

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
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Draft Minutes Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C November 16, 2015 Public Meeting MPD2D Community Room, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW

7:30PM

I. Establishment of Quorum

At 7:31pm. Commissioner Roller, Chair, acknowledged that, with seven Commissioners present, a quorum had been established and called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Silveira, Barkmann, Valdez, May, MacWood, and Bole. Commissioner Reba arrived at 7:35pm.

II. Verification of Notice

Commissioner Roller verified that notice was given on the ANC3C website, 8 local community listservs, Twitter, and in the Northwest Current newspaper.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner May moved to move the application regarding 2901 34th Street to Consent Calendar. Motion was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Silveira stated the application for Embassy Church had been postponed by Public Space and that he had notified the applicant that ANC3C would not hear the case this evening, Discussion resulted in the matter being left on the agenda. Commissioner Roller moved approval of the modified agenda. Motion was approved by voice vote.

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- II. Verification of Notice (Listserves: CP, WP, MAHCA, CAH, MG, OG, QH, Ward3DC, and NWC, Twitter)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Forum
- VI. Consent Calendar
 - 1. Consideration of a BZA Special Exception for 3530 Edmunds Street NW
 - 2. Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for an unpermitted fence in public space at 2901 34th Street NW

VII. Commission Business

- 1. Presentation by DC Office of Planning concerning a proposal to increase the boundaries of the Rock Creek Park Historic District to include several stream valleys that are officially part of Rock Creek Park.
- 2. Presentation by DC Public Library on status of Cleveland Park Library reconstruction.
- 3. Regarding Grant Presentation by Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Boosters, which is requesting \$2370 to purchase 8 new oars for the Crew Team.
- 4. Consideration of a resolution supporting preservation of the etched glass windows and donor plaques in the Cleveland Park Library.
- 5. Consideration of an HPRB application for a rear addition and garage to 3414 Newark Street NW
- 6. Review of DDOT Public Space parking application #113460 on Public Space, partially on the area known as Hamilton Circle, in front of Embassy Church, 3855 Massachusetts Ave NW.

VIII. ANC Coordination Issues

- 1. Mayor's Meeting:
- 2. Council
- 3. ANCs
- IX. Officer's Reports/Committee Reports, Administration Issues, SMD Reports
 - 1. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting
 - 2. Treasurer's Report:
 - 3. Administrative Issues: Consideration of ANC3C 2016 Public Meeting Calendar
 - 4. SMD Reports:
- K. Adjournment

IV. Announcements

Commissioner MacWood announced that a contributing house in Cleveland Park had been demolished and she asked the architect and owner to attend the meeting to answer questions regarding this incident. Commissioner May moved that this item be heard during Community Forum. Motion was approved by voice vote.

V. Community Forum

- 1. Neighbor of 2701 Wisconsin AV NW stated that a fence greater than 42 inches was added in public space on the property. In addition, the house may be an Air B&B and a party venue. Commissioner May will investigate and add this to the ANC3C December agenda.
- 2. Ralph Cunningham, architect, explained the demolition of 3515 Woodley Rd NW. When the underpinning of the house was done, the west wall cracked in half. DCRA condemned the house as an emergency action item. The house was then demolished. Owner plans to restore the house to the same configuration, and will utilize the same plans as previously submitted to HPRB for the approved renovations.
- 3. Community member stated that persons who appear to be homeless are still camping at St Luke's Church. Commissioner May said she would follow up with communication between the Church, community and the police, but she would need copies of correspondence between the groups.

VI. Consent Calendar

1. Consideration of a BZA Special Exception for <u>3530 Edmunds Street NW</u> - no objection to removal of window and 2 story addition.



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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-044 Regarding BZA Special Exception for Removal of Bay Window and Addition of Two-story addition for 3530 Edmunds Street, NW

Whereas, the owners of 3530 Edmunds street NW have applied for a special exception to remove an existing bay window and construct a two story addition at the rear of their home which would violate the side yard set back under the R1B regulations (DCRA file job B1509403 BZA FY1588Z), and

Whereas, this home is one of two semi detached homes in a neighborhood of single family dwellings most of which were built before the regulations went into effect, and

Whereas, the proposed addition would add 21 sq ft to the footprint of the home raising the lot occupancy from 38.9% to 39.4%, and

Whereas, all immediately affected neighbors have been notified by the applicant and none have voiced objection, and

Whereas, the proposed addition is modest and does not impose on the light air or privacy of the adjoining property:

Therefore be it resolved that ANC3C has no objection to the proposed addition,

And be it further resolved that the Chair of ANC3C, the Commissioner of ANC3C08, or their designee is authorized to represent the commission on this issue.

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on November 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on November 16, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

 Consideration of a DDOT Public Space application for an unpermitted fence greater than 42" in public space at 2901 34th Street NW -



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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-040 Regarding DDOT Public Space Application (#116276) to Locate a Fence >42" in Public Space for 2901 34th Street, NW

WHEREAS the owners of 2901 34th St NW have submitted a Public Space Application (PS 116276) to locate a fence greater than 42 inches in Public Space, and

WHEREAS the owners have subsequently changed the address of their home to 3333 Garfield St NW and intend to locate the front door of their home on Garfield St, and

WHEREAS the owners must submit a new set of plans with the intended location of the fence specifying the new address and correcting several modifications to the proposed plans,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C objects to the plans as they now stand because they are not accurate and do not reflect the current address and consequently ANC3C cannot accurately assess or pass comment on the plans, and

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C reserves the right to review the final application demonstrating the new address of the home at 3333 Garfield St NW and all intended modifications and requests that Public Space forward the new plans and if necessary extend the comment period to allow ANC3C sufficient time to review the final plans and to comment on the plans at the December 15th ANC3C meeting,

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

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on November 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on November 16, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Commissioner Roller moved approval of the consent calendar. Motion was approved by voice vote.

VII. Commission Business

1. Presentation by DC Office of Planning concerning a proposal to increase the boundaries of the Rock Creek Park Historic District to include several stream valleys that are officially part of Rock Creek Park:

Josh Torres, Culture Resource Program Manager, made the presentation. The proposal encompasses boundaries to include several reservations that serve as gateways in to the park and already under jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The amended historic district will also include two small properties that are DC lands: Klingle Valley and Soapstone Valley.

Mr. Torres noted that there is no impact with respect to additional regulation or oversight to DC residents. The historic designation is promotional in nature - DC will still maintain the properties. National park service land is not developable. Kim Williams, with HPO, added that their office asked for historic inclusion, as historic districts should be contiguous parcels of land. She noted that the National Park does not own Klingle Road. In addition, the National Register is just a listing and not an ownership change.

2. Presentation on status of Cleveland Park Library construction

Richard Reyes-Galivan, Executive Director of DCPL system, provided some statistics. The Cleveland Park branch library is the most trafficked branch in DC - 251,000 entered the doors of CP library last year. The renovation will increase the library space from 15,000sf to 27,000sf. Multiple meetings have been held regarding the project.

Matt Bell, architect, provided information on the exterior of the physical building as proposed. Plans will be available on library website.

Commissioner Bole expressed concern over the number of different materials planned for the exterior. Commissioner Reba expressed concern re: the design of the windows. Commissioner MacWood expressed a concern with the fundamental design as a sum of parts with no cohesion. She expressed concern about the maximum height being on the residential sides of the library instead of it being on the front side, facing the commercial district. She noted that the Cleveland Park Club will host a presentation on December 2, 2015.

3. Consideration of grant to Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Boosters, which is requesting \$2370 to purchase 8 new oars for the Crew Team:

Commissioner May provided details and moved to support the grant application. Commissioner Bole asked if the recipients would sign an agreement that they will turn in receipts within 60 days and that they are nonprofit organization. She will draft an agreement. The motion to award the grant passed by voice vote.

4. Consideration of a resolution supporting preservation of the etched glass windows and donor plaques in the Cleveland Park Library:

Commissioner MacWood provided an overview of this matter. Commissioner Reba offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. The motion passed by voice vote.



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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-041 Resolution Regarding Incorporating Memorial Artifacts into New Cleveland Park Library Building, located at 3310 Connecticut Avenue, NW

WHEREAS, the DC Public Library (DCPL) has decided to reconstruct the Cleveland Park Library and has committed to a design and internal program that includes features that the community values; and

WHEREAS, the community has expressed a strong interest in preserving the series of glass etching windows depicting scenes from Catherine Cate Coblantz' children's books that currently mark the entrance to the library's children's section, and the small Blue Cat sculpture that represents her most famous character; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Cate Coblantz was a notable writer of children's books in the 1930's and 1940's who was the recipient of a Newberry Medal and who was instrumental in raising funds to purchase the land for the Cleveland Park Library; and

WHEREAS, the community has also expressed a strong interest in preserving three brass memorial plaques (currently located on tombstone-like fixtures in the Macomb St. tree grove) that the community purchased to memorialize these individuals for their uncommon service to the library and one brass plaque on a bench honoring the long-time volunteer library gardener:

BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C strongly urges the DCPL to preserve the windows, cat, and plaques and to feature them in the new building, or in the case of the plaques outside the building, if that is more appropriate;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C asks the DCPL to inform ANC 3C of its intentions with regard to these items;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and the commissioner for SMD 3C09 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on November 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on November 16, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

5. Consideration of an HPRB application for a rear addition and garage to 3414 Newark Street NW

George Meyers, architect of G team architects, provided background on the application. Commissioner MacWood introduced a resolution on the application. Commissioner Roller asked for a Roll Call vot

Motion passed by a vote of 7-1-1.

Silviera - yes Barkmann - yes Valdez - Abstain May - yes Roller - no Bole - yes MacWood - yes Reba - yes Siegel - yes via proxy



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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-042 Regarding HPRB Application for Concept Approval for New Garage and Addition for 3414 Newark Street, NW

Whereas, the owner of 3414 Newark St. has filed with the Historic Preservation Review Board for concept approval of an addition and new garage; and

Whereas, the house at 3414 Newark is a contributing structure in the Cleveland Park Historic District; and

Whereas, the existing rear portion of the structure is organized with 3-levels of porches, two open and one enclosed, and a one-car garage; and

Whereas, the existing house is 1,067 sf plus screened porch and the application proposes to remove the 13 feet deep porches and add approximately 546 sf plus screened porch and deck to the ground floor and 480 sf plus balcony to the second floor; and

Whereas, the proposed addition would add more than 50% new structure to the original house footprint; and

Whereas, the proposed ground floor addition on the east (driveway) side of the house would be setback from an original bay window projection for approximately 2 feet and then would project beyond the original side wall approximately 4 feet for the length (approximately 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet plus approximately 10 feet of new screened porch) of the addition; and

Whereas the original house is approximately 37 feet in length along the east wall and the addition would be approximately 19 feet of length plus approximately 10 feet of screened porch; and

Whereas, the proposed addition on the west side of the house would extend approximately 22 feet from the original side wall of 39 feet 5 inch and would be setback approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet for the majority of the addition and another approximately 2 feet for the last 6 feet plus unenclosed deck; and

Whereas, the application proposes to widen half of the shared driveway to 12 feet, angle the increase starting in front of the front porch, and extend it approximately 13 feet (original dimensions not provided) and construct a new one car, free standing garage, 22 feet X 12 feet; and

Whereas, the proposed addition would be finished with stucco and hardieplank lap siding with an asphalt shingle roof; and

Whereas, the application includes replacing all of the original windows with an in-kind design and installing one-over-over windows in the addition; and

Whereas, the adjoining neighbors have expressed concerns about the size of the addition and its impact on large trees near their property lines; and

Whereas, the proposal may trigger a pervious surface percentage requirement per Sec. 412.1(d) and 412.3 and the ANC wants to alert the owner to that issue:

Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) supports the removal of the badly damaged and unsafe rear porches and generally supports the architectural design of the addition as compatible with the Cleveland Park Historic District, but the ANC does not support specific aspects of the proposal as listed below:

- -the depth of the addition, which would double the side walls of the house on both the east and west sides and result in too much new construction;
- -the location of a new garage that would require possible removal of mature trees and would introduce a large structure visible from both Newark St. and Macomb St. into a block that has no free standing garages in the rear yard; and
- -the addition projection beyond the original east side wall of the house because the addition would extend 2/3 of the length of the original house and violate the practice of having meaningful separation of the addition from the original contributing structure and would make it more difficult to locate a garage within the house; and
- -the increase in the width of half of the shared driveway up to the neighbor's garage because it would result in an awkward alteration of the existing shared driveway symmetry;

Be It Further Resolved that ANC 3C urges the HPRB to explore with the applicant locating a new garage within the house footprint as is the existing design and incorporating a reasonable-sized turn around as is currently provided; allowing a 10 foot wide driveway starting behind the neighbor's garage if it would accommodate the garage within the house footprint; and the need to remove all the original windows and the appropriateness of the one-over-one window design for the addition given the large number of windows proposed;

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

Attested by

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Carl Roller

Chair, on November 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 7-1-1, on November 16, 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. Consideration of Embassy Church Review of DDOT Public Space parking application #113460 on Public Space, partially on the area known as Hamilton Circle, in front of Embassy Church, 3855 Massachusetts Ave NW:

Commissioner Silviera provided an overview and read and moved a resolution on the matter. Commissioner May and Commissioner MacWood both made friendly amendments, which were accepted by Commissioner Silveira. Motion passed by voice vote. Commissioner Roller noted that to his knowledge, ANC3C had never supported any applications allowing parking in public space.



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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-043 Regarding DDOT Public Space Application (#113460) for Parking Spaces for Embassy Church, located at 3855 Massachusetts Avenue NW

WHEREAS the Owner of 3855 Massachusetts Ave NW, also known as Embassy Church, has filed for a Public Space permit to locate several parking spaces on its property within the public space set-back, as well as in front of its property in the area known as Hamilton Circle, a planned Circle, as detailed in the DC TOPS PS Application #113460.

WHEREAS, the area known as Hamilton Circle, located in the intersection of Mass Ave, Idaho Ave and 39th St NW, is a major intersection, with several neighboring properties, including two R5 residential buildings, two Churches, and two R2 housing districts. With all properties bordering Hamilton Circle respecting the public space set-back, locating their parking within the proper set-back regulations, except for the owners residing at 3855 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, which has a private driveway and private parking spaces located within such public space, without having received any public review to date.

WHEREAS, the entirety of Hamilton Circle is located within two ANC districts, ANC3B and ANC3C, with the property at 3855 Massachusetts Avenue NW, being located within the boundaries of the ANC3C, and adjacent to the boundaries of the ANC3B.

WHEREAS, the property at 3855 Massachusetts Avenue NW and neighboring public space has 30 existing parking spaces, as detailed in the application, with no documentation available detailing the permit history for said parking spaces.

WHEREAS, the AN3C finds that

- a) of the 30 parking spaces, 13 are located on the private space of the property (albeit within the public space set-back, aka building restriction area in front of the Church, a zoning violation),
- b) 17 of those parking spaces are located on the public space of Hamilton Circle, outside the perimeter of the property, as observed in the DC Zoning Atlas, with no record of having paid rent for public space ever, and
- c) a driveway servicing the parking area with no permit records as well.

WHEREAS, neither the 17 parking spaces on public space, nor the 13 perking spaces within the public parking space of the property, nor the driveway servicing these parking spaces have ever been subject to proper public review by the ANC3C to date.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property has a history of operating without the proper regulatory permits, and has been the subject of several ANC3C Resolutions, including Resolution 2015-005, regarding its improper use of the space on and abutting Hamilton Circle.

WHEREAS, the ANC3C, via its SMD-07 Commissioner, has received from all immediate property neighbors to 3855 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, detailed accounts of negative impact on the peace and order of the neighborhood by the residents of the property (evidenced in BZA Appeal 18827), child activities associated with the child development center (that was permitted without a special exception) and its de-facto playground (also installed and operated without a special exception), all users of the current un-permitted driveway and parking at 3855 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C is of the opinion that the public space of Hamilton Circle should be respected by all neighboring properties.

BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC3C finds that the 17 parking spaces on Public Space are not a part of the character of the neighborhood, with such parking spaces considered a nuisance that decreases public space use by the residents, hereby improperly appropriating a part of public space for private use, without any prior public review whatsoever.

BE IT RESOLVED, the ANC3C supports preserving the integrity of the public space of Hamilton Circle, and objects transforming this green public space into a private parking lot. Whereas, Hamilton Circle is a major planned landmark of our City, that should be preserved, protected, and should not be developed as a private parking lot.

BE IT RESOLVED, the ANC3C opposes the Public Space Application #113460, and objects to any placement of public or private parking within the public space of Hamilton Circle, or any other property abutting Hamilton Circle. Specifically, the ANC3C objects to the 17 parking spaces on the public space of Hamilton Circle, on the grounds that any implicit temporary permit to use said public space should be revoked (the fact that the property enjoyed free parking on public space in the past, does not mean that such use should continue). The ANC3C objects to the permanent alteration of Hamilton Circle with parking spaces, because Hamilton Circle should remain a part of the Park System of Washington, DC.

BE IT RESOLVED the ANC3C objects to the 13 parking spaces located in front of the property located within the public space setback, which is a violation of Zoning Rules (Title 11 DCMR §2116.4 and others), and requests the Zoning Administrator to review the 13 parking spaces located within the Church Property for compliance with the Zoning Regulations. Specifically, the number of parking spaces

should be reduced to no more than 3 parking spaces (per Title 11 DCMR §2116.3), unless the owner files and receives a special exception.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that given the lack of prior public review of the driveway servicing 3855 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, the ANC3C requests DDOT PS the opportunity to review the configuration and placement of the driveway after the issue of the parking on the property has been addressed, with the view of minimizing the adverse impact of the private driveway of this property owner on the public space of Hamilton Circle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and the Commissioner for SMD 3C07 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on November 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on November 16, 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 was informed of several instances of leaves being left in the street after the scheduled leaf pickup. Commissioner May asked if the District would consider mulching mowers in parkland. Mr. Matthews noted that there had been a Ribbon Cutting celebrating Alley Pallooza for an alleyway in SMD03.

Commissioner Reba asked about Emergency Procedures in DC - can a presentation be made to the ANCs in light of the recent global attacks? Mr. Matthews noted that HCEMA briefed the Mayor's Office. They can make a presentation.

- 2. Council Commissioner May asked that CM Cheh's office look into restricting use of leaf blowers during construction hours. Commissioner Bole noted that many cities ban them and that should be considered.
- 3. ANCs nothing to report

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

- 1. Secretary's Report: Commissioner Bole moved approval of the minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - Commissioner Bole asked the commission to approve spending \$100 to buy a device that will promote recording of the public meeting on her iPhone. Commissioner Roller moved to approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 2. Treasurer's Report: Nothing at this time.
- 3. Administrative Issues: Consideration of ANC3C 2016 Public Meeting Calendar: Commissioner May moved approval of the 2016 P&Z and Public Meeting Calendars. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 4. SMD Reports:
 - 08: Commissioner May noted several issues have arisen in her SMD: difficulty in getting a response from DCRA regarding commercial use of residential properties, a 34th Street house being used as office space, the Air B&B issue in residential neighborhoods, the large number of requests for fences in public space, the problems ongoing at St. Luke's church, and the noise generated by Leaf Blowers.
 - 06: Commissioner Roller noted that in the 3700 block of 39th Street a woman was trying to enter her building when she was approached from behind and an unknown assailant lifted her skirt. The police were called but assailant was not caught. Also, at the intersection of 39th and Newark Streets, a dog on leash was hit by vehicle, which did not stop. MPD had cruiser parked there several months ago in an attempt to slow down the traffic. The neighborhood may request speed humps.

- 05: Commissioner MacWood for Commissioner Siegel reported that HPRB and BZA hearings for 3008 Ordway Street have been postponed to December. She will also be meeting with Councilmember Cheh's Chief of Staff regarding the appeal of the parking situation on Porter Street.
- 04: Commissioner Barkmann noted that he is waiting on the Organic Market ABRA application for beer and wine sales
- 01: Commissioner Reba noted he will present a resolution in December on homelessness. He noted that Air B&B is a big issue and impacts hotels and DC taxes. The Kennedy Warren sidewalks were restored and new grass planted, as well as the street resurfaced. Finally, Noodles and Company has closed and Nando's is coming into neighborhood. Commissioner MacWood asked if there was a public meeting regarding the amended Zoo hours. Commissioner Reba stated that amending the hours was a way to implement security measures.
- X. Adjournment: Commissioner Roller moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41pm.

The next meeting of ANC3C is scheduled for Tuesday December 15, at 7:30pm in the Ballroom of McLean Gardens, 3811 Porter Street NW. Please check anc3c.org for any updates.