA permits and determination of whether the Savoy can be permitted to construct a roof deck and additional structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of ANC3C, the Commissioner of ANC3C08, or their designee are permitted to represent the Commission on this issue and are authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered, testimony at any hearing on this issue.

Attested by



Carl Roller
Chair, on July 20, 2015

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VIII. ANC Coordination Issues

1. Mayor's Meeting: no announcements
2. Council: no announcements
3. ANCs: no announcements

IX. Officer's Reports/Committee Reports, Administration Issues, SMD Reports

1. Secretary's Report: Approval of [Minutes](#) from the June 15, 2015 meeting: Commissioner Bole moved approval of the minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: Approval of [Quarterly Report](#) : Commissioner Siegel moved approval of the quarterly report. Motion was approved by voice vote.
3. Administrative Issues: Commissioner Silveira moved to cancel the August 2015 public meeting of ANC3C. Motion passed by voice vote. Commissioner Siegel moved to cancel the August Planning & Zoning meeting of ANC3C. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. SMD Reports
09: Some vacant property has become overrun with raccoons, due in part to absentee owner. Commissioner MacWood is trying to get property maintained, as raccoons are a protected species. Macomb St Recreation Center playground/splashpark needed motor replacement. Updates are needed, especially in the Rec Center.
07: Embassy Church: Inspector Blount , who reports to Mr Marcou, inspected driveway and parking and determined that it was located in public space. No official notices have been sent to date.
05: Alley-Palooza Campaign includes the alley between Ordway and Porter Streets. 3432 Connecticut Avenue NW will be before the ANC regarding HPRB issues. Uptown Tap House still has vacant sign but new ownership is imminent.
02: Woodley Park residents are concerned because JBG has cut 20-30 trees at the Marriott property on Connecticut Avenue, legally. Community meeting is to be scheduled in September.
01: Also had residents concerned about removal of trees. Mission Sidewalks is going to be revamping sidewalks from Klinge Bridge to Cathedral Avenue NW. Commissioner Reba requested expansion to Woodley Park metro. Alley-Palooza is also coming to 2600 block of Connecticut Avenue. 2737 Woodley Place may return to ANC3C regarding enclosed rear deck

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Silveira moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed via voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 10:09pm.

The next meeting of ANC3C is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Room of MPD 2D, 3320 Idaho Avenue NW. Please check anc3c.org for any updates.

Attested by _____ on _____
Gwendolyn Bole, Secretary Date