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| <p>Single Member District Commissioners 01-Dia Black; 02- Gloria Day; 03-Stephanie Zobay 04-Avram Fechter; 05-Bruce Beckner; 06-Trudy Reeves 07- Richard Rothblum; 08-Catherine May; 09-Nancy MacWood</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">2737 DEVONSHIRE PLACE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008 Telephone: 202/232-2232 • Fax: 202/232-0667 Website http://www.anc3c.org</p> |

Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C
July 16, 2007 Public Meeting
Second District Police Station
7:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: Commission Vice-Chair Bruce Beckner called to order Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC3C's) regular monthly meeting for July 16, 2007 at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was held in the community room at the Second District Police Station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

II. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE: Vice-Chair Beckner verified that the proper notice was published on the website and the Northwest Current.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: At 7:38, Vice-Chair Beckner acknowledged that a quorum (5 of 9 commissioners) had been established. Other commissioners present included Dia Black, Gloria Day, Stephanie Zobay, and Trudy Reeves. *(Note: Commissioners Rothblum and May arrived after the meeting had been called to order.)*

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice-Chair Beckner moved for approval of the following agenda:

- I. **Establishment of Quorum**
- II. **Verification of Notice**
- III. **Establishment of Quorum**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
- V. **Announcements**
- VI. **Officer's Reports**
- VII. **Discussion with Jonathan Mellon**, Historic Preservation Office member newly assigned to review Cleveland Park historic district applications
- VIII. **Discussion with Washington National Zoo official** regarding proposed optional development plans that would include changes to the parking capacity and circulation patterns
- IX. **Discussion with Kate Cullen and Julie Cooke** regarding Cathedral Centennial events, including a banner on Wisconsin Avenue
- X. **Community Forum**
- XI. **Commission Business**
 - a. Consideration of Alcoholic Beverage License renewals with changes to basic license:

- Cafe Ole, 4000 Wisconsin Ave., which includes request for extended hours on Monday-Thursday 11AM-11PM and Friday and Saturday 11AM-Midnight and a request to have music on Friday and Saturday
- Yanni's Greek Taverna, 3500-3502 Conn. Ave., includes request for extended hours on Monday-Thursday 11AM-2am and Friday and Saturday 11AM -3AM
- Cafe Paradiso: Hours: 11:30AM- 2AM, Sunday-Thursday; to 3AM , Friday-Saturday; same sidewalk hours
- Rajaji Curry House: Week, 11AM-11PM; same sidewalk hours
- Jandara: Hours: 11AM-2AM, Sunday-2AM, Sunday-Thursday; to 3AM, Friday-Saturday; sidewalk hours: 11:30AM-11:30PM
- Firehook Bakery: Hours: 7AM-10PM, Monday-Thursday; to 12:30AM, Friday-Saturday; 8AM-10PM, Sunday
- Ivy's Place: Hours: 4:30PM-10:30PM, Monday-Wednesday; 12PM-11PM, Thursday-Sunday
- Yenching Palace: Week: 11AM-12:30AM
- Cafe Ole: Hours: 11AM-11PM, Sunday-Thursday; 11AM-12AM, Friday-Saturday
- Dahlia: Week: 11AM-10:30PM

- b. Consideration of applications to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 2218 Cathedral Avenue for 3rd story addition
- c. Consideration of applications to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 2930 Porter St. for a rear addition to a one-story bungalow
- d. Consideration of applications to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 3520 Springland Lane for exterior renovation, including site restoration
- e. Consideration of resolution regarding the Zoo development plans

XII. SMD and/or Committee Reports

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Reeves added Treasurer's report to officers' reports.

NOTE: Commissioners Rothblum and May arrived at 7:40.

Commissioner Rothblum's activities added to SMD report. Commissioners added whether or not to hold an August meeting to the SMD report.

The revised agenda was approved by a unanimously vote of 7-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Commissioner Reeves mentioned the 30 bus meetings, which will be held at St. Columba's on July 24, and urged everyone who uses the bus to come and voice the neighborhood's concerns.

VII. Discussion with Jonathan Mellon, Historic Preservation Office member newly assigned to review Cleveland Park historic district applications

Jonathan Mellon introduced himself and asked that he be contacted if there are any issues or concerns at 202.442.8843, jonathan.mellon@dc.gov. Tim Dennee is in charge of Woodley Park HD, tim.dennee@dc.gov.

VIII. Discussion with Washington National Zoo official regarding proposed optional development plans that would include changes to the parking capacity and circulation patterns

Pamela Baker and Tim Buehner presented plans for three alternatives for zoo development. They are currently in the public feedback period.

1. No Action Plan: continue to develop based on the master plan, which was created 20 years ago.
2. Alternative A: create traffic circle off Connecticut Ave, which would bring visitors off Connecticut Ave and, if there's no parking, send them out to clear destinations. They would also increase the parking by building 6 story parking garage at lot C with bridge connection to the Ape House. The lower parking lots will be turned into a wetland exhibit area, which would also serve to clean some pollution out of Rock Creek. They would build a tram in the canopy to move visitors from the bottom of the park to the top. The garage would accommodate buses and an additional 558 parking spaces. Audience members asked if the parking structure would be available for the public after hours, but the officials hadn't considered the possibility.

Commissioner Black represented the concerns of the neighbors regarding the noise of the tram's engine, the views into the apartments, and the noise of the visitors in the tram. She said that the neighbors have not found the zoo to be responsive to the neighbor's concerns, and that signage, which could be added immediately, is inadequate. She also reiterated that creating more parking for night-time visitors would be an added benefit to the neighborhood.

3. Alternative B: This is the more sustainable approach for the zoo. They would reduce the amount of parking by 643 and strongly encourage visitors to use public transportation. They would add a 200 spot underground parking lot under visitor's center and a surface tram surface on North Road. As with the first option, they would have traffic circle off Connecticut Ave.

VI. Officer's Reports

1. Treasurer's report. Still have undisbursed grant for park at 39th and Porter. Funds available: \$44000. Nothing unusual this quarter. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the summary of receipts and disbursements, seconded by Commissioner Day. **Approved by unanimous voice vote of 7-0.**
2. Commissioner Zobay moved to postpone the approval of the June minutes, seconded by Commissioner May. **Approved by unanimous voice vote of 6-0.** (*Note: Commissioner Black was out of the room.*)

IX. Discussion with Kate Cullen and Julie Cooke regarding Cathedral Centennial events, including a banner on Wisconsin Avenue

Kate Cullen described plans for the Centennial. Festivals will feature booths regarding community programs (contact Kate to be involved). The organizers would like to have 7

banners on light poles along Wisconsin Ave from September through July. For the first three months, they don't need a permit, but they would like to get ANC3C's approval for an extension of their permit through July. The organizers have not put in a Public Space permit application, but will do so in September. The banners will be on the light poles; they will not extend across Wisconsin Avenue.

X. Community Forum -

1. Anthony Sabo described his emotional connection to Yenching Palace and its historical significance during the Cold War. He would like to stop Walgreens from taking over the space and wants to make it into a Chinese restaurant/peace museum. Commissioner Beckner explained that there is no legal hook for the ANC to stop the turnover. Peter Espenshied said that the HPRB does have the right to preserve the interior of the building, if an application is filed. If anyone would like to be involved, contact Mr. Sabo at Sabo.anthony@gmail.com or 202.390.0397.

XI. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Alcoholic Beverage License renewals with changes to basic license:
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Commissioner Beckner read the names of the applicants. Commissioner Zobay proposed that the commission approve the ones that have no objection. Commissioners decided to separate Yanni's and Yenching from the rest of the group.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the extension of hours at **Café Ole** and the request for entertainment on Friday and Saturdays, seconded by Commissioner May.

The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

Commissioner Black - yes
Commissioner Day - yes

Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner May - yes

Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

Commissioner Rothblum - yes

The commission moved on to **Yanni's Greek Taverna's** application for an extension of hours to 2 am. Evelyn Idelson, neighbor, was concerned about a 2 am closing time, and that the ANC approved the extended hours of establishments at the last meeting. She said that restaurants seem to be competing for the later drinking crowd. Another neighbor also raised concerns about noise, parking, and public urination and asked that the ANC look into the other applications to see if the ANC inadvertently approved the extensions of their hours.

Commissioner Beckner explained that the ANC's notice was characterized as renewals last month, not renewals with changes. Commissioner Reeves said that she got a separate notice for Café Ole's extended hours and request for entertainment.

Commissioner Beckner also stated that Yanni's is separated from a private residence by only a small alley. There's no buffer between the commercial strip and people's houses. Commissioner Beckner offered a resolution opposing the application because of noise, disturbing the peace and order of the neighborhood, Commissioner Day seconded.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - yes |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

The commission considered **Café Paradiso's** application for an extension of hours and an extension for sidewalk hours. Commissioner Beckner offered a resolution opposing the application because of peace, noise and order, Commissioner Day seconded.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - yes |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

The commission considered **Rajaji Curry House's** application for similar hours, but extended sidewalk hours. Commissioner Black moved motion to approve the application, seconded by Zobay.

The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - yes |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

The commission considered **Jandara's** application for later hours. Commissioner Day offered resolution to oppose the application, seconded by Black. The resolution will also state that there is no objection to sidewalk hours.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

Commissioner Black - yes
Commissioner Day - yes
Commissioner Beckner - yes
Commissioner Zobay - yes

Commissioner May - yes
Commissioner Reeves - yes
Commissioner Rothblum - yes

The commission considered **Firehook Bakery's** extension of hours. Commissioner Zobay moved motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Day.

The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - absent |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

Note: Commissioner Rothblum was out of the room.

The commission considered **Ivy's Place's** application for extension of hours. Commissioner Zobay moved to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Day. There was some objection because the restaurant has changed its name. However, because the commission can only approve for the restaurant that is named in the application the commission proceeded.

The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - absent |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

Note: Commissioner Rothblum was out of the room.

The commission Considered **Yenching Palace's** application. The commission decided to take no action because the restaurant is already closed.

The commission Considered **Dahlia's** application. Dahlia is not in the ANC, so the commission decided to pass.

- b. Consideration of applications to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 2218 Cathedral Avenue for 3rd story addition

Thomas Cutler, owner, introduced Anne Crawley and Michael Hall, architects, who presented the plans. Ms. Crawley addressed concerns about the visibility of the 3rd floor extension. The contractor has put sheeting on the house to show that the addition will not be viewed from the street. She showed photos of the house with the mockup, which can not be seen. The masonry of the chimney will not be changed, but they will add a new flute which will extend to reach the height it is required to be above the house. The architect explained that the HPRB, in previous cases, has approved 3rd story pop-ups as long as it isn't visible from the front of the house and it's set back from the back of the house.

Several neighbors, at least 6, were present to oppose the addition. They are concerned that it will change the historic nature of the block, and the mass in the alley. It also relieves the pressure to keep the neighborhood intact. They presented 6 letters opposing the application;

the owner has letters from 3 neighbors who don't oppose the application. Peter Espensheid spoke to the fact that this is an intact block, which is unique in the HD. If approved, the pressure to keep the block exactly historic would be relieved. Neighbors were in strong opposition to the project because the notice and mockup had not been properly constructed until the date of the meeting (7/16/07).

Commissioner Black offered a resolution not supporting the application, seconded by Commissioner Zobay.

Commissioner Reeves offered a motion to amend the resolution to say the ANC "opposes" the application rather than "not supporting," seconded by Commissioner Day.

The amendment failed by a vote of 4-3 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - no | Commissioner May - no |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - no | Commissioner Rothblum - no |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

Commissioner Zobay offered an amendment to mention that the block is historically intact, accepted. Commissioner May called the discussion to question, seconded by Commissioner Day. Approved by unanimous voice vote, 7-0.

Commissioner Beckner read the resolution, offered by Commissioner Black, not supporting the application.

The resolution was approved as amended by a vote of 7-0 as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - yes |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

- c. Consideration of application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 2930 Porter St. for a rear addition to a one-story bungalow

Thomas Manion and Nate Penati, architects, presented plans for the rear addition. Keeping the look of the front of the house in the rear addition. Adding 3ft to the back, 75 sq ft added. Neighbors have no objection. Commissioner Beckner read and introduced a resolution approving the application, seconded by Commissioner Day.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (abstain) as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - yes |
| Commissioner Zobay - abstain | |

- d. Consideration of applications to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept approvals at 3520 Springland Lane for exterior renovation, including site restoration

Scott Siff and Kinney Zalesne, owners, and Matthew Fiehn, architect (Barnes Vanze Architects) presented plans. The house is not visible from the street, but through trees. The owners invited all the neighbors to review the plans, everybody was enthusiastic and no one had any objections. Commissioner Beckner read and offered a resolution in support of the application, seconded by Commissioner Black.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (abstain) as follows:

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| Commissioner Black - yes | Commissioner May - yes |
| Commissioner Day - yes | Commissioner Reeves - yes |
| Commissioner Beckner - yes | Commissioner Rothblum - abstain |
| Commissioner Zobay - yes | |

e. Consideration of resolution regarding the Zoo development plans

It was agreed that this would not be considered.

f. Consideration of canceling the August meeting

Commissioners discussed banners and the Savoy's ABRA application, which could come to the commission in August. Commissioner Beckner moved to cancel August meeting, Commissioner May seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote 7-0.

Commissioner Black announced that she is moving and the ANC will have to have a special election to replace her.

X. SMD REPORTS - *There were no SMD reports.*

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Day moved to adjourn, Commissioner Black seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 pm.

The next meeting of ANC 3C will be Monday, September 17 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Second District Police.