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COMMISSION 3-C

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MINUTES

January 26, 1981

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM at the Second District Police Headquarters, Chairman Gary Kopff presiding. Commissioner Kaj Strand (06) was absent due to hospitalization. Registration cards were distributed.

B. Verification of notice was established.

C. December minutes were approved without correction.

D. Vice-Chairman's Report

Lucy Weisz, representing the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute, outlined the terms for renewal of ANC-3C's contract with that organization. She reported that this Commission is presently \$87.00 ahead on its 1980 contract, but must renew at the \$30.00 per hour rate at, probably, a \$1000.00 minimum level. Without a contract, the Commission would have to pay a \$35.00 hourly rate for ABH Institute's legal services. The Commission was reminded that the contract's price figure doesn't necessarily reflect the limit of ABH's potential services, in terms of hours, to the Commission, since student research time is provided at no additional cost. Grinnell moved to renew the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute contract at a \$1000.00 minimum level, that level to be revised if necessary by ABH Institute administrative decision, at a later date. Goldblatt seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

In addition, Ms. Weisz reported that the Institute had completed the final draft of their report on sexually-oriented business establishments. They are also working on an update report on the Alcoholic Beverage Control laws, which have undergone recent changes.

E. Treasurer's Report

At the Treasurer's request, the question of an \$180.00 grant to Joy of Motion, Inc., previously approved at the December meeting, was reopened. Mr. Grinnell announced that he'd received no written request for a check in the approved amount. In addition, he questioned what may have constituted a breach in the customary granting procedure at that December meeting, in his absence--that is, that the committee chairperson in charge of presenting a recommendation regarding that particular grant had not had ample opportunity to make her report. Ruth Haugen emphasized that this matter had been reopened in spite of her protest, but it was nevertheless the will of the Commission to reopen and rediscuss. Ms. Haugen explained to the Commission that

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she felt strongly that Human Resources and Aging budgeted funds would be best used to enhance citizen participation and facilitate communication to the community. In addition, she reiterated consistent ANC-3C policy that funds not be granted on an ongoing basis; therefore, she felt her committee had to know how this particular ongoing activity would fund itself after the ANC funds had run out. Discussion among Commissioners followed regarding the appropriateness of this particular organization's application for a grant from the ANC. Treasurer Grinnell remarked for the record that his reintroduction of this issue, originally a procedural matter, had emerged as one of substance as well. Mr. Goldblatt moved to displace the December vote to fund, asking that specific information, such as whether Joy of Motion, Inc. qualifies as a 5013C non-profit corporation, be gathered and that a representative of the corporation attend the February meeting. Grinnell seconded. Ms. Major will write a letter immediately to Joy of Motion, Inc. apologizing for ANC-3C's delay in this matter.

2. No report was given about the 1981 budget at this time.
3. Commission approved by a 6-2 vote to support the request by ANC-3E that all Ward III ANC's contribute, proportionally to their constituent populations, toward buying a duplicating machine for the Second District Police Station. Such a machine would be used, according to Capt. Ed Spurlock, as a facilitating mechanism for communication to the Ward III citizens about certain programs, presently and to be planned in the future by the Police to protect the neighborhoods. The record shows that Commissioner and Commission Treasurer Grinnell objects to ANC-3C's proposed largest Ward III share of \$400 toward the \$2000.00 expenditure. Commission approval included the stipulation that no ANC-3C check be issued until each Ward III ANC had committed its share. A letter will be written to ANC-3E to that effect. A motion to give each Commissioner discretion regarding expenditure or not of its portion of the proposed \$400.00 was defeated 1-8.
4. The Treasurer reported that a quarterly payment had been received from the D.C. Government and credited to ANC-3C's Interstate account, thus bringing its new balance to \$810 . .
5. The Treasurer has submitted the fourth fiscal 1980 quarterly report (revised) and the first fiscal 1981 quarterly report for the Chairman's signature. The Chairman will work out outstanding discrepancies with the Treasurer before signing.
6. The Treasurer reported having transferred all ANC-3C funds into the Interstate Federal account in order to earn interest, yet retain flexibility to write checks.

F. Secretary's Report

1. The Second District Police Station is not available for the February meeting. An alternate meeting place will be arranged by L. Major and communicated to Commissioners.
3. The Secretary distributed copies of an abridged version of Roberts' Rules of Order, published by the League of Women Voters, to each Commissioner.

- 4. Ruth Haugen announced that Karen Benefield is the new *Acting* director of the Office of Community Services. She replaces Hans Larsen, who has moved to the D.C. Recreation Department.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Phil Mendelson placed his own name in nomination as new Commission Chairman; Pat Wamsley seconded. Joe Goldblatt moved that Gary Kopff be reelected Chairman; David Grinnell seconded. Kopff was reelected by a 6-1-1 vote.

Vice Chairman: Pat Wamsley nominated Phil Mendelson as Vice-Chairman; Mendelson seconded. Charles Szoradi renominated Joe Goldblatt as Vice-Chairman; Goldblatt was reelected by a 5-3-0 vote.

Secretary: Ruth Haugen and David Grinnell were reelected to their
 Treasurer: respective positions by acclamation.

STANDING COMMITTEES: REPORTS AND ISSUES

Zoning

- a. and b. Recommendations of the Zoning Committee on the Bryson variance on 3212 Klinge Rd. NW and the La Fleur Restaurant at the Alban Towers (Wisconsin and Massachusetts Aves. NW) were approved unanimously, with the understanding that the Chair would write letter to BZA indicating this Commission decision. See attached. *Report*
- c. Sheraton Park case It was reported that \$5000.00 had been raised in a door-to-door campaign to help repay the large legal debt incurred in the case. Ruth Haugen moved that ANC-3C authorize \$124.00 for administrative costs plus additional funds up to a \$500.00 ceiling amount for communications to aid the Woodley Park Community Association in repaying some of its Sheraton Park case debts. She made a second request that ANC-3C authorize some of its Anne Blaine Harrison Institute contract time for research regarding the Sheraton Park case. This would reduce the work of WPCA's counsel Jack Heller and consequently WPCA's mounting legal fees. A motion to deduct \$500.00 from the \$2000.00 owed to ANC-3C by the WPCA until completion of the Woodley Park Plan was defeated 2-5, Szoradi abstaining. A motion to rescind ANC-3C's September 1980 demand for return of that \$2000.00 after ninety days if the Plan were still not completed (January 27, 1981), at the same time extending that original ^{days} deadline another thirty ^{days} was made by Goldblatt. Mendelson went on record as opposed to the extension; motion was defeated 6-2.
 A motion to authorize \$500.00 ceiling funding to WPCA for administrative costs on the Sheraton Park case passed 6-2.
 The Commission unanimously approved a ceiling of ten hours of ANC-3C contract time with Anne Blaine Harrison Institute to be used for research in the Sheraton Park case, pending a conclusion by ABH Institute representatives and neighborhood volunteer attorneys (Woodley Park) that such research would not amount to the type of preparation for litigation specifically forbidden in the ANC law.
- d. Tregaron update A zoning change for this site in the form of a P.U.D. will be presented to the board of directors of "Friends of Tregaron." They will keep the ANC's informed.

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Transportation

- a. Clark Row presented the Recreation Committee's recommendations regarding the proposed alternatives for the Beach Drive bicycle paths. Of the alternatives, which range from a proposed \$850,00 for full-width bicycle paths to none at all, involving none to complete closing of Beach Drive, the committee recommends that ANC-3C approve installation of a permanent bike path along the segment of Beach Drive between Klinge Rd. and Pierce Mill. The committee further recommends that auto traffic be allowed access at all hours to all park facilities along Beach Drive. Clark distinguished for the Commission the difference in problems in bike path construction between the lower and upper ends of the Drive. The lower, where ANC-3C's interest will focus, should be simpler and involve far less expense. The two, therefore, should ideally be considered separately, so that the lower construction might be done even if the upper proves economically unfeasible at this time. The Commission unanimously approved Clark's recommendations and authorized him to write a letter to this effect on behalf of the Commission.
- b. Linda Major reported that copies of ANC-3C's letter responding officially to DOT's Reno Road Plan had been distributed to all Commissioners. No response has been received from DOT.

Crime Prevention

- b. Ruth Haugen reported that Juanita Thornton, Chairperson of the D.C. Commission on Aging, met with Councilmember David Clarke, Eugene Kinlow and others to discuss ways in which they might address themselves to the problem of truant D.C. students committing crimes against senior citizens.
- d. Cathedral Neighborhood Watch For a \$10 membership fee, residents of the 3C-07 area have received decals for their autos and signs for their houses. Funds are being raised in that community to purchase a 2-way radio which will communicate directly with the Second District Police. Ruth Haugen recommended that Gary Kopff contact Nate Ferris of the Woodley Park neighborhood about this project. Chairman Kopff was reminded of his responsibility as chairman of ANC-3C to coordinate community efforts/concerns with the ANC. David Grinnell asked, for the record, that Neighborhood Watch or other signs not be attached to trees.

Housing

2850 27th St. NW Charles Szoradi reported that the Rental Accommodations Office had found ANC-3C's complaint valid enough to award triple damages with interest to the complainant.

Historic Preservation and Landmarks

Charles Szoradi asked Commissioners to consider a budget figure directed at expert research necessary to have Twin Oaks designated as a Historic landmark. Chairman suggested that this committee submit a proposal in writing before the February meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Chris Klose (SMD-01) submitted a letter of resignation, effective at the close of this meeting. He will devote full volunteer energies to presidency of the Woodley Park Community Association. He recommends -01 resident Lynn Olman as his replacement and will supply the Commission with information about her. ✓

The Commission gave Chris Klose a unanimous acknowledgment for his advocacy of the neighborhood concept.

It was announced that John Brophy is resigning as Director of D.C. D.O.T.'s Parking Division. The ~~Coordinator~~ is directed to write a letter of commendation to Mr. Brophy, giving each Commissioner the opportunity to sign if he chooses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted for the Commission:



Linda D. Major, Recorder

Approved, as corrected:

Ruth Haugen

There are a total of three items for your attention and action.

1. BZA Case #13422. Application of Brady O. Bryson for the construction of a rear addition to the private residence located at 3212 Klinge Road in an R-1-B district. The district calls for single family lots. In fact the Bryson residence is in the middle unit of a triplex (historically called "community house" in the zoning regulations). As such the residence is a non-conforming structure. In an R-1-B district, there is an eight foot side yard requirement along each side. The proposed addition would be over an existing room (previously a garage) and would result in no loss of lot to structure but would violate the side yard requirement. This situation is almost identical to the situation of the Mitchells which the ANC considered earlier this term (mid summer, 1980) for their duplex located on Hawthorne Street. Committee recommendation, non-opposition with reasons for same and noting similarity to Mitchell case and lack of known opposition, conformance to zone plan as to integrity, etc.

2. BZA Case #13434. Application of Georgetown University (formally speaking, as it is owner of the property) and La Fleur restaurant, which operates in the property, located at 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Specific request: permit the restaurant to convert two windows on one side to doors and to erect a canopy and fence wall from the premises to a court formed by wings of the building. Variance is needed as the restaurant is legally a commercial adjunct to a hotel (the former St. Albans) and both the hotel and the commercial adjunct are now uses that would no longer be permitted as new uses under the recent changes to the regulations (the "hotel case"). The restaurant already has one door to the street (contrary to even the 1958 version of the zoning regulations) but this was installed prior to 1958 and is thus not illegal (grandfathered).

The restaurant presently has some 65 seats but, in general, does not serve the residents of the "hotel" and is thus not, in fact, a commercial adjunct. With the canopy, some 25 more seats would be added, with service through the doors in question. A variance is needed because no structural change in a non-conforming use can be made without one, particularly it if serves to expand the non-conforming use.

The restaurant has a parking area, served by valets, which is not fully used at present according to the restaurant manager. Some spaces are, in fact, rented out.

Committee recommendation is that we not oppose the application if two conditions are met (and the applicant is agreed to these): (1) the proposed fence and wall in the front is to be made a part of the order in the case and is to be so designed and installed that no access to the restaurant could be made by way of the court area and only existing entrances could be employed, and (2) the presently rented out parking spaces would be restored so as to be available to restaurant patrons -- parking is to be

sufficient for some 25 vehicles.

The ANC should be aware that this is not the usual area variance which requires a showing of a "practical difficulty" such as that caused by an odd-shaped lot or particular physical circumstance (as in the Bryson case, above). Rather this is a use-related variance which will result in the expansion of a non-conforming use and may, therefore, require the applicant to show "exceptional and undue hardship." This, is not something our non-opposition should be seen as providing; rather the ANC should ask the Board to ensure the applicable standard is met.

The Committee did not consider two issues that Commissioner Grinnell raised after our meeting of 1/22: (1) lighting of the canopied outdoor area and related signage, and (2) means by which to assure that the restaurant is not converted later into some other less attractive restaurant (e.g. McDonalds). ANC input on this is requested.

3. Beach Drive in Rock Creek. The Committee met with the Recreation Committee and is in agreement with the report that committee will offer.

At the same time, the Committee recommends that the ANC ask D.C. D.O.T. to explore other alternatives to augment the turning movement capacity of the streets involved, including extending the cycle time in all directions (this would help, as well, the pedestrian issue mentioned above).

In any event, the D.C. D.O.T. proposal is predicated on a suspicion that without it some congestion would develop. The ANC should recommend that D.C. D.O.T. defer, if not cancel, implementation of the one-way plan but have it, and alternatives to it, available to implement if congestion does, in fact, occur.

As an adjunct, it is recommended that the ANC request the reinstallation of the limitation on right turn on red at both Garfield Street approaches to Massachusetts Avenue to preclude such turns during the period from 7 am to 7 pm.

B. Areas of Designated Parking.

Comment: In general, where the roadway is three lanes, it will be reduced to two and parking will be allowed in the remaining area. Between Tilden Street-Springland Lane and Woodley Road, the D.C. D.O.T. proposal suggests parking be allowed on the west side and precluded on the east side. The segment between Tilden and Ordway is both curvy and hilly, and it crosses on "collector" street, Porter.

Recommendation. (1) that parking proposed to be allowed on the west side between Tilden and Rodman Street continue as that is the outside of the curve and will not impair vision; (2) that parking proposed to be allowed on the west side from Rodman to Quebec be changed to the east side so as to allow full vision around the curve (the east side is the outside of the curve for that segment); (3) that no parking be allowed on either side from Quebec to Ordway and that the middle lane be dedicated to queuing for vehicles turning from Reno onto Porter (from both directions) and from Reno onto Ordway (southbound, turning east, only -- at crest of hill. These recommendations derive, in part, from local terrain; part from the fact of local bus routes that turn at Porter-Reno; and part from concern that without the lane at Porter (southbound on Reno) that backups there would be substantial with fumes and noise impacting severely and adversely on that immediate area.

Parking should be allowed, as proposed, on the west side of Reno Road from Ordway to Woodley Road, after providing some distance, of course, for shifting the southbound lane to the middle after crossing the crest of the hill at Ordway.

C. When should the proposals be implemented?

Comment: The Notice is silent on the date at which the proposals should be implemented. There is concern that doing so before the Wisconsin Avenue area at Tenley Circle ("Sears Roebuck") and the approach to that area on Albermarle Street, and the Wisconsin Avenue-Western Avenue area at Friendship Heights have been restored from the current restrictions from Metrorail construction, would be counter productive because these areas impose restrictions on the capacity of Wisconsin Avenue that would otherwise not obtain.

In any event, the proposal could not be implemented until the Spring due to weather conditions needed for the work that the proposal requires.

Recommendation: That this ANC recommend to D.C. D.O.T. that it proceed to implement this proposal, adjusted to comments from this ANC and others, only when Wisconsin Avenue is fully restored at Tenley Circle and Friendship Heights and when Albermarle Street is re-opened at Tenley Circle. Likely date: Early Summer, 1981. At the same time, suggest that work be done over summer 1981 so as to be completed by reopening of school in the fall of 1981.

D. Are there proposals outside the immediate area of ANC 3-C which should be commented on in any event?

- o Albermarle Street area. Albermarle Street is on the District's system of "collector" streets. The Tenley Metrorail station portal will be on Albermarle, and this area is used as a regional shopping area for the upper Northwest. There will be a demand for left turns at that intersection that will be met by either long queues or penetration of other streets ("local" or "residential" in character and designation).

Recommendation: That this ANC suggest that D.C. D.O.T. revise their plans for the area to the south of the intersection of Albermarle and Reno so as to add a left turn lane for traffic proceeding north on Reno wishing to turn west on Albermarle. Note, this would be analagous to the proposal at Fessenden and probably reduce traffic on Fessenden as an earlier opportunity would present itself for a similar turning movement.

- o Proposed Right Turn Restrictions. D.C. D.O.T. has proposed to ban certain right turn movements in the morning rush hour in areas outside of ANC 3-C. In general, these would preclude eastbound traffic on side streets from heading south on Reno Road. This has been a very controversial matter and is feared will produce ripple effects as the traffic, like water, seeks to find its own level through side streets.

Recommendation: D.C. D.O.T. has indicated that if ripple effects do occur, they will take additional measures as warranted. It is the view of this Committee that the limitation on right turns is not a sure cure and that with the limitation on the number of lanes, the total capacity of Reno Road will decrease. At some point, it will be quicker to take Wisconsin or Connecticut rather than Reno. It seems appropriate, therefore, for the right-turn restrictions to be held in abeyance and used, if needed, rather than being implemented all at once.

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