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<p><i>Single Member District Commissioners</i>  01-Lee Brian Reba * 02-William Kummings * 03-Anne Marie Bairstow  04-Roger Burns * 05-Leila Afzal * 06-Trudy Reeves * 07- Victor Silveira  08-Catherine May * 09-Nancy MacWood</p>	<p>4025 Brandywine Street, NW  Washington, DC 20016-1843  Website <a href="http://www.anc3c.org">http://www.anc3c.org</a>  Email <a href="mailto:all@anc3c.org">all@anc3c.org</a></p>

**MINUTES**  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C**  
**March 15, 2010 Public Meeting**  
**Second District Police Station**  
**7:30 p.m.**

- I. **Establishment of Quorum:** At 7:33 p.m., Commissioner Anne-Marie Bairstow acknowledged that a quorum (5 of 9 commissioners) had been established, and called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C's (ANC 3C) regular monthly meeting on March 15, 2010. The meeting was held in the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Other Commissioners present were Leila Afzal, William Kummings, Nancy MacWood, and Victor Silveira. Commissioner Lee Brian Reba arrived at 7:38 p.m.; Commissioner Trudy Reeves arrived at 7:40 p.m. Commissioners Roger Burns and Catherine May were absent.
  
- II. **Verification of Notice:** Commissioner Bairstow verified that proper notice was published on the ANC 3C website, community listservs, and in the Northwest Current newspaper.
  
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Bairstow proposed the following change to the published agenda: delete Commission Business item a.) Consideration of letter in support of Peirce Mill, due to approval of funds for renovation by the National Park Service. Commissioner Bairstow moved approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Afzal. Motion passed by voice vote, 5-0.
  - I. Establishment of Quorum
  - II. Verification of Notice
  - III. Approval of Agenda
  - IV. Announcements
  - V. Officer's Reports
    - a. January 2010 meeting minutes
  - VI. Community Forum
  - VII. Commission Business
    - a. ~~Consideration of letter in support of Peirce Mill renovation~~
    - b. Consideration of HPRB application for addition at 3215 Newark St.
    - c. Presentation by Alice Kelly, DDOT, regarding DDOT curb cut policy

- d. Discussion of DDOT initiative to provide pedestrian improvements to Connecticut between Macomb and Ordway
- e. Consideration of Public Space Application for a sidewalk café at the Cereal Bowl restaurant at 3420 Connecticut Avenue

VIII. Committee and SMD Reports

IX. Adjournment

#### IV. Announcements.

- a. Commissioner Bairstow reported that the upcoming SunTrust Marathon would not have any routes through ANC3C.
- b. Nathaniel Murrell of United Planning Organization (UPO) described that group's new housing division, which acts as an intermediary between individuals and their mortgage companies in cases of foreclosure or pre-foreclosure. DC residents may contact UPO for assistance and with questions about mortgage products, such as reverse mortgages for homeowners aged 62 and older. Mr. Murrell may be reached at 202-231-7901 or [nmurrell@upo.org](mailto:nmurrell@upo.org). His colleague, Geoffrey Tate may be reached at 202-462-6401 or [gtate@upo.org](mailto:gtate@upo.org)
- c. Commissioner Bairstow announced that the DDOT Truck Route study is now on-line.

#### V. Officer's Reports.

- a. *January 2010 meeting minutes.* Commissioner Afzal moved that the minutes be approved; Commissioner Kummings seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote, 5-0.

VI. Community Forum. There were no reports.

#### VII. Commission Business

b. *Consideration of HPRB Application for addition at 3215 Newark Street.* The homeowners have applied for numerous changes to this Cleveland Park Historic District property. Commissioner Afzal stated that only one proposed change was of concern to the ANC: the proposed re-location and replacement of the front door and addition of two side lites to the South façade. She reported that she had written to the homeowners regarding the ANC3C objection to this change but had not had a response. She further reported that the homeowners were in discussion with HPRB about this issue, and were attempting to determine whether or not the current front door was in its historically-original location.

Commissioner Afzal moved a resolution supporting the proposed changes, while objecting to the proposed re-location and replacement of the front door and addition of two side lites, noting that, if it is determined that the front door and its current location are not original to the house, then the ANC3C has no objection to the new design as long as HPRB ensures it is consistent with the historic district. Commissioner MacWood seconded the motion, which was approved by roll call vote, 7-0.

c. *Presentation by Alice Kelly, DDOT, regarding DDOT curb cut policy.* Ms. Kelly reviewed the current and proposed DDOT policies regarding curb cuts. The

regulations are about to be re-published. She said that DDOT's overall goal was to carry "pedestrian-friendliness" into the issue of cutting curbs to allow driving across sidewalks. Current requirements include: submission of an application for curb cut; showing proof that there is no alternative (e.g. alley); and/or proof of hardship/special needs. On corner properties, the curb cut is made on the less-busy street. Replacement driveways need to be the same size. Applications for circular driveways must demonstrate commercial need, alley access problems or significant documented cultural or historic characteristics, or special need.

Ms. Kelly noted that public space permits for curb cuts expire upon sale of the property.

Commissioner Reeves asked if special needs curb cuts could be reviewed every five years, in order to determine whether the need still exists (e.g. has owner died? has property been sold?) Ms. Kelly said that there is no provision at present to do so; she also noted that DDOT is ramping up a new and improved permit system database.

Commissioner Kummings asked if DDOT took applications to enlarge existing curb cuts, to which Ms. Kelly responded yes. He then asked if DDOT conducted an advance review to discuss potential curb cuts with neighbors. Ms. Kelly said there was insufficient staff for such reviews, but emphasized that all permit applications require multiple sets of drawings and photographs.

Commissioner MacWood noted that years ago, the ANC raised the issue of reserved handicapped parking spaces as an alternative; noting that such spaces are less defined than a curb cut. Ms. Kelly replied applicants could have one or the other.

Commissioner Reba inquired if DDOT is able to adequately monitor home sales in D.C. Ms. Kelly said that this is not an additional burden for DDOT; that curb cuts do not convey with a home; and that a Covenant of Maintenance agreement is attached to each deed on file with the Recorder of Deeds.

Commissioner Silveira asked if there are standard curb cut widths. Ms. Kelly pointed out that the DDOT website has standards for all curb cuts going forward, but that the city is full of unusually-sized curb cuts due to lack of past standards.

Commissioner MacWood pointed out that many old curb cuts lead into brick walls; she said that residents should be encouraged to report these to DDOT so that old, unnecessary curb cuts may be closed.

[NOTE: Commissioner Afzal asked to reverse order of remaining two matters to accommodate individuals in attendance. Commissioner Bairstow agreed.]

*e. Consideration of Public Space Application for a sidewalk café at the Cereal Bowl restaurant at 3420 Connecticut Avenue.* The owners have applied for a public space permit to create a Sidewalk Café by enclosing 325 sq.ft. with a portable railing around 4 tables with 12 seats total. Commissioner Afzal moved a

resolution to approve this application if the owners adjusted the design to comply with D.C. pedestrian and ADA requirements that a 10 foot minimum of clear sidewalk be present. Commissioner Reba seconded the motion, which was approved by roll call vote, 7-0.

d. *Discussion of DDOT initiative to provide pedestrian improvements to Connecticut between Macomb and Ordway.* Commissioner Afzal opened the discussion with background information: The DC City Council has appropriated \$1.5 million to improve the streetscape between Macomb and Ordway Streets on Connecticut Avenue, with the goal to improve pedestrian safety. The Cleveland Park Citizens Association and Connecticut Avenue Merchants Association will provide input to DDOT; the broader community is also being asked to raise issues and provide feedback so that potential solutions may be fashioned and prioritized according to budget limitations.

Commissioner MacWood noted that the Georgia Avenue demonstration project using a pedestrian-activated "HAWK light" was completed and that ANC3C was on a "short list" for the next project; she emphasized that none of \$1.5 million should be counted towards this demonstration project.

Ideas discussed by the Commissioners and audience members included: historically appropriate bollards and planters near the CP Library; additional historically appropriate street lighting; tree trimming to improve visibility of stop sign at Newark & Conn; installation of "visual cues" such as banners or hanging flower baskets to create a sense that vehicles are entering a "village"; use of day-glo pedestrian crosswalk signs; signage directing pedestrians to go to a corner to cross the street; and installation of speed cameras such as those on MacArthur Boulevard and Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase.

Commissioner Afzal thanked all for their comments, and urged that additional comments be sent to her at [ANC3C05@yahoo.com](mailto:ANC3C05@yahoo.com)

The CPCA and SMD Commissioners Afzal and Burns will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm at Adas Israel, Quebec Street and Connecticut Avenue, to describe the project and estimated costs for various solutions.

#### **VIII. Committee and SMD Reports.**

*SMD-01 Reba:* Neighborhood rat abatement would be undertaken as a joint effort by SMDs 01, 02 and 03, the Mayor's Office, and the DC Department of Health on Saturday, March 20, from 10 am - Noon. Rat baits would be placed behind the 2600 block of Connecticut Avenue, 2300 Calvert Street, and 2600 Woodley Place.

*SMD-03 Bairstow:* A panel discussion on the Woodley Park commercial overlay rules is set for Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Stanford (2661 Connecticut Ave). Scheduled participants include a representative on the DC Office of Planning, the former chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, a business-district property owner and a zoning lawyer.

**IX. Adjournment.** Commissioner Afzal moved that the meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Kummings seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote, 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.