

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Cathedral Heights ● Cleveland Park ● Massachusetts Ave. Heights ● McLean  
Gardens ● Woodley Park

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**Minutes  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 17, 2001**

### **I. WELCOME AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

Chair Nancy MacWood called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C's regular monthly meeting for December 17, 2001 at 7:36 p.m. The meeting was held at the Community Room, Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Other commissioners present at establishment of quorum were Lars Hydle, Richard Bartel, Cheryl Opacinch, Kurt Vorndran, and Bob Martin. Commissioners Welsh and Doggett arrived soon thereafter.

### **II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE:**

Chair Nancy MacWood verified that proper notice was posted on the ANC e-group, published in The Northwest Current and posted on the Cleveland Park email list.

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

With minor adjustments, the agenda was approved

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. Commissioner Bartel announced that the DC Council will be considering Bill no. B14-307, “Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2001.” Commissioner Bartel further stated that he gave testimony to the council in regards to this matter and he asked that the testimony be entered into the record.

B. Chair MacWood announced that the HPRB Tregaron hearing was cancelled by applicant and that most likely the application would be withdrawn.

C. Chair MacWood announced that Single Member District 3C06 is still vacant and encouraged any interested parties to contact either the ANC 3C (202-232-2232) or the Board of Elections and Ethics (202-727-2525).

D. Commissioner Bartel announced that the District of Columbia State Education Office will be giving grants to improve quality of instruction in mathematics and science in schools For more information, call 202-727-7775.

## V. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

A. Commissioner Vorndran introduced consideration of **Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board license renewal for Mr. Chen's, 2604 Connecticut Avenue**. Commissioner Vorndran stated that he had has found no complaints from that community and that he had no objections. A representative of Mr. Chen’s addressed the commission and explained that he was seeking an ABC license in order to meet customer needs. Commissioner Vorndran stated that the only concern he had was in regards to controlling rats in the alley behind the restaurant. He asked Mr. Chen to keep an eye on trash and to help prevent rat infestation in the alley. Commissioner Vorndran made motion to find no objection. Commissioner Bartel seconded the motion. **The motion to find no objection was approved by unanimous vote.**

B. Chair MacWood introduced **consideration of Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) special exception application for addition to 2926 33rd Place, NW**. Chair MacWood explained that the application is for side yard allowance in order to build new kitchen (side yard is required to be 8 feet). Chair MacWood stated that the property neighbors had been informed and that she was unaware of any neighbors objecting. She further indicated that the plan had been presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee. [Comm. Welsh arrived] Chair MacWood introduced a motion that **the ANC 3C have no objection to the application**. Commissioner Bartel seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

C. Chair MacWood introduced **consideration of Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) special exception for addition to 3615 Davis St., NW**. Chair MacWood explained that the application was for side yard, backyard, and lot occupancy. Property owner Theodore Piccone presented building plans to the commission and answered questions regarding the plans. [Comm. Doggett arrived]. Discussion

ensued in regards to the scope of the plans. Commissioner Doggett introduced a motion that **the ANC 3C have no objection to the application**. Chair MacWood seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

## **VI. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

### **A. Historic Preservation Committee**

1. Commissioner Opacinch introduced and read a resolution regarding designating the Friendship Shopping Center a historic landmark. Commissioner Opacinch described the location of the property and reviewed the various historic aspects of the property. Terry Moronic, former official at DC Preservation League, spoke to the historic aspects of the property. Discussion ensued in regards to the language of the resolution. Thomas Ahern, Giant representative, asked that the ANC postpone passing any resolution in regards to Historic Designation and consider inviting Giant to come to a meeting to discuss the historic aspects of the property before any determination is made. Chair MacWood stated that the reason the issue is on the agenda is because HPRB may be hearing the case in January. Commissioner Bartel verified with the ANC Administrator that proper notice of the meeting had been posted. Chair MacWood read a list of the requirements for historic preservation and stated that this property met three of them. Mr. Ahern stated that a historic designation would have an impact on the eventual design and development. Further discussion ensued among the commissioners in regards to the exact language of the resolution. The original language was amended to include language supporting expansion of Giant rather than the original text which simply noted in the Whereas that expansion was possible. Commissioner Bartel stated that he had concerns regarding whether proper notice was given to Giant [Commissioner Bartel left the meeting]. Commissioner Welsh called the question (seconded by Chair MacWood). **By a voice vote of 7-0, RESOLUTION 2001-047 was approved.** (In favor: Commissioners Hydle, Martin, Vorndran, Doggett, MacWood, Opacinch, Welsh).

B. Planning and Zoning Committee:

1. Chair MacWood introduced a resolution regarding construction projects granted a special exception from BZA. [Commissioner Bartel returned to the meeting]. Chair MacWood read the resolution, then withdrew the resolution and asked that the issue be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee. The issue was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.
2. Chair MacWood introduced a **resolution regarding the permitting of the Cathedral Athletic Center Construction**. Chair MacWood read the resolution. Commissioner Doggett asked how this resolution related to the Cathedral's proposed bus parking plan reservation system. Chair MacWood moved the question and Commissioner Bartel seconded. Authorizing the chair to write a letter. **By unanimous vote (7-0) ANC3C RESOLUTION 2001-048 was approved.**

C. Transportation Committee Report:

1. Commissioner Welsh introduced and read a resolution regarding tour bus parking on Wisconsin Avenue. Discussion ensued in regards to the exact language of the resolution. Commissioner Bartel asked if the Cathedral had been informed of this resolution. Commissioner Welsh stated that he didn't think so. Commissioner Doggett asked how this resolution related to other resolutions relating to the Cathedral. Commissioner Vorndran suggested referring the issue to the transportation committee for further consideration, with a specific date of return. Commissioner Vorndran subsequently withdrew the motion. Commissioner Hyde noted that tourism is a great source of industry in the City, and that he supports referring the issue back to committee. Vorndran called the question on the resolution. Commissioner MacWood seconded the motion. **By a roll call vote of 5-3 Resolution 2001-049 was approved. (Welsh -Y; Opacinch - Y; Bartel - Y; MacWood - Y; Doggett - N; Vorndran - Y; Martin - N; Hyde - N).**
2. Commissioner MacWood introduced a resolution regarding the installation of DDOT approved signs restricting bus and large truck traffic on designated streets. Discussion ensued in regards to the scope and language of the resolution. Commissioner Vorndran called the question. **By a vote of 6-0-1 Resolution 2001-050 was approved.**

**VII. OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

A. Secretary's Report: With minor adjustments, the minutes of the November meeting were approved.

B. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner. Hyde introduced a **resolution relating to budget amendments**. By unanimous vote **Resolution 2001-051** was approved.

### **VIII. SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REPORTS:**

A. Hyde moved that next meeting of ANC3C be held on January 28, 2001, to be held at the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT: Commissioner Welsh announced that free immunizations would be available throughout the community. Information on locations and hours can be found by calling (202) 576-7130.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

The December 2001 meeting of ANC3C was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.