

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F  
January 12, 1998  
Minutes

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

**Announcements**-- No announcements were made.

**Open Forum**-- Report from the 2nd district police by Sergeant John Griffin of Police Service Area (PSA) 201. Sergeant Griffin reported that crime in the Forest Hills area in December decreased 16% from the previous year. Usually there is an increase of crime in December. Sergeant Griffin also answered questions and responded to comments by the Commissioners and the community, discussed recent crime stats and provided telephone numbers for access to the PSA staff. PSA 201 is bordered north to south by Western Avenue and Tilden Street, east to west by Rock Creek Parkway and Reno Road. The area south of Tilden Street is PSA 204. West of Reno Road is PSA 202. PSA 201 can be reached at 282-0034. Sergeant Griffin can be reached at 727-4932, box-24316. PSA 201 is willing to assist citizens with any complaints or concerns they may have.

--26 crimes were reported in the Nov/Dec period. They were:

Nov.	Dec.	
0	0	Homicides
0	0	Rapes
1	5	Robberies
4	2	Stolen autos
2	8	Theft from autos
9	6	Thefts home/business
0	0	Assaults
0	0	Arson
0	0	Against person

--Stolen cars and theft from cars are crimes of concern in this area. Simple guidelines are: remove valuables from parked cars; keep cars locked and use a deterrent like the "Club" and "LoJack" anti-theft devices to deter attempts. Honda Accords, Toyota Camrey and Acuras top the list of cars most likely to be stolen

--Traffic problems, including cars exceeding the posted speed limit, are of great concern to the DPW as well as the PSA 201. The highest disregard for speeding occurs in the residential areas of Military Road, Reno Road, and Nebraska Avenue. Rush hour traffic flow is constantly

interrupted by idle or parked cars.

--Homelessness is also of great concern to the PSA 201. All comments concerning homeless people can be heard by the 201 staff. The property at 3802 Albemarle was discussed as a matter of citizen's concern. Sergeant Griffin plans to look into this matter.

--Graffiti usually has two forms, tagging and gang related. Tagging is most usually an "artist" statement. Gang related graffiti is considered more serious. Both are destruction to government property and should not go unreported.

--Snatch and Grabs, commonly known as purse snatching, are generally thought to be committed against the elderly. This is not the case in busy commercial areas. In this area, Van Ness Towers was cited as an example. 75% of this crime occurs on or one to two blocks off of Connecticut Avenue. A higher citizen awareness is a major deterrent.

-- Keeping drapes and curtains drawn at night prevents a would-be thief from observing your habits.

-- Call Sergeant Griffin at the PSA 201, 828-0034, for help and advice.

### **Regular Business:**

#### **Election of New Officers**

Commissioner Saccocio was nominated for a second term as Secretary. She was elected by a vote of 6-0-0. Commissioner Sorge was elected Treasurer by a vote of 6-0-0. Commissioner Perry was elected to a second term as Vice Chair by a vote of 6-0-0. Commissioner Malcom was elected Chair by a vote of 6-0-0. Commissioner Malcom stated that his long-term goal is to begin discussion and dialogues with merchants, businesses and citizens to get rid of empty store fronts and revitalize and restore the area along Connecticut Avenue between Albemarle and Van Ness Streets back to a vibrant commercial pocket for the community. Chairman Malcom also extended a sincere thank you to outgoing Chairman Strauss for two years of excellent service and dedication to the responsibilities of his office.

#### **Report on Wrap & Roll**

Follow up on an item in the November meeting where the Commission voted to conditionally approve a Beer and Wine license contingent upon there being no 14(e) petition. Subsequent to that meeting the ANC 3F filed a letter with the ABC Board stating the Commission's position. Wrap & Roll has since amended the original application for a full alcohol license to a beer and wine license only. Reports indicate that the restaurant is open and a credit to the community.

### Methodist Home Settlement Agreement

Allison Prince, attorney for the Home, reported that negotiations by the Home and the Methodist Home United Neighborhood Committee on agreed changes resulted in a written agreement that was signed on January 8, 1998. Ms. Prince then sought support from the ANC 3F in the form of a letter to the BZA indicating total support of the agreement. Ms. Prince hopes the letter will help to avoid further hearings on the Home's expansion. A motion was made to approve such a letter. The motion carried 6-0-0. The letter is enclosed. Ms. Prince also reported that the Presbyterian Home, 3050 Military Road, is in the process of placing members on a committee to review and discuss expansion plans to its current facility. A meeting will be held on January 28, 1998. Commissioner Saccocio was named to represent the ANC on the committee and will be given a copy of the minutes and information regarding future actions.

### Rose Strickland of the 'Cause Children Count Coalition, Inc.

Ms. Strickland's coalition, along with the American Cancer Society, is seeking support from all ANCs in the form of a signed resolution supporting the efforts of Bill 12-281, Prohibition of Tobacco Sales, and Bill 12-320, Prevention of Child Consumption of Alcohol. Both bills are designed around the banning of advertisements promoting use of tobacco and alcohol products in areas frequented by children. This is to include public and private schools, playgrounds, day care centers, youth centers, YMCAs, video arcades, public swimming pools and designated public transit school stops. Bill 12-281 would restrict tobacco advertisements within a 2,000 foot boundary of public places and Bill 12-320 would restrict alcohol advertisements within a 1,000 foot boundary. A motion was made to adopt Ms. Strickland's resolution and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

**Treasurer's Report**--Commissioner Malcom reported that the disbursement reports and the expenditure reports for December were in order. The prepared D.C. auditor's report was also found to be in order and is ready to be signed by the secretary, treasurer and chairman. A motion was made to adopt Commissioner Malcom's findings and the motion carried 6-0-0. It was also agreed to pay the remaining balance of the Office Depot bill which was roughly \$400.

**Secretary's Report**--Commissioner Saccocio moved that the commission approve the October 1997 minutes. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0-1. The November 1997 minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

**Future meeting**--February 23, 1998.

**Adjournment.**