

**MINUTES**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
**NORTH CLEVELAND PARK/FOREST HILLS/TENLEYTOWN**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

Capital Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
3050 Chesapeake Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
May 19, 2003

**1. CALL TO ORDER [7:30 pm]**

Chair Wiss called the meeting to order and, finding Commissioners Perry, Maudlin, Bardin, Bernardi and Dennis to be present, declared a quorum. The Chair announced that Commissioner Kessler was unavoidably delayed.

**2. AGENDA [7:32]**

The proposed agenda [attached] was moved by Commissioner Wiss and seconded by Commissioner Perry. Commissioner Bardin offered an amendment, which was accepted, to add the Zoning Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) as to the vesting/set down rule just before the Treasurer's report. The agenda was approved as amended, 6-0-0.

The Chair brought up need for a special meeting on the Burke School application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and a June 30 date was agreed upon by consensus.

**3. MINUTES [7:37]**

Minutes of the April 21, 2003, meeting were approved, on motion of Commissioner Bardin, seconded by Commissioner Maudlin. 6-0-0.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:38 pm]**

A. Commissioner Perry announced a meeting on the Connecticut Avenue Traffic Study – tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on June 3 was canceled because the Department of Transportation (DDOT) could not get out a draft report until, at the earliest, May 30th. A new date, giving ANC and community time to review the document, will be announced, but DDOT said the earliest date the meeting could be rescheduled was the week of June 23rd.

B. (1) Commissioner Denis announced that the meeting date for hearing the Burke School issues will be June 16th, followed by an ANC meeting on June 30th to take its vote.

(2) He also reported a water leak in the 4000 block of Connecticut Avenue that has kept a sidewalk there wet for two weeks, and that he had asked the Mayor's Action Line to look into the problem as neither of the nearby apartment houses believes it is causing the leak.

C. (1) Commissioner Bardin reported that DC Water and Sewer Authority and other water purveyors in the region will kick off a "Water – Use It Wisely" campaign on May 20.

(2) He also reported on proposed changes in the MPD PSAs.

D. Commissioner Wiss reported on a traffic calming study for Upton Street between Reno Road and Wisconsin Avenue. For information contact Colleen.Smith@dc.gov (Ward 3 traffic planner).

E. Barbara Simons announced that the annual meeting of the Forest Hills Citizens Association will take place June 17 at the Levine School of Music and will include a musicale.

**5. OPEN FORUM [7:49 pm]**

A. Ms. Simons asked for a progress report on streets needing repairs. Chair Wiss said she would ask DDOT about status of the list previously sent in by the ANC.

B. Karen Foreit recommended adding the southern portion of Linnean Avenue to the list and Chair Wiss noted that she had forwarded that request to DDOT in October, 2002.

C. Jaime Howser, General Manager of the Days Inn at 4400 Connecticut Avenue, indicated that the Days Inn is in the early stages of considering additional signage (stationary or programmable) on the side of the building and would like community input. He elicited comments by Commissioner Perry, Dick Potter, and Marilyn Myerson. The Chair indicated she would consult Commissioner Kessler (in whose SMD Days Inn is located) and Ms. Myerson indicated her availability to serve on a consultative group.

**6. MPD SECOND DISTRICT REPORT [7:58 pm]**

Lt. Aiello discussed recent crimes (including theft of an airbag from a car). He characterized ANC 3F as a low crime area, with thefts from autos (9 in 30 days) as the most frequent crime. [The Secretary's summary of April crimes data provided by Lt. Aiello is attached.]

Commissioner Kessler arrived.

**7. 4301 CONNECTICUT AVENUE [8:12 pm]**

Commissioner Perry introduced John N. (Jack) Gallagher, Senior Vice President of Polinger, Shannon & Luchs (PS&L), and Patricia M. Shippey, Senior Property Manager of PS&L. They described planned improvements to spruce up the building's lower story facade, repaving and other changes to the plaza along Connecticut Avenue (including regrading that will increase visibility from the Avenue; new plantings to include red maples, red oaks, groundcover; new lighting; new benches; movable seating cubes; and trash receptacle), moving CVS forward toward Connecticut to occupy overhang space, and making the office building entrance more visible by adding a canopy structure over the overhang leading to it.

Van Ness Center opened in 1965 and the plaza has had virtually no improvements since.

Anticipated construction schedule would run to final punch out during the first two weeks of December, 2003. Start would be as soon as permits issue, with 12-14 weeks for material assemblage overlapping 6-8 weeks to demolish the present plaza. 6-8 weeks to lay stone. 6-8 weeks on the walls. Landscaping in October and November. Plaza demolition will involve the noisiest period, likely in June and July. Other work should not be particularly noisy. Work will be from 7 am - 4 pm Mondays through Fridays (with no weekend work planned unless the project runs late, in which case they will add Saturday work).

Polinger, Shannon & Luchs is in long-continuing negotiations with Giant about its space, plus 18,000 square feet more. (The optician's lease will not be renewed past August. The barber shop will be shifted, to offer Giant continuous space.) Mr. Gallagher expressed confidence, but did not feel free to discuss issues with Giant (ongoing since December 2001).

Questions and discussion from the community involved Henry Guyot, Karen Foreit, Marilyn Myerson, Pearl Richardson, Paul Richardson, Matt Pavuk, Bobbie Carroll. Lighting will focus downward. Trash receptacles' design will keep trash from blowing away. PS&L will look into need for more trash capacity and whether a rebuilt wall paralleling the bus stop could be moved eastward from its present location so as to add sidewalk space.

Responding to Chair Wiss, Mr. Gallagher agreed to return to the ANC as the project progresses with more information (including answers to pending questions).

On motion of Commissioner Perry, seconded by Commissioner Kessler, the ANC voted no objection to the public space permit application (i.e., for the benches, lighting, and trash receptacles), 7-0-0.

#### **8. PROPOSED ROCK CREEK PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN [8:50 pm]**

Commissioner Wiss introduced Adrienne Coleman, Superintendent of Rock Creek Park (RCP) who reported that the National Park Service (NPS) has come up with a draft management plan for Rock Creek Park and draft EIS which sets out four alternatives: (a) enhanced management; (b) no action/no changes; (c) reserving for bicyclists at all times certain roads now limited to non-motorized traffic on weekends; (d) limiting such roads from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays (as well as all times weekends). The NPS's preferred alternative is (d). The NPS will hold a public information meeting at 5:30 pm followed by a public hearing from 6:30 - 9:30 pm on both May 20 and May 22 at UDC Auditorium (and a third date if not everyone gets to speak). She said it is impossible to preserve RCP "just as it is" because significant change is inevitable.

Questions and discussion from the community involved Pearl Richardson, Bobbie Carroll, Michael Sussman, Charles Feldman, Barbara Simons, Karen Foreit, John Mitchell.

Commissioner Maudlin moved and Commissioner Bardin seconded a resolution [Res 03-08, attached]. Commissioner Wiss moved, and Commissioner Bernardi seconded, an amendment to strike the final Resolving clause. The amendment failed, 3 (Commissioners Wiss, Benardi, and Kessler)-4-0. The underlying motion then carried, 6-0-1 (Commissioner Wiss abstaining).

#### **9. PROPOSED FORT CIRCLE PARKS DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN [9:25 pm]**

Commissioner Wiss turned to Superintendent Coleman again, regarding another draft management plan for Fort Circle Parks and a draft EIS. Commissioner Wiss described three alternatives proposed in the plan:

1. Continue current management/no action;
2. Designation of 23-mile trail connecting the Parks and rehabilitating existing recreational facilities, and
3. Designate three key sites for orientation and information and rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities.

Questions and discussion from the community involved Doug Wonderlic, Dorothy Biard, Henry Guyot, Jean Pablo, Matt Pavuk.

Comments on the plan are due May 30, but Superintendent Coleman said she would request that the comment period be extended 30 days. Commissioner Maudlin offered a resolution, noting that if the extension is granted the issue could be revisited at the June meeting. The resolution, seconded by Commissioner Perry, recommended that the NPS adopt alternative 2. Commissioner Wiss offered an amendment to include language regarding Fort Reno, which was accepted, and the resolution as amended was approved, 7-0-0. [See Res 03-09, attached.]

#### **10. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS [10:02 pm]**

The ANC addressed four renewals and approved resolutions as follows:

Res 03-10: Van Ness Liquors - Application No. 74. There were no community comments. Commissioner Perry moving, Commissioner Dennis seconding, approved 7-0-0

Res 03-11: Calvert-Woodley Wine & Liquor Store - Application No. 11907. There were no community comments. Commissioner Perry presented a voluntary agreement with Calvert-Woodley and a resolution of "no objection" to the renewal of the license. Commissioner Bardin seconded the resolution which was adopted 7-0-0.

Res 03-12: Sheffield Wine & Liquors - Application No. 50188. There were no community comments. Commissioner Bernardi moving, Commissioner Dennis seconding 7-0-0.

Res 03-13: Tenley Wine & Liquors - Application No. 30587. Although there were no community comments at the meeting, Commissioner Wiss reported several complimentary comments (shared by e-mail with other commissioners). Commissioner Wiss moving, Commissioner Bardin seconding 7-0-0.

**11. TENLEYTOWN FIRE HOUSE TRAFFIC LIGHT REQUEST [10:07 pm]**

Commissioner Wiss moved, and Commissioner Maudlin seconded, approval of Res 03-14 [attached] which carried 7-0-0.

**12. ANC 3F's BY-LAWS [10:09 pm]**

On motion of Commissioner Kessler, seconded by Commissioner Bardin, the ANC approved, 7-0-0, on final reading an amendment to Article IV, Section 9(d) regarding the cosigning of checks or withdrawal from ANC accounts to read:

d. Cosigning Checks and Other Withdrawal Documents: The Treasurer shall with the Chairperson cosign all checks or withdrawal orders from any ANC account. In the absence of either or when one of them is also the payee, any other officer may cosign.

**13. VESTING / SET DOWN RULE - ZC Case No. 03-14 [10:11 pm]**

Commissioner Bardin moved, and Commissioner Perry seconded, a motion supporting the proposed amendment to 11 DCMR § 3202.5(a) as published in May 16, 2003, DC Register. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**14. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2003 [10:14 pm]**

A. Commissioner Kessler presented the attached treasurer's report for April 2003.

B. Commissioner Kessler moved approval and Commissioner Bernardi seconded, the Quarterly Report to the D.C. Auditor for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2003 [attached]. The motion carried, 7-0-0.

C. [10:21 pm] Commissioner Kessler presented possible revisions to the ANC's Budget for FY 2003. Commissioner Maudlin moved, Commissioner Bardin seconding, to strike a \$250 item for purchase of software to facilitate communications among commissioners and with the D.C. government. The motion failed 2(Commissioners Maudlin and Bardin)-5-0.

Commissioner Kessler moved, Commissioner Perry seconding, \$250 for purchase of software to facilitate communications among commissioners and with the D.C. government. The motion carried 5-1-1 (Commissioner Maudlin dissenting, Commissioner Bardin abstaining).

Commissioner Maudlin moved to strike \$5,000 for consultants. The motion failed for want of a second. Commissioner Kessler moved, Commissioner Bernardi seconding, to approve \$5,000 for consultants. The motion carried 6-1-0 (Commissioner Maudlin dissenting).

D. [10:42] Commissioner Kessler moved, Commissioner Wiss seconding, a resolution to establish a savings account. [Res 03-15, attached]. The motion carried 7-0-0.

E. [10:47] Commissioner Denis moved, Commissioner Perry seconding, a resolution authorizing up to \$2,000 to retain an attorney consultant in connection with the Burke School application to the BZA. Res 03-16, attached, carried 5-0-1 (Commissioner Bernardi abstaining and Commissioner Bardin recused).

**15. ADJOURNMENT [11:02 pm]**

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at the Capital Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3150 Chesapeake Street, N.W., on June 16, 2003, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ David J. Bardin*

David J. Bardin, Secretary  
Approved: June 16, 2003

Attachments:

- Agenda [with Brief Reports]
- Secretary's summary of MPD report of crimes during April 2003 within ANC 3F (boundaries pre-2003)
- Res 03-08        Rock Creek Park - draft General Management Plan
- Res 03-09        Fort Circle Parks - draft Management Plan
- Res 03-10        Van Ness Liquors - Application No. 74
- Res 03-11        Calvert-Woodley Wine & Liquor Store - Application No. 11907
- Res 03-12        Sheffield Wine & Liquors - Application No. 50188
- Res 03-13        Tenley Wine & Liquors - Application No. 30587
- Res 03-14        Reaffirmance of request for traffic light at Tenleytown Fire House
- Treasurer's Report for April 2003
- Quarterly Report to DC Auditor for 3rd Quarter of FY 2003
- Revised Budget FY 2003
- Res 03-15        Establishing ANC savings account
- Res 03-16        Retaining a zoning attorney regarding Burke School BZA application