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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F
February 23, 1998
Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Malcom at 7:45 pm. Commissioners present were Strauss, Perry, Saccocio, Sorge and Collins.

Agenda-- amended to reflect item B as B 1 (Historic Preservation Board) and item C (Danielle Frage) be listed as B2. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0. The order of presenters is reflected in the minutes of regular business.

Announcements-- No announcements were made.

Open Forum-- (1) An unidentified resident stated SMD 3F01 and 3F04 were vacant. SMD 3F01 is represented by Commissioner Sorge. SMD 3F04 is vacant. (2) There was no member of the Second District Police to present a report.

Regular Business--

Sandra Conner, Amoco station franchise owner,
Ms. Connor seeks support of the ANC 3F to oppose the conversion of the Amoco station located at 5001 Connecticut Avenue from a full-service gas and repair facility to a retail outlet and self-serve gas station. Amoco Oil Company has approached Ms. Connor with this conversion design. She feels it will compromise her client base and subsequently affect the livelihood of her staff and herself. The Commission heard from a long-time customer of Ms. Connor's business who reiterated how important it is to have a neighborhood car repair facility. The Commission voted 6-0-0 to support Ms. Connor's efforts. Commissioner Saccocio has drafted a letter to the corporate office of Amoco Oil Company outlining the Commission's support of Ms. Conner's wishes. A copy of that letter is enclosed. A copy has also been sent to the DC Energy Office Gasoline Station Advisory Board.

Historic Preservation issue at 3609 Albemarle Street
Martha Hamilton, a long time resident of the 3600 block of Albemarle Street, discussed the possibility that the remains of the historic Underground Railroad system may be contained in a dwelling at 3609 Albemarle Street. At the time of this meeting, the property was under consideration by the Zuckerman Brothers Development Corporation to be razed in preparation for two new home sites. The Commission understands that Zuckerman Brothers did secure a demolition permit but have not actually completed the purchase of the land. The selling agent is W.C. and A.N. Miller. Stuart Zuckerman, a partner of Zuckerman Brothers, was asked to attend this meeting but declined. In response to Ms. Hamilton's request, the ANC 3F voted 6-0-0 to support her efforts in an application to the Historical Preservation Board of the District of

Columbia which will be submitted by her. The Commission voted (6-0-0) to pay the application fee of \$100. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

Van Ness Station , a restaurant seeking a "CR" class Retail ABC License:
Derek Colbert, 100% owner of stock in Van Ness Station, Inc. (the "proprietor") appeared to request the support of ANC 3F in his application for a full-service liquor license. A draft Voluntary Agreement was prepared by Commissioner Sorge and was circulated among Mr. Colbert and the Commission prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the draft Voluntary Agreement was reviewed and discussed in detail. Mr. Colbert, his attorney, Marlene Johnson, and all of the Commissioners participated in the discussion and negotiation of the final agreement. Because it did not appear likely that the Commission and the proprietor would be able to agree that evening on a few issues, but that most other issues were agreed upon, the Commission decided to not oppose the liquor license, subject to the Commission and the proprietor reaching agreement on the few open issues on or before the end of the week. The Commission voted to authorize Commissioner Sorge to act on its behalf in negotiating with the proprietor to reach agreement on the following issues: the hours of operation of the outdoor garden cafe; the hours the proprietor would offer valet parking to its patrons; the location of placement within the establishment of a cigarette vending machine; and the prohibition of any large, unsightly advertisements in the front window of the establishment.

The Commission voted 5-0-1 not to oppose the application of Van Ness Station, Inc. for a Class "CR" ABC license, subject to a Voluntary Agreement being entered into in writing by and between the proprietor and ANC 3F, on or before February 27, 1998 including those issues already discussed as well as the few open issues outlined above. Commissioner Perry abstained from this vote. A copy of the Voluntary Agreement, signed by the proprietor and Commissioner Sorge on February 27, 1998 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference

Sidewalk Cafe Issue.

Mike Fazzano presented the recommendations of the Task Force on Sidewalk Cafes. Mr. Fazzano is a resident and activist in the Dupont Circle area. He believes cafes should be under stricter scrutinies with respect to their size and proximity to residential areas, noise levels and the revenue the city loses in taxes and permits fees. He was invited to attend the March 16, 1998 meeting to provide an update and ask the Commission for a resolution in support of his efforts.

DC Citizens Voting Rights in Congress.

Danielle Frage presented the views of American University professor Jamie Raskin, author of a legal paper arguing for the advancement of legal actions to provide the citizens of the District of Columbia with voting rights in Congress. The paper is ultimately designed to be a class action

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lawsuit and a catalyst to bring the issue of voting rights before the U.S. Supreme Court. Presently residents of Washington D.C. have no voting representation in Congress.

Treasurer's Report— Commissioner Sorge moved that the disbursement report for January be approved. The motion carried by a vote 6-0-0.

Secretary's Report—Commissioner Saccocio moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Future Meeting— March 16, 1998

Adjournment.