

**MINUTES**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
**NORTH CLEVELAND PARK, FOREST HILLS & TENLEYTOWN**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

Capital Memorial Church  
3150 Chesapeake Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20008-2229  
Monday, April 10, 2006

1. Call to order 7:34pm
  - a. Chair Wiss called the meeting to order and finding Commissioners Gandhi, Kessler, Klibanoff, Maudlin, Perry and Winstead present declared a quorum.
  
2. Agenda 7:36pm
  - a. Chair Wiss presented the meeting agenda which was adopted 7-0-0 (Chair Wiss moving and Commissioner Gandhi seconding)
  
3. Minutes 7:37pm
  - a. Minutes of the March 20, 2006 monthly public meeting were accepted 7-0-0 (Commissioner Maudlin moves and Commissioner Gandhi seconding)
  
4. Announcements 7:42pm
  - a. Allison Howard announces the First Annual Forest Hills Family Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm
  - b. George Clark announces a meeting at Intelsat of the Forest Hills Citizens Association with a back up location of Van Ness South on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm -9pm
  
5. Open Forum 7:43pm
  - a. Barry Scher from Giant Foods is looking for feedback from the community on the remodeled store in Van Ness. Comments made:
    - i. Small lead in at cashiers
    - ii. Questions about Wine & Beer dept. – Barry Scher says they will be applying for a license
    - iii. Small aisles
    - iv. Bicycle Rack installations – Barry Scher says they will install
    - v. Trees on plaza
    - vi. Little explanations of exotic fruits
  - b. Question was raised as to times and locations of mayoral debates
  - c. Commissioner Wiss announces on May 10 a comp plan meeting at UDC, Windows Lounge from 6pm-8:30pm

6. Police Report 7:56pm
  - a. MPD reports that there was 1 burglary which thieves were targeting back doors and mail slots, 1 robbery which was closed, 3 thefts with 2 of them at Gold's Gym, 5 theft from autos with 2 on Upton Street, 1 stolen auto and an event upcoming at UDC which they asked for traffic control.
  - b. Dick Potter asked about an event on May 24<sup>th</sup> at UDC at 8pm.
  - c. Officer LoConte states that there was a significant reduction in crime
  - d. Officer Davis of PSA 202 reports that there was 1 robbery where an individual jumped into a car and robbed a purse from it while it was running. Also 2 assault cases which were closed. Special attention has been given to traffic on Wisconsin and River Road with speed enforcement on River Road.
  - e. Question from Commissioner Kessler about MPD official listservs. Lt. George states that they can get on them by e-mailing her at [ida.george@dc.gov](mailto:ida.george@dc.gov)
7. Election of ANC Secretary 8:10pm
  - a. Commissioner Gandhi volunteered to be acting secretary for the meeting which was approved by a 7-0-0 vote with Commissioner Wiss seconding.
8. Discussion on Rent Control Reform Act of 2006 8:11pm
  - a. Commissioner Winstead starts dialogue on DC Bill 16-457
  - b. Joel Cohn introduces himself as Legislative Council for Councilman Jim Graham and discusses Graham's intentions and the process it has gone thru
  - c. Cohn states that it started as a pro-tenant bill and now is a pro-landlord bill.
  - d. 2 possible outcomes with Councilmen Fenty, Catania, Brown and Ambrose all leading the way
  - e. Commissioner Perry expresses concern over current bill and how it's written.
  - f. Discussion on pros and cons of Ambrose bill
  - g. Point of order from Commissioner Winstead to ask if Commissioner Perry has alternative
  - h. Commissioner Perry states she has none
  - i. Commissioner Winstead moves his resolution and is seconded by Commissioner Klibanoff
  - j. Discussion on Resolution with Cohn stating they have two votes but need one more to be reconsidered. States that there are two ways of proceeding – on the committee level and on the entire council level
  - k. Commissioner Klibanoff asks questions to Cohn
  - l. Commissioner Maudlin inquires about committee hearings

- m. Commissioner Wiss asks about second clause intentions and asks to identify all the bills
  - n. Commissioner Maudlin states that he asked tenants from Albemarle House for comment but received none. A resident at the meeting told the commission that all residents of the building are opposed to the current bill.
  - o. Comments from public – Carol Woodard, Van Ness South, states that she would like to view the bill that is going to the entire council because she doesn't know what is going on.
  - p. Commissioner Winstead asks about stylistic changes clause in Ambrose bill
  - q. Commissioner Kessler states that they are voting on general structure rather than specific amendments
  - r. Commissioner Perry points out that there are a couple of good points in Ambrose's bill and would like to come up with a resolution because going back to the committee does not seem realistic.
  - s. Commissioner Klibanoff makes friendly amendment to change wording slightly from the first Be It Further Resolved and Commissioner Winstead accepts
  - t. Commissioner Gandhi makes friendly amendment to add 2006 to first Therefore, be it resolved and Commissioner Winstead accepts
  - u. Commissioner Perry states that she has a friendly amendment but then reconsiders and says she doesn't have one
  - v. Commissioner Wiss moves friendly amendment to add language in the second Be It Further Resolved to read 3 specific languages. Winstead accepts amendment.
  - w. Res 06-08 passes with a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner Perry abstaining
9. Appeal of Kuri Brothers 9:05pm
- a. Commissioner Perry gives background information and talks about her resolution. Perry moves with Winstead seconding.
  - b. Neil Krucoff asks question about the gas/service station and Commissioner Maudlin makes a point of clarification about which service bays are in question
  - c. Questions raised on ANC 3F's support of 2 service bays that are being used for minor repairs. Friendly amendment to add separate resolution that ANC3F does not object to use of 4225 Connecticut Avenue as a motor vehicle fueling station with 2 service bays for minor repairs. Commissioner Perry accepts friendly amendment.
  - d. Commissioner Kessler makes friendly amendment to change Attorney General to Inspector General. Accepted by Commissioner Perry.
  - e. Commissioner Kessler name added to party status
  - f. Res 06-09 passes 7-0-0

10. Consideration of a proposal to close portion of the public alley behind 2750 Brandywine
  - a. Questions from Commissioners – There is talk about what exactly is considered an “abutting property”.
  - b. Mary O’Connor reads letter from James and Isbella Montgomery from Lot 814, 2744 Brandywine Street, who has lived there for 35 years. They oppose the application based on concerns of trees, emergency vehicles, interference with ingress and egress with many people using the alley, runoff from driveway, and equity concerns.
  - c. Commissioner Maudlin states he has a similar letter from Emily and James Baker, 4531 28<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, opposing the application
  - d. George Clark talks about a letter he received from Dorn McGrath that noted that all use this section of the alley to turn around.
  - e. Attorney for applicant objects
  - f. 2726 Brandywine resident Luis de Azcarate talks about his objections to the application
  - g. Attorney claims no tree damage and that other agencies will be reviewing.
  - h. Commissioner Maudling reads the Resolved clause and moves the resolution with Commissioner Gandhi seconding.
  - i. Resolution goes to office of Surveyor
  - j. Resolution 06-10 passes 6-0-1 with Commissioner Klibanoff abstaining
  
11. Consideration of fence in public space 10:02pm
  - a. Proposal recommending that fence in public space be removed
  - b. Neighbors recommend that the fence also be removed. Mr. Riley, who lives across the street, told the commission that he objects to the fence.
  
  - c. Moved by Commissioner Maudlin and seconded by Commissioner Klibanoff
  - d. Friendly amendment from Commissioner Wiss to change wording in first therefore clause to no more than six feet high.
  - e. Commissioners Winstead, Perry, Maudlin and Gandhi are all designated as representatives.
  - f. Resolution 06-11 Passes 7-0-0
  
12. Tenley Fire House – Public Space application for driveway and curb cut 10:16pm
  - a. Commissioner Wiss moved to Not Object, seconded by Commissioner Winstead
  - b. Passes 7-0-0
  
13. Treasurer’s Report 10:21pm
  - a. Kathy Patterson’s office is supporting application to use credit cards for ANC purchases

- b. Report on finances
14. May meeting 10:24pm
- a. Commissioner Wiss recommends two meetings in May to talk about Tilden PUD.
  - b. Commissioner Winstead says two meetings would be better
  - c. Commissioner Kessler states that he will be out of town for the second proposed meeting
  - d. Commissioner Gandhi states that he doesn't know if he'll be in town for second proposed meeting and suggests one meeting.
  - e. Two meetings pass with a vote of 4-3-0 with Commissioners Winstead, Klibanoff, Wiss and Maudlin voting in the affirmative
15. Adjournment 10:28pm

Respectfully Submitted  
*/s/ Mital Gandhi*  
Mital M. Gandhi  
Acting Secretary

These minutes were approved 6-0-0, with a quorum present, at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC 3F on May 15, 2006