

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2004

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Kurt Vorndran called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C's) regular monthly meeting for July 19, 2004 at 7:50 p.m. The meeting was held in the community room at the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Other commissioners present were Allen Hahn, Sally MacDonald, Nancy Nord, and Trudy Reeves.

**II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE**

Vice-Chair Vorndran verified that the proper notice was published in the *Northwest Current* and posted on the Cleveland Park listserv and ANC 3C web site.

**III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Vice-Chair Vorndran acknowledged that a quorum (at least five members of the commission) was present. Vice-Chair Vorndran asked the commissioners to introduce themselves.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Vorndran called for approval of the month's agenda. Commissioner Reeves proposed an amendment moving Barbara Beelar's presentation on the Sidwell Friends School BZA application to the announcements. Vice-Chair Vorndran accepted the amendment. Commissioner MacDonald stated that she planned to present a resolution from the Emergency Management Committee during the committee reports section of the meeting. With those modifications, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Vice-Chair Vorndran announced that ANC 3C would not hold an August meeting, but would meet again on September 20 at the Washington International School.

b. Barbara Beelar presented her report on Sidwell Friends School's BZA application. She stated that the last hearing was on June 29 and that BZA planned to hold a public meeting on September 14. Findings of fact are due by August 31, so this ANC meeting is her only available opportunity to speak to the commissioners. Ms. Beelar stated that representatives from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) did not attend any of the three BZA hearings, but that Chairman Griffis offered agencies the chance to present at the public hearing in September. DDOT submitted a report concluding that traffic dropoff on 37<sup>th</sup> Street will help calm traffic through the area.

Ms. Beelar presented the community's concerns. First, a BZA approval is for two years, but Sidwell has asked as part of application to be allowed five years from completion of middle school until the start of the gym and meeting house. There is a question of whether Sidwell needs to go back for enrollment cap increase. Commissioner MacDonald pointed out that the Maret School was built in two phases and presented twice to the ANC, so Sidwell could certainly do both. Ms. Beelar stated that ANC 3C approved Sidwell's master plan without seeing drawings of the planned fence. Commissioner Reeves agreed that ANC 3C never saw drawings of the fence. Ms. Beelar expressed concern that ANC 3C approved facets of the plan sight unseen. She is concerned that the commission

has made a decision and may not have further input on the matter. Commissioner Reeves replied that the ANC 3C construction management plan may not be included in any BZA order, but is still in effect between the ANC and the school. Vice-Chair Vorndran asked Ms. Beelar to send an e-mail to the commissioners following the BZA meeting.

## **VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

a. Commissioner Vorndran introduced Washington International School's (WIS) proposal for a new academic building. Greg Schmidt, the chair of the WIS board, presented an overview of the design because the head of school was on vacation. Tom Alexander, CFO; David Cox, architect; and Jacques DuPui, land use counsel, were also in attendance. Mr. Schmidt stated that the school's proposal consisted of an integrated structure with classroom space, a library, underground theater, parking garage, and playing field. He said that they would need to get another quarter-acre from the land owner in order to incorporate a playing field. Mr. Schmidt also stated that WIS was not planning increases in staff or students. He said that the school has convened many community meetings to get feedback and has adjusted its plans accordingly. The school hoped to present in front of HPRB at their September meeting.

Architect David Cox provided an overview of the designs. Commissioner Reeves asked how many cars would be in the garage. Mr. Cox replied that they planned to add 14-16 underground spaces, for a total of 26 spaces. Commissioner Nord asked where the students park. Bonnie LePard, president of Friends of Tregaron, said that the students park on Macomb and Klingle, which is a consistent problem for residents. However, she stated that since there is no increase in students, the community has not raised the parking issue and will continue to work with the school on any existing parking issues. Commissioner MacDonald suggested that students be required to have a numbered tag on their car so that residents can call the school and have students move their cars quickly.

Bonnie LePard commended WIS on putting together a task force and stated that they were very sensitive to community concerns. She stated that Friends of Tregaron will seek an enforceable construction management plan under the BZA order because they are concerned about increased traffic in their residential community. However, Friends of Tregaron had no objection to the HPRB application. CPCA participated in the task force and they arrived at a consensus that both groups can work on the traffic problem with WIS. Commissioner MacDonald moved that the ANC have no objection to the application. Commissioner Nord seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

b. Vice-Chair Vorndran introduced consideration of an HPRB application for a renovation and addition at 3122 Ordway Street NW. Commissioner MacDonald moved that the ANC have no objection to the application. Commissioner Nord seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

c. Vice-Chair Vorndran introduced consideration of an HPRB application for an addition at 2919 Ordway Street NW. Architect Rich Markus presented an overview of the design. Vice-Chair Vorndran asked if the design plan fits in with zoning regulations. Mr. Markus responded that the plan is well within the guidelines.

Neighbors from 2921, 2917, and 2915 Ordway voiced their objections to both the plans and the fact that they believe they were misrepresented in various applications as having been notified. They were not aware of the application until the night before the ANC meeting. The homeowner apologized for not having notified the neighbors earlier. Commissioner MacDonald admonished the applicants for not having presented this application before the ANC's historic preservation committee prior to attending the full ANC meeting.

A community member suggested that the ANC ask the HPRB to delay consideration of the application so that the neighbors and homeowner might have a chance to iron out their differences and also present to the historic preservation committee. Commissioner Nord said that she would prefer not to delay HPRB consideration. Commissioner Reeves disagreed and moved that the ANC request that HPRB delay the application until September to allow the ANC's historic preservation committee to consider the application. Vice-Chair Vorndran seconded. **The motion was passed by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Nord objecting.**

d. Vice-Chair Vorndran introduced consideration of a special exception application for a window variance at 3607 Newark Street NW. Architect Chris Snowber stated that the design received unanimous support from the HPRB with a few modifications. Vice-Chair Vorndran moved for approval of the application. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

e. Vice-Chair Vorndran introduced consideration of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board licenses for eleven applications listed on the night's agenda:

1. Ardeo, 3309-3311 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 04
2. Lavandou Restaurant, 3321 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 04
3. Cafe Deluxe, 3228-3230 Wisconsin Ave., ANC 3C 07
4. Taste of India, 2621 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 01
5. Mr. Chen's, 2604 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 02
6. Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd., ANC 3C 02
7. Cafe Paradiso, 2649 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 01
8. Medajerra, 2614 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 02
9. Pesto, 2915 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 01
10. Tono-Sushi, 2605 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 01
11. Sala Thai, 3507 Connecticut Avenue, NW, ANC 3C 04

Commissioner Hahn moved for approval of all the licenses except 4 and 7. Commissioner Vorndran seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

f. Vice-Chair Vorndran introduced consideration of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board licenses for Taste of India at 2621 Connecticut Avenue, NW and Café Paradiso at 2649 Connecticut Avenue NW. Commissioner Hahn invited Ed Porcaro, a longtime resident of 2650 Woodley Place NW, to comment. Mr. Porcaro stated that over the past two years, he has tried to work with Commissioner Hahn and the Woodley Park corridor restaurants about traffic problems. His home backs up to the restaurants and there are often cars illegally parked in the alley, frequent early-morning deliveries, and cleaning trucks late at night. He has called the police on numerous occasions and been told to stop bothering them. He has also spoken to the owners, to little avail. Commissioner Hahn reported similar results from his own efforts.

Transportation co-chair Peter Espenschied pointed out that loading zone use should only be before 9:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m., which is when trucks are barred from using the streets. He also pointed out that DDOT will post no parking signs if requested, which may help, as may a voluntary agreement with the ANC. Commissioner Hahn proposed requesting a 60-day extension on consideration of the Café Paradiso license application so that he could work with them to come up with a voluntary agreement. Vice-Chair Vorndran seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

Commissioner Hahn moved to request DDOT to post no parking signs in the alley behind 2650 Woodley Place NW. Commissioner Reeves seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

Commissioner Hahn moved to request a 60-day extension on consideration of the Taste of India license application so that he could work with them to come up with a voluntary agreement. Commissioner Reeves seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

#### **VII. OFFICERS REPORTS**

a. Commissioner Hahn moved to approve the May 2004 meeting minutes and minutes from the special meeting on Sidwell Friends School's BZA application. Commissioner MacDonald seconded. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Commissioner MacDonald presented an Emergency Services Committee report and proposed a resolution supporting a pending D.C. Council bill to create a separate administrative agency for EMS staff and personnel. She stated that Councilmember Patterson has had questions about financing, but Commissioner MacDonald has not heard any objections to this bill. Commissioner Hahn seconded. Commissioner MacDonald stated that the fire department would like to keep fire and EMS together because they would get to retain EMS funds. She introduced Jasper Sterling, a representative for the paramedics, who provided an overview of the bill and stated that nine of the thirteen council members support the legislation. **Resolution 2004-021 was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Vorndran adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m. without objection.