

MINUTES
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
NORTH CLEVELAND PARK/FOREST HILLS
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Capital Memorial Church
3150 Chesapeake Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
APRIL 23, 2001

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bardin called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. Commissioners Kogan, Perry, Maudlin, Mitchell, and Wiss were present. Commissioner Oglesby not being able to attend the meeting gave her written proxy to Commissioner Mitchell to vote on all matters that come to a vote at this meeting. With six of seven commissioners present, Chair Bardin declared a quorum.

2. AGENDA

The meeting agenda was adopted. 6-0-0 (See attached agenda)

3. ADVISORY ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed expansion of Edmund Burke School - BZA Application No. 16611

Chair Bardin, recused from this issue, passed the gavel to Commissioner Kogan who asked Commissioner Maudlin to chair this part of the meeting.

Mr. David Shapiro, Head of School, Edmund Burke School, summarized the changes in the school's new proposal for expansion. These included 1. increasing the height of the proposed building from 4 to 5 stories, 2. moving the mechanical on the roof to the Upton Street side and higher, 3. venting car exhaust through the roof, 4. providing 75 on site parking spaces with access to and from Connecticut Avenue, 5. building a traffic lane next to the alley, 6. reducing am and pm traffic, and 7. providing for 13 stacking spaces. Mr. Shapiro also mentioned other actions being considered by the school to reduce traffic on residential streets in the area.

Mr. Milton Shinberg, Ms. Julie Smolik, and Ms. Jayrile Simmons residents living near the school described the impact of the school's traffic and activities on the quality of life in the area. They opposed the School's proposed expansion.

Mr. James C. Brown, owner of the apartment building next to the proposed building on Connecticut Avenue, voiced his concerns regarding the impact of the proposed expansion on the residents of his building.

A number of other neighborhood residents express their opposition to the proposed expansion. Several residents spoke in support of the school's plans.

Commissioner Kogan offered a resolution opposing BZA approval of Application No. 16611, Edmund Burke School. Commissioner Perry seconded the resolution and it was adopted. 3-2-1 (Commissioners Mitchell and Oglesby by proxy voted no and Commissioner Wiss abstained). (See attached Res 01-08)

Commissioner Kagan advised the Commission that Edmund Burks School has filed with DCRA an application for a raze permit for the building at 2969 Upton Street. He said that because this is one of the three properties subject to the BZA application he was offering a resolution requesting that DCRA withhold action on the raze permit until BZA acts on Application No. 16611. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Commissioner Mitchell questioned if proper seven day notice had been given that this resolution would be considered at this meeting. Commissioner Perry noted that it had been mentioned at the April 16 meeting and moved, because of the emergency nature of this situation, that the rules be suspended to consider the resolution. Commissioner Kogan seconded the motion and it was approved. 4-2-0 (Commissioner Mitchell voted no and voted Commissioner Oglesby's proxy no.) The resolution was adopted. 4-0-2 Commissioner Mitchell abstained and abstained for Commissioner Oglesby's by proxy. Commissioner Mitchell said he would file a minority report.) (See attached Res 01-09)

Chair Bardin resumed the chair

B. Van Ness Liquors, 4201 Connecticut Avenue, ABC Application No. 74, license renewal

Commissioner Perry moved and Commissioner Maudlin seconded a motion "not to object" to the renewal of the license. The motion was approved. 6-0-0

C. Lack of notice of raze permits by DCRA

Commissioner Bardin offered and described a petition to Mayor Williams, City Administrator Koskinen, the DC Council and Inspector General Maddox for redress of grievances against the DCRA for denying meaningful notice of applications for raze permits. Commissioner Bardin moved adoption of the petition and Commissioner Wiss seconded. The motion was approved. 70-0 (Commissioner Mitchell Vote Commissioner Oglesby's proxy) (See attached Res 01-10)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm 6-0-0
The next regular ANC3F monthly business meeting is May 21, 2001 at 7:30pm at the Capital Memorial Church.

Respectfully,

Robert V. Maudlin
Secretary