

**MINUTES**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
**NORTH CLEVELAND PARK/FOREST HILLS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Capital Memorial Church**  
**3150 Chesapeake Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20008**  
**June 18, 2001**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bardin called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

Commissioners Kogan, Perry, Maudlin, Wiss and Oglesby were present.

With six of seven commissioners present, Chair Bardin declared a quorum.

**2. AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was accepted by motion of Commissioner Maudlin seconded by Commissioner Oglsby. 6-0-0 (See attached agenda)

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 21, 2001 regular meeting were approved by a motion of Commissioner Perry, seconded by Commissioner Maudlin. 6-0-0

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Commissioner Bardin announced that The DC Public Library is recruiting volunteers to serve as computer instructors. Anyone interested should contact Desire P. Grigan, 727-1471.

B. Mr. Gil Colston, manager of the Friendship and Cleveland Park Post Office stations introduced himself and his associate Ms. Nina Murray to the residents. Mr. Colston is the first permanent manager in several years for ZIP codes 20007, 20008 and 20016 and he said his mission is to bring back good mail service to the community.

C. Mr. Marvin Tievsky, president of the Friendship Citizens Association announced a public meeting on DPW's activities in the community to be held at 7:30, June 19, 2001 at the Tenley-Friendship Library.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

A. Dr. Barbara Kogan, secretary of the Forest Hills Citizens Association, presented Van Ness Giant store update report #2 which described what has been done and not done during the past 29 months to improve the store. She reported that there are

still a number of areas in the operation of the store that need improvement.

Mr. Ed Martin, new manager of the store and Mr. Eric Hollend, assistant manager, replied to the complaints saying that they know there are needed improves in the store and that they are going to do it.

Commissioner Perry agreed to lead an effort for a town meeting to address the concerns of the operation of the Giant store.

Commissioner Parry said she would give the new management one month to improve the store.

B. Commissioner Wiss introduced Mr. Jim Gibson a builder who has an option to purchase the property at 3901 Albemarle Street.

Mr. Gibson presented a plan for six houses (three duplexes) set back from and facing Albemarle Street. He said since developing the plan there was concern that the houses are too close to the large oak tree to the north of the property and he is revising the plan to locate the houses closer to Albemarle Street. Mr. Gibson said he is trying to get an extension from June 22, to file plans with the BZA. Elevation drawings of the houses have not been completed but Mr. Gibson said the houses would be 2½ stories and 37 feet high to the roof ridge.

Commissioners Wiss, Bardin and Perry agreed to meet with Mr. Gibson to discuss the plans as they are developed.

## **6. POLICE REPORT**

Officer Edna West of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District reported that during the past four weeks during the day shift she had issued 107 tickets for violations near the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street and that 60 tickets had been issued during the evening shift.

Commissioner Ogleby complained that there is not adequate time to cross Connecticut Avenue on "walk" signals. Officer West replied that this is to be considered in the Connecticut Avenue traffic study.

Commissioner Wiss noted a problem with rush hour traffic backup caused by the Connecticut Avenue car wash south of Albemarle Street. Officer West said they have talked to the owner and if the situation is not corrected a formal complaint will be filed.

## **8. PRESENTATION: TREES AND NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST PROTECTION**

Mr. David Murphy of the National Park Service addressed the problem of development next to park land which impacts park trees. He said the zoning regulations provide for tree and slope protection overlay districts to regulate alteration or disturbance of terrain, destruction of trees near park land. An example is the Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace Overlay District.

Mr. Murphy said that an area for consideration in ANC3F is the

property adjacent to Soap Stone Valley and other areas adjacent to Rock Creek Park that include undeveloped land that may be subdivided in the future. He said he would be willing to work with ANC3F to develop a tree and slope plan.

#### **9. HOWARD UNIVERSITY WEST CAMPUS NOISE AND NUISANCE ISSUES**

Commissioner Perry announced that she had invited Dean McClenden and other Howard representatives to attend the meeting but that they were not present.

Mr. Gary Mummert, member of the board of Van Ness East Condo, reported that Howard University has violated conditions in the BZA order permitting use of the west campus. He said Howard has done nothing to reduce the noise from three large cooling units at ground level near Van Ness East and that there is now new noise which appears to be from the AC system on the roof of the new law library. Mr. Mummert noted that there is also noise from bus and truck backup horns late at night and an alarm connected to a sump pump.

Commissioner Bardin suggested that Mr. Mummert work with Mr. Phil Heinrich, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, to get DC agencies to help in solving the problems.

#### **10. ADVISORY ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Proposal for test closing of Beach Drive**

Commissioner Maudlin presented a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Perry, which recommends and urges that there be no test closing of Beach Drive prior to the release and review of the draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. The resolution was approved. 6-0-0 (Copy of Res 01-13 attached)

##### **B. Proposal for a test of the Edmund Burke School's Revised Traffic Management Plan**

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

Commissioner Kogan reported that the BZA held a hearing on May 15, on the Edmund Burke School application for expansion which was continued to May 21 and would be reconvened on July 10 for testimony by the opposition parties. He said at the hearing DPW recommended a one year demonstration of the effectiveness of the revised Burke transportation management plan.

Commissioner Kogan offered a resolution supporting the one demonstration which was seconded by Commissioner Perry.

Commissioner Wiss suggested that the resolution be revised from directing that DPW be tasked with the demonstration to DPW be

requested to implement, manage and monitor the demonstration. The revision was accepted by Commissioners Kogan and Perry and the resolution was approved. 5-0-0 (copy of Res 01-14 attached)

Chair Bardin resumed the chair.

**C. Letter asking BZA to correct further its order on 4418-4420 Connecticut Avenue**

Commissioner Bardin presented a letter to the BZA asking that the Corrected Summary Order in Application N. 16659 be revised to include, as item 13, the condition recommended by ANC3F. Commissioner Bardin moved approval of the letter which was seconded by Commissioner Maudlin. The letter was approved. 5-0-0 Commissioner Perry was not present at the time of the vote. (See attached letter)

**D. Denial of Raze Permit for the Owl's Nest**

Commissioner Maudlin offered a supplemental resolution to ANC3F Res 01-06 to make clear that ANC3F's request to DCRA is to "not issue a raze operations permit" for the Owl's Nest which was designated a historic landmark after Res 01-06 was adopted. Commissioner Bardin seconded the resolution which was adopted. 5-0-1 Commissioner Oglesby abstaining. (See Res 01-15 attached)

**11. WARD 3 ANCS TRAFFIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Perry reported that the Committee would be an ongoing committee and would include representatives from DC agencies and be used to coordinate efforts to address Ward 3 traffic issues. She said the Committee would start with short term issues such as signs and speed controls and then move to longer term issues. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 26.

Commissioner Perry noted that police would be issued laser guns for speed control.

**12. WARD 3 REDISTRICTING**

Commissioner Bardin reported that the DC Council would probably have the second reading and vote on the redistricting bill on June 19 and that there could be a third reading.

**13. TREASURERS REPORT**

The commission reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's financial reports for April and May 2001. (See reports attached) Commissioner Maudlin requested approval of an expenditure of no more than \$100.00 to purchase a tape recorder for recording the ANC's meeting. The expenditure was approved. 6-0-0

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:12pm 6-0-0

The next regular ANC3F monthly business meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2001 at 7:30pm at the Capital Memorial Church. Chair Bardin noted that it may be necessary to schedule a meeting earlier than July 16, and/or at a different location, possibly the Washington Home.

Respectfully,

Robert V. Maudlin  
Secretary