

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F
March 16, 1998
Minutes

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

Adoption of Agenda-- (1) Commissioner Strauss noted that with respect to item B, (zoning changes to historic preservation sites), it is uncertain whether the parties presenting this issue will be available tonight. Hopefully they will be present; otherwise the agenda will move on. (2) Commissioner Strauss also requested that two new items be added-- a report on a meeting between citizens and merchants concerning litter control in the area around the 4200-4300 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue and unfinished business from last month's meeting concerning sidewalk cafes. The items were added as D & E. Commissioner Perry brought attention to the adverse conditions at the bottom of Tilden Street where water collects and freezes causing traffic hazards. It was added as item F. A motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried 6-0-0.

Announcements-- 1-- A panel discussion on " The Future of the District of Columbia, Today's Challenges Tomorrow's Opportunities." Keynote speaker is Alice Rivlin. Panelist include Mayor Barry, Camille Barnett, Linda Cropp and Anthony Cropp. The meeting will be held at GW's InterCulture Auditorium on March 19th. 2-- Meeting of the DC Building Industry Association and the DC Preservation League . The meeting will be March 26th. 3-- Ward 3 Democratic Committee will honor John Hechinger Sr. on March 22nd at the Cleveland Park Club. 4-- Ward 3 Democrats ward-wide caucus to elect 25 delegates to the DC democratic party congress. The event is March 24th. 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall on Calvert St. 5-- Wayne Witkowski, DC Corp. Counsel, reports he is reluctant to prosecute Mr. Zembetis in the illegal tree removal in the 4500 block of Connecticut Avenue due to the only eye witness's inability to cooperate with the investigation. Mr. Zembetis no longer owns Ledo Pizza, where the alleged incident took place.

Open Forum-- Mr. Tievsky expressed his concern about the lack of street cleaning in ward 3. It was suggested that this be a future agenda item for Dr. Camille Barnett's visit.

Regular Business:

Update on 3609 Albemarle St. NW by Commissioner Strauss.

Shortly after the Commission's vote on February 23, 1998 to file an application with the Historical Preservation Board (HPB) some difficulties arose in the application process. On the

Update on Van Ness Station by Commissioner Sorge.

In the last meeting the Commission had basically left the issue of Van Ness Station's liquor license to about a 97% agreement in the works and the ANC asked Commissioner Sorge to continue negotiations with the applicant on several open issues. The issues were: hours of the garden cafe; valet parking; placement of a cigarette machine; and outside window signs. With the final negotiations in order, the agreement was signed on February 27, 1998 and on March 4, 1998 Commissioner Sorge appeared at the ABC Roll Call Hearing where it was learned that no other protest papers had been filed. Therefore, the ANC3F/ VanNess Station agreement was filed. Chairman Malcom called for comments and they included: Mr. Colbert, the owner, is willing to comply with ANC and neighbors' concerns; it's nice to have Saturday night pedestrian activity for a change; no complaints from neighbors have been heard; the noise level of a four piece band did not spill onto the outside; valet parking did not seem to be available; whether the cars parked illegally on Van Ness Street were the result of Van Ness Station or an ATM; extended thank yous to Commissioner Sorge's work.

Apporpos Liquor Lisences.

Chairman Malcom introduced a resolution regarding liquor lisences transfers. The matter was discussed. A motion was made to adopt. The motion carried 6-0-0. A copy the resolution is enclosed.

Merchants and Citizens Control litter in area of 4200-4300 Wisconsin Ave.

A meeting held Thursday night, March 12th, at McDonalds on Wisconsin Ave organized by Commissioner Strauss and attended by residents and merchants resulted in a clean-up patrol being established. A two- block area has been designated to each merchant who committed to police their area regularly. An issue that arose concerns an apartment building at 4240 39th Street, which is next to Armands, and is believed to be operating without a dumpster. Armands thinks residents are dumping trash in their dumpster. Commissioner Strauss alerted the housing inspector to take look at the situation.

Sidewalk Cafe Task Force.

Commissioner Strauss called for the Commission to consider a resolution presented by Mike Fazano of The Task Force on Sidewalk Cafe at last month's meeting. At that time the Commission asked for more time to review the recommendations of the task force. The item was placed on tonight's agenda for discussion. An aspect of the discussion included noise levels and proximity to property owners. The Commission made the following recommendation to the task force's resolution: ANC 3F resolves to support the recommendations of The Task Force on Sidewalk Cafe with the exception of the recommendation concerning application/administrative procedure; and ANC 3F would support a requirement that DPW would provide notice to

property owners within a 600 foot radius of the purposed outdoor cafe. A motion was made to adopt. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Tilden Street.

Commission Perry cited the area of Tilden Street east of Connecticut Avenue as a traffic hazard. The area is at the bottom of a hill and has constant standing water that freezes in winter months. Commissioner Sorge offered to write a letter to DPW and it applicable agencies. It was mentioned that the water may result from an underground spring.

Secretary's Report-- Commission Saccocio, after some spelling changes, made a motion to approve minutes of February 23rd. The motion carried 6-0-0

Treasurer's Report-- Commission Sorge read the disbursement report for February. Chairman Malcom called for a motion to accept. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Future Meeting-- April 20, 1998.

Adjournment.

**ANC 3F RESOLUTION ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ISSUE CONCERNING 3609 AND 3615 ALBEMARLE ST., NW**

WHEREAS, ANC 3F, at its February 16, 1998, regularly-scheduled meeting, considered whether to support the submission of an application to the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board concerning the properties located at 3609 and 3615 Albemarle Street, NW; and

WHEREAS, testimony was presented at ANC 3F's February 23, 1998, meeting concerning the possible historic significance of the structures located on 3609 and 3615 Albemarle Street, NW, including the possibility that the structures were formerly part of the "Underground Railroad"; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F understands that the property at 3609 and 3615 Albemarle Street, NW may soon be sold, and the structures on those properties destroyed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ANC 3F supports the submission of an application to the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board concerning the properties located at 3609 and 3615 Albemarle Street, NW; and

ANC 3F authorizes the payment of the filing fee by ANC 3F; and

ANC 3F authorizes its Chairman to execute the application.

(Resolution passes 6-0-0)