

# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS . CLEVELAND PARK MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS McLEAN GARDENS . WOODLEY PARK

Single Member District Commissioners 01-Lee Brian Reba \* 02-Gwendolyn Bole \* 03-David Valdez 04-Arthur Barkmann \* 05-Margaret Siegel \* 06-Carl Roller 07- Victor Silveira \* 08-Catherine May \* 09-Nancy MacWood

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# **Minutes Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C** October 19, 2015 Public Meeting Davies Hall, Washington International School, 3100 Macomb Street NW 7:30PM

# 1. Establishment of Quorum:

At 7:35pm, Vice-Chair May acknowledged that, with five Commissioners present, there was a guorum and called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners: Siegel, Silveira, Barkmann, and Reba. Commissioners Bole and MacWood arrived at 7:36.

II. Verification of Notice (Listservs: CP, WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter)

Commissioner May verified that notice was given on the ANC3C website, local community listservs, Twitter, and in the Northwest Current newspaper.

# III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner May asked for any amendments to the Agenda. She asked to strike 3316 Woodley Road. Upon hearing no objection from the Commission, she moved approval of the Agenda. Motion passed by voice vote.

# IV. Announcements

Commissioner MacWood noted that Washington International School will be holding a community meeting regarding the construction of a new science building on Wednesday October 28 at 7pm. She also noted that the next Klingle Valley Trail public meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Cleveland Park Library from 6:30 - 8pm.

# V. Community Forum

Commissioner May asked if there was anyone present wishing to bring matters to the attention of the Commission. Hearing none, she moved to the next item of the agenda.

# VI. Consent Calendar

No items were listed on the consent calendar.

#### VII. Commission Business

1. Presentation by DC Water regarding the impact on ANC3C of the Clean Rivers consent decree.

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- VII. Commission Business
  - 1. Presentation by DC Water regarding the impact on ANC3C of the Clean Rivers consent decree.
  - 2. Grant Presentation by Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Boosters, which is requesting \$2370 to purchase 8 new oars for the Crew Team.
  - 3. Consideration of an HPRB application for a roof replacement at 3704 Quebec Street NW
  - 4. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for a fence > 42" for Embassy of Norway, <u>3401 Massachusetts Avenue</u> NW
  - 5. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for a fence > 42" for Embassy of Azerbaijan, 2741 34th Street, NW
  - 6. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for a fence greater than 42" for 3316 Woodley Road NW
  - 7. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space Permit application (#116877) for Bollard(s) Embassy of New Zealand, <u>37</u> Observatory Circle NW.
  - 8. Consideration of a DDOT application to convert public parking to diplomatic parking for Chancery of the Embassy of Sri Lanka, 3025 Whitehaven Street, NW
  - 9. Consideration of a Resolution objecting to the Pepco-Exelon Settlement Agreement.

#### VIII. ANC Coordination Issues

Seth Charde, Leed AP, provided handouts and explained the project. Glover Park and Georgetown have been chosen for first phase. Department of Energy and Environment is driving the project. Handouts can be found on the anc3c website: anc3c.org

# 2. <u>Grant Request Presentation by Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Boosters for \$2370 to purchase 8 new oars for the Crew Team.</u>

Wilson Crew has been in existence for 30 years and has 100 rowers; any DCPS student in grades 8-12 may join. Other ANCs and community associations have given funding to the Crew Boosters organization in the past. The oars are for the Varsity Boys team, and are projected to last 10 years.

Commissioner May thanked the presenters and reminded them that the Commission will vote on the grant in the month following the presentation, per the ANC grant guidelines.

# 3. Consideration of a Resolution objecting to the Pepco-Exelon Settlement Agreement:

Commissioner MacWood provided background on the issues and moved a resolution. Council Member Cheh outlined why she opposes the merger. She addressed issues including the Consumer Investment Fund, Rates, Jobs, Reliability, Renewals, and predatory practices. Mark Battle, Vice President of Pepco for Washington D.C. also commented.

Commissioner Siegel moved to call the question on the discussion. Motion passed by voice vote, with Commissioner May allowing final comments by Commissioner Reba. Commissioner May called for a vote on the resolution. Motion passed by voice vote.

ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-034
Regarding Exelon Merger with Pepco In the District of Columbia

Whereas, Exelon Corporation, an unregulated nuclear power plant generation company, has offered to buy Pepco, the DC electricity distribution company, for \$6.4 billion; and

Whereas, the merger must be approved by the DC Public Service Commission because Pepco is a regulated utility; and

Whereas, the DC Public Service Commission rejected the merger as not in the best interest of DC ratepayers and in conflict with DC public policy to move towards local renewable energy; and

Whereas, Exelon Corporation has filed for reconsideration of the Public Service Commission's decision; and

Whereas, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser authorized negotiations between Exelon and her representatives and has endorsed the resulting agreement and urged the Public Service Commission to reconsider their decision; and

Whereas, the agreement includes deferral of rate increases and low income assistance up to March 2019 and financial payments to support renewable energy programs - all totaling \$78 million; and

Whereas, opponents to the merger and the agreement, including Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, argue that the short term monetary infusion from Exelon will be more than offset by steep rate increases after March 2019 and that Exelon would eventually oppose advancing a DC renewable energy economy as not in their self-interest:

Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C ("ANC 3C") does not support reconsideration of the Public Service Commission's decision to oppose the Exelon-Pepco merger and urges the Public Service Commission to not approve reconsideration;

Be It Further Resolved that ANC 3C is persuaded that the fiduciary responsibility of Exelon to its shareholders will likely conflict with the interests of promoting renewable energy in the DC and will not result in significant improvements in the reliability and efficiency of electricity distribution in DC and will likely result in steep rate increases, albeit not until 2019;

Be It Further Resolved that ANC 3C urges the Public Service Commission if it is inclined to consider the post-decision agreement as material new information to require a new hearing and guarantee public participation in any proceeding that evaluates the merits of the agreement; and

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

Attested by

Catherine May

Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on October 19, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners was present.

# 4. Consideration of an HPRB application for a roof replacement at 3704 Quebec Street NW:

Commissioner Siegel read and moved a resolution on this matter. Commissioner Bole offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Commissioner Reba offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Motion passed by voice vote.

# ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-035 Regarding HPRB Application for Permit Review for Replacement of Roof for 3704 Quebec Street NW

WHEREAS the owners of a residence at 3704 Quebec street NW, a contributing house within the Cleveland Park Historic District, have filed for permit review at the DC Historic Preservation Review Board ("HPRB"); and

WHEREAS the original roof of the house was composed of slate,

And WHEREAS, the current roof, which has been on the house for more than twenty years, is composed of asphalt shingles:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C urges HPRB to work with the homeowners to consider restoring the roof to its original materials by replacing the current asphalt shingles with a slate roof; and

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C also urges HPO to highlight on its website and alert all DC historic district organizations that maintaining or restoring original roof on contributing structures is a primary focus of the HPRB and homeowners should be aware that any proposed permits for roof work will be strictly reviewed with that as the goal.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair and Commissioner representing ANC3C05 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

**Catherine May** 

Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

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Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for a fence > 42" for Embassy of Norway, 3401 Massachusetts
 Avenue NW:

Commissioner May read and moved a resolution on this matter. Mariya Sadykov, Morrrison Architects, made the presentation on this project. Commissioner May offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Motion passed by voice vote.

# ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-036

Regarding DDPT Public Space Application (#113157) for Permit to Install a Fence Greater Than 42" in Public Space for Embassy of Norway, 3401 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Whereas the Embassy of Norway, located at 3401 Massachusetts Avenue NW in an R-1-B neighborhood, has filed an application (Public Space Permit #113157) to install a fence greater than 42 inches in Public Space by replacing the current metal picket fence at its current location with a 6 foot metal picket fence; and

Whereas, the property is located within the Naval Observatory Tree and Slope Protection Overlay the purpose of which is, in part, to preserve and enhance the park-like setting of designated neighborhoods, the natural topography and mature trees to the maximum extent feasible in a residential neighborhood, and prevent significant adverse impact on adjacent open space; and

Whereas the current fence has been set back 48 inches from the inside edge of the sidewalk at its points closest to the sidewalk; and

Whereas the fence will be open metal picket and will not obstruct sight lines for pedestrian or vehicular traffic and will offer pedestrians opportunity for refuge from oncoming traffic; and

Whereas the location of the current gates are set back greater than 48 inches and in their current location do not impede the use of the circular driveway gates will not cause cars turning into the property to obstruct traffic on Massachusetts Avenue; and

Whereas the Embassy has provided a Tree Protection Plan and agreed to take steps to ensure the safety of the second row Linden Tree located in public space on the property:

Be it Therefore Resolved that ANC3C encourages The Embassy of Norway to work with the Office of Planning and DDOT to determine the location of the fence that best accomplishes the preservation of the park like setting of Massachusetts Avenue; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC3C does not object to the placement of the fence along 34<sup>th</sup> St NW at a setback of 48 inches from the inner edge of the sidewalk and would find a set back of 48 inches from the sidewalk on Mass Ave the minimum acceptable setback to prevent adverse impact on adjacent open space; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC3C requests that the applicant adhere to the Tree Protection Plan endorsed by the Urban Forestry Administration to protect the second row Linden located in Public space on the property; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC3C encourages the Embassy and the Public Space Committee to consider a height of less than six feet as more fitting with the open and park like setting of the avenue; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Chair, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee is authorized to represent the Commission on this issue.

Attested by

Catherine May

Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on October 19, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners was present.

6. <u>Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for a fence greater than 42" for Embassy of Azerbaijan, 2741 34th Street, NW:</u>

Mammad Talibov, Political Counselor, provided information on this matter. Commissioner May provided some additional information, and then read and moved a resolution on the application. Motion passed by voice vote.

# ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-037

Regarding Foreign Missions BZA Application (#16620A) for Permit to Install a Fence Greater than 42" in Public Space, for Embassy of Azerbaijan, 2741 34th Street NW

Whereas the Embassy of Azerbaijan, located at 2741 34<sup>th</sup> St NW in an R-1-B neighborhood and in the Naval Observatory Tree and Slope Protection Overlay, has filed an application with the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA Application No. 16620A) for permission to locate a fence of 5 feet in height (greater than the allowed 42 inches) in Public Space, and

Whereas the property currently has a perimeter metal picket fence of 5' height located at the inside edge of the sidewalk and the proposed gates and fence would complete the existing fence currently absent in front of the Embassy, and

Whereas this property is not located on Massachusetts Avenue nor are there any second row trees located on the property, and

Whereas the constraints of the property are such that the building is located only approximately 20 feet from the inside edge of the sidewalk and it is therefore not feasible to set back the gates any distance from the proposed location in such a manner that would permit a vehicle to safely enter and navigate the driveway, and

Whereas there is currently street parking on 34<sup>th</sup> St that provides a protected area for a car seeking to enter the property from 34<sup>th</sup> St so that the car would not block traffic on 34<sup>th</sup> St,

Whereas the Embassy has a separate entrance located at the rear of the property and has provided a traffic plan that would ensure that cars turning from 34<sup>th</sup> St onto the property do not obstruct the flow of traffic on 34<sup>th</sup> Street during any period of time when parking is restricted on 34<sup>th</sup> St., and

Be it therefore Resolved that ANC3C has no objection to the application and

Be it further Resolved that the Chair, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee are authorized to represent the Commission on this issue.

# Attested by

Catherine May

Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on October 19, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners was present.

7. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space Permit application (#116877) for Bollard(s) Embassy of New Zealand, 37 Observatory Circle NW:

Commissioner May read and moved a resolution on this matter. After several friendly amendments, motion passed by voice vote.

# ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-038 Regarding DDOT Public Space Application (#116877) for Permit to Install Bollards in Public Space for Embassy of New Zealand, 37 Observatory Circle NW

Whereas the Embassy of New Zealand, located at 37 Observatory Circle in an R-1-B neighborhood and in the Naval Observatory Tree and Slope Protection Overlay had filed an application (Public Space Permit #116877) for Fixture: Bollards to be placed in public space in front of the Embassy and existing driveway bollards to be relocated, and

Whereas there are two significant trees located in Public Space that will be affected by the placement of the bollards, and

Whereas, the bollards are to be 3'2" in height spaced at a distance of 3'8" in public space and will be located several feet set in from the inside edge of the sidewalk, and

Whereas the existing bollards located in the semicircular drive will be removed and relocated and set in at such a distance that a car turning in to the property from Observatory Circle will not obstruct traffic, and

Whereas the plan calls for solid pillars of 600mm height to be located at the building restriction line at either side of the relocated bollards in the semicircular driveway, and

Be it therefore resolved that ANC3C has no objection to the plan provided a Tree Protection Plan is in place to ensure that the footings for the bollards and any electrical conduits do not damage the trees in public space,

Be it further resolved that ANC3C encourages the Embassy of New Zealand to refrain from using LED lighting on the driveway bollards, and

Be it further Resolved that the Chair, the Commissioner for ANC3C08 or their designee are authorized to represent the Commission on this issue.

# Attested by



Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

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8. Consideration of a DDOT application to convert public parking to diplomatic parking for Chancery of the Embassy of Sri Lanka, 3025 Whitehaven Street, NW:

Commissioner May read and moved a resolution on this matter. The motion passed by voice vote.

# ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-039

Regarding DDOT Public Space Application for Conversion of Public Parking to Diplomatic Parking Only for the Embassy of Sri Lanka, 3025 Whitehaven Parkway NW

Whereas, DDOT has notified ANC3C of its intent to approve the request of the Embassy of Sri Lanka to designate current RPP parking in front of the Embassy/Chancery located at 3025 Whitehaven Parkway NW in an R-1-B neighborhood as "Diplomatic Only" and has given ANC3C opportunity to comment on this plan, and

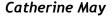
Whereas, when the Embassy of Sri Lanka sought approval in 2013 to locate its Embassy/Chancery in a residential neighborhood at 3025 Whitehaven Parkway NW (BZA 18564) the Embassy represented that it would provide seven onsite parking spaces and represented that its employees would use public transportation and represented that the online visa application would minimize even foot traffic to the Chancery (see attached Resolution 2013-012 dated April 15, 2013, and

Whereas parking on Whitehaven Parkway is an extremely limited resource and the remaining private homes and other citizens and visitors would be denied the use of public space and parking on Whitehaven Parkway,

Be it therefore Resolved that ANC3C objects to the further designation of any parking spaces on Whitehaven Parkway as "Diplomatic Only" and asks DDOT to deny this request, and

Be it further resolved that the Chair, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee be authorized to represent the Commission on this issue.

# Attested by



Vice-Chair, on October 19, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on October 19, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners was present.

#### VIII. ANC Coordination Issues

- 1. **Mayor's Meeting:** Mike Matthews, Ward 3 Liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services requested support from ANC3C on Homeward DC, the strategic initiative to end homelessness in DC.
- 2. **Council** Nothing presented
- ANCs Commissioner Bole commended Councilmember Bonds for sponsoring a recent City-wide training for ANC Commissioners.

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

# 1. Secretary's Report:

Commissioner Bole moved approval of the minutes from September 21, 2015 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### 2. <u>Treasurer's Report:</u>

Commissioner Siegel moved approval of Q4 Quarterly Report. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### 3. Administrative Issues:

Commissioner MacWood noted that the December HPRB meetings are before the scheduled December meeting of ANC3C. She recommended moving the ANC3C public meeting date. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to reschedule the public meeting to Tuesday Dec 15th. Motion passed by voice vote.

# 4. SMD Reports:

- **01**: Commissioner Reba stated that he had submitted a letter (co-signed by Commissioner Bole) to BZA to revisit their consideration of the Nando's restaurant approval provisions.
- 05: Commissioner Siegel noted that the Connecticut Avenue Coalition may be happening.
- **08**: Commissioner May provided an update on the Savoy application: the BZA appeal has been stayed for a month pending outcome of investigation of hours of similar establishments in ANC3C and ANC3B.
- **09**: Commissioner MacWood noted that HPRB applications are going to be filed later this week for Washington International School's new construction, as well as applications for the new Cleveland Park library. She has also received complaints about construction workers parking on 33<sup>rd</sup> Place.

# X. Adjournment:

Commissioner Bole moved to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

The next meeting of ANC3C is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Room of MPD 2D, 3320 Idaho Avenue NW. Please check anc3c.org for any updates.

Attested by:

Gwendolyn Bole Secretary