

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 19, 2000**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bardin called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Commissioners Kogan, Perry, Maudlin, Mitchell, Heinrich and Fitzgerald were present. All commissioners being present, Chair Bardin declared a quorum.

2. AGENDA

After moving Charlie Chiang's ABC license application to follow the Open Forum on the agenda, the agenda was adopted. 7.0.0 (See attached agenda)

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the May 15, 2000 ANC3F meeting were approved. 7.0.0

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Dr. Michelle Cochran reported that new play equipment was installed at the Forest Hills Playground on June 3 and 4. The work was done by 70 volunteers that participated in the "community build." The Playground group is now planning Phase II to raise ten thousand dollars to purchase and install swings.

B. Commissioner Bardin announced a Forum on the School Board Referendum on June 20, 4:00-5:30 at the Tenley-Friendship Library.

C. Commissioner Bardin announced a meeting of the People's Counsel on July 7 10:00am on the DC Public Service Commission.

D. Ms. Barbara Simon, President of the Forest Hills Citizens Association, announced the annual meeting of the association on June 29, 7:30pm at the Roof Terrace of The Park Connecticut, 4411 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

5. OPEN FORUM

A. Mr. Dave Boehlke reported that residents of the 3500 block of Yuma Street have petitioned the DPW to install curbs, gutters, and working storm drains in their block.

He asked the ANC to: 1. Support the petition, 2. Encourage UDC to improve the University's portion of the 3400 block, and 3. Urge the owners of Yuma Gardens Apartment to address street and sidewalk concerns up to the 3500 block.

B. Ms. Esllyn Banks requested that the walk lights for crossing Connecticut Avenue at Albemarle and Van Ness Streets be timed to allow adequate time for crossing Connecticut Avenue.

C. Ms. Mary Dwyer complained of traffic congestion caused by cars and trucks parking illegally on Van Ness Street and Connecticut Avenue.

D. Commissioner Bardin reported that Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Director, DCRA, had not responded in writing as promised to questions from ANC3F.

6. Charlie Chiang's Restaurant & Lounge - 4250 Connecticut Avenue. Renewal of

ABC License Application #24996

Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded a motion not to oppose the license renewal. 7.0.0 Voluntary agreement signed June 19, 2000. There was discussion of Mr. Chiang's plan to provide valet parking when the restaurant reopens.

7. Lt. Eaves, 2nd District, MPD

Lt. Eaves reported that a civilian traffic officer would be assigned to Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street. In response to Ms. Banks, he said walk lights should be set for pedestrians crossing at 2 mph and that DPW is studying Connecticut Avenue. He reported that crime in PSA 201(Forest Hills/Chevy Chase)during the period January to June 15, 2000 compared with the similar period in 1999 has decreased 21.5%.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Canopies over Metro escalators

Mr. Ronald Williams, Project Manager for canopies discussed the plan and schedule for WMATA to install canopies at 53 Metro locations of which, two are planned for the Van Ness-UDC station. Commissioner Bardin moved a resolution to:1. Generally endorse the plan, 2. Request a more cosmopolitan and elegant design, akin to that of the Columbia Heights - Green Line canopies, in place of the "signature canopy design" for Van Ness-UDC, and 3. Request early installation of the Van Ness-UDC canopies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perry. Commissioner Kogan offered an amendment to strike item 2 and Commissioner Mitchell seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved. 4.3.0. (Commissioners Bardin, Maudlin and Perry dissenting) The amended resolution was adopted. 7.0.0 (See attached Res 00-15)

B. Proposed Public Space Permit for Bike Rack at Gold's Gym, 4310 Connecticut Avenue

Commissioner Perry offered a motion to support a permit if the proposed 40 foot rack is reduced to 20 feet and the yellow stanchions are removed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kogan. The motion failed to carry. 3.4.0. (Commissioners Kogan, Perry and Heinrich voting in the affirmative)

C. Department of Public Works proposal to reconstruct Broad Branch Road

Mr. Edwin Edokwe, Design and Engineering Division, DPW and consultants Singh and Fox presented information on the proposed reconstruction of Broad Branch Road between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive. DPW would like to start construction in 2001 and estimates construction time of 18 months. Cost of work is estimated at \$5.6 million with probably 80% Federal and 20% DC funding. Mr. Edokwe said DPW identified Broad Branch Road for reconstruction in 1992 after testing condition of roadbed and considering flooding conditions. The plan calls some realignment of the road, increases in elevation, removal of trees and widening the roadway two feet. A section of Broad Branch Road includes residents of ANC3G and Commissioner Ann Renshaw of ANC3G03 participated in the discussion. The consensus of the residents of Broad Branch Road who spoke was that DPW should withdraw the plan as the reconstruction is not needed or wanted.

D. Proposed Renewals of ABC Licenses

1. Jandara - 4237 Wisconsin Avenue Application #7970

Commissioned Heinrich moved and Commissioned Mitchell seconded a motion not to oppose the license renewal. Signed voluntary agreement dated May 31, 2000. 7.0.0.

2. Café Di Mama - 4483 Connecticut Avenue Application #33579

Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Heinrich seconded a motion not to oppose the license renewal. Voluntary agreement signed June 19, 2000. 7.0.0.

Note: Commissioner Perry left the meeting at 10:00

E. Proposed "No Bus" signs for Albemarle Street between Connecticut and Nebraska Avenues

Commission Maudlin reported that a final order had been issued to install "no truck" signs on Albemarle Street between Connecticut and Nebraska Avenues which had been requested by ANC3F.

He said residents of Albemarle Street reported an increase in large tour buses using Albemarle Street and moved that a letter be sent to DPW requesting that "no bus" signs be installed on Albemarle Street. Commissioner Mitchell moved to table the motion until the July meeting. The Motion carried 4.2.0. (Commissioners Bardin and Maudlin dissenting)

9. TREASURERS REPORT

Commissioner Kogan moved and Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded approval of the May Monthly Financial Report. 6.0.0.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18pm 6.0.0.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm, July 17 at location to be designated

Respectfully,

Robert V. Maudlin
Secretary ANC3F