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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2016-021
Resolution Regarding Increasing the Budget Authority for the New
Cleveland Park Branch Library, 3310 Connecticut Avenue NW

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) intends to demolish the existing Cleveland Park Library and construct a new 2-story library that will serve the entire ANC 3C area; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Park Library provides one of the few public assembly options in ANC 3C since there is no community center or recreation center; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Park Library has the highest number of patrons of any branch library in the DCPL system; and

WHEREAS, DCPL presented the ANC and the community with a proposal to increase all program areas, including 5,230sf of meeting and assembling space; and

WHEREAS, DCPL has recently revised the plans to remove 4,000sf of program, including a 2,800sf assembly space, kitchen, circulation space, and associated spaces, from the basement level and to leave much of the basement unexcavated; and

WHEREAS, this significant revision has resulted in adding slightly more meeting space on the first floor and reducing program space; and

WHEREAS, DCPL has stated to ANC 3C commissioners that the revisions are due to a budget gap of \$1.1million between the \$18.6million budgeted for the project and the actual construction costs; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3C commissioners were copied on a March 28, 2016 letter from the Woodley Park Community Association to Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Executive Director of DCPL, urging DCPL to request more funding to provide needed additional assembly space, and on a March 30, 2016 letter to Councilmember Mary Cheh from the Cleveland Park Citizens Association and a similar April 12, 2016 letter from the Friends of the Cleveland Park Library urging the Council to appropriate additional funds to cover the budget gap for assembly space:

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C strongly urges the DC Council or Mayor Muriel Bowser to approve and fund a \$1.1million addition to the Cleveland Park Library project budget in order to fully excavate and outfit the basement level for current and future program needs;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C understands that the small Cleveland Park Library lot bordered by streets on three sides and with zoning overlay development restrictions is limited in how program features can be expanded, and thus, it is imperative to utilize the basement level that is less limited by zoning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C finds that it is prudent long-term planning to maximize the lot with development in order to accommodate the very high level of current usage and to facilitate growth in program needs as the service population increases; and

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C authorizes the Chair and the SMD 3C09 Commissioner to represent the ANC on this matter.

Attested by



Carl Roller

Chair, on April 18, 2016

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on April 18, 2016 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.