



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F FOREST HILLS & NORTH CLEVELAND PARK

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F Minutes October 18, 1999

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by the Chair, Commissioner Mitchell. Commissioners Bardin, Fitzgerald, Perry, Maudlin and Heinrich were present.

The Agenda was adopted as amended.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Gary Stevens, representing the Forest Hills Neighbors Alliance, said the Alliance is opposed to the use of the Brown property on Chesapeake Street by the Jewish Day School as a site for the relocation of their school. He said that 190 neighbors have signed a petition of opposition. He said that half the students come from Maryland and only 6 students are within walking distance of the proposed location for the school.

A resident gave a presentation and provided literature on the historic status of Tenleytown. She said a book that had been written about the historic aspects of Tenleytown was to be republished in the spring.

Mr. Dave Scaldini, member Board of Directors Jewish Primary Day School, said he would be happy to meet with members of the Forest Hill Neighbor's Alliance.

Ms. Rhonda Goldberg asked for the ANC's support on the issue of the pending changes to the EXXON station at corner of Conn. and Neb. Avenues• Commissioner Mitchell said the ANC would address this issue.

Commissioner Perry said the ANC had addressed the issue of the changes to EXXON about a year ago.

4. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

A. DCPD CRIME REPORT

The DCPD did not appear to present a crime report.

B. DC VOTER'S RIGHTS COALITION

Ms. Kathy Schmidt, a representative for the DC Voter's Rights Coalition, gave an over view and up date on the issue of representation in Congress for residents of the District of Columbia after noting that ANC 3F has been a supporter of the Coalition in the past. She cited the names of supporting groups and asked the commissioners and audience to support the coalitions efforts.

C. OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

Mr. Laurence Jones of the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) spoke on the issue of utility company deregulation and how and why this affects the consumer. He provided information on Y2K preparedness and directed the audiences attention to literature on this subject available on the table in the rear of the meeting hall. He said the OPC was staffed with lawyers, economists, and accountants whose job it was to answer

questions for the residents of the District and to provide them help with problems related to the utility companies if necessary. He invited the members of the audience and commission to call the OPC (202.727.3071) with any questions they might have.

D. MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION INITIATIVE

Commissioner Heinrich reported that DC Council Member Sharon Ambrose has introduced a bill that would restructure the electric industry to provide incentives for the use of renewable sources for power. He said Mayor Williams wants to translate plans that have been proposed for the city into action. The Mayor has asked heads of agencies to review these existing plans to try and structure them into a common goal. The mayor is providing a venue for interested citizens and civic organizations to be part of this process. There will be a Citizen's Summit held November 20 from 9am until 4pm at the Convention Center. Commissioner Heinrich outlined the topics that will be addressed at the Summit.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. STRIPING OF ALBERMARLE STREET

Commissioner Maudlin reported the DPW is preparing drawings to install edge line markings on Albermarle Street as a traffic calming measure. Commissioners Mitchell and Heinrich had notified neighbors of Albermarle Street that the issue of Albermarle Street was on the October 18 agenda and would be discussed at that time. However, neighborhood representatives were not present for a discussion.

B. WASHINGTON HOME

Ms. Lynn O'Connor and Mr. Bill Barnhardt of the Washington Home said that they had met with representatives of ANC 3F on the issue of proposed underground parking at the Washington Home. She said good suggestions had been made at this meeting and the results of the meeting had been presented to the Board of the Washington Home. Ms. O'Connor said the Board is reviewing the suggestions and will comment on their meeting of November 18. She said she would like to meet with the ANC after the November meeting of the board of Washington Home.

C. 3901 ALBERMARLE STREET CONDO PROJECT

Ms. Kathy Wisc reported on the progress and status of the proposed housing development at the corner of Albermarle Street and Nebraska Avenue. She said concerned neighbors had met with representatives of the Holiday Corporation and expressed concern about problems with traffic at this already congested intersection. Holiday said they would do further traffic studies to determine the best location of access for the proposed complex. Commissioner Mitchell complimented Ms. Wisc on her research and commitment to this issue and said that although the actual site was in ANC 3E that ANC 3F would like to stay informed about and involved in this issue. He said ANC 3F has asked the zoning commission to keep them informed about this case as ANC 3F has residents within 200 ft. of the site. Commissioner Perry said residents could ask DPW to do a traffic count.

D. ANC LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Bardin said Councilmember Catania has circulated a draft bill on the Law governing ANCs. Mr. Catania is asking for ANC comments on the proposed changes and the return of a questionnaire by October 20. There are about two dozen proposed changes in the bill. This bill will be the subject of hearings next year before the council. Commissioner Bardin read some of the highlights of the proposed legislation.

E. ANC REQUESTS THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FIND ANC 3F OFFICE SPACE

ANC 3F will be in need of office space as of November 1, 1999. They have been asked to vacate the space at Intelsat which they have occupied for the past 4 years. Commissioner Bardin has been in contact with and is negotiating with UDC for office space on the Van Ness Campus. Commissioner Bardin moved and

Commissioner Maudlin seconded a letter be sent to the Mayor's Office asking they find office space for the ANC. The motion passed 6-0-0.

5. COMMITTEE AND STATUS REPORTS

A. GIANT FOOD STORE

Commissioner Bardin reported the meeting at the Van Ness Giant was constructive, intensive and well attended. He said Giant has made a few improvements already and has a suggestion box in place. There will be a progress report on issues discussed at that meeting in November or January.

B. NOMINATIONS OF UDC TRUSTEES

Commissioner Bardin reported there have been no appointees to the Board of Trustees for UDC, but the Mayor was interviewing candidates and there should be new nominations soon, according to the Mayor's office.

C. DC APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Commissioner Bardin reported the House voted on the DC Appropriations Act and the Senate amended it. He said the different riders on the bill make it controversial. ANC 3F only had comment on the Daschle Amendment, concerning the cell phone towers, which the House left out of the bill but the Senate would add.

D. APPLICATION FOR CELL PHONE TOWERS AND BUILDINGS

Commissioner Bardin reported on the findings of a consultant's report to the NCPC. The report concluded among other findings that Bell Atlantic did not need two cell phone towers in Rock Creek Park. The consultants also said that the design for the antennas on the top of the tower was more intrusive and space consuming than was necessary. The consultant is critical of the information supplied by Bell Atlantic on a number of points; inconsistencies and commented that the application to the NCPC is incomplete. Commissioner Bardin said he would testify on behalf of the ANC, regarding to its position, at the November 4 hearings on the NPS application to the NCPC.

E. IN-STATE TUITION BILL

Commissioner Bardin said the revised In-State Tuition Bill was expected to pass the Senate shortly and then be re--passed by the House.

F. HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Commissioner Perry reported on the array of problems attending the construction of the Howard Law Library. She said that drastic measures are going to have to be pursued as the administration at Howard and the contractors doing the construction are not cooperative.

G. POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL

Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Maudlin seconded a motion that ANC 3F rent a mail box at the Post Office if desirable. The motion passed 6-0-0.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Fitzgerald moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded that the minutes of the September 21 meeting be adopted as amended with disbursements item 9 amended to add a footnote showing that it was for meeting space rather than for office space. The motion passed 6-0-0.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Commissioner Mitchell moved and, Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded that the September ANC Financial Report be approved. The motion passed 6-0-0.

8. NEXT MEETING Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the ANC

Quarterly Financial Report be approved as amended. The motion passed 6-0- 0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mitchell announced the next meeting of ANC 3F would be on November 15 and recommended that the elections of ANC 3F officers for 2000 be held at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Fitzgerald, Secretary ANC3F

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