

MINUTES
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
NORTH CLEVELAND PARK, FOREST HILLS & TENLEYTOWN
PUBLIC MEETING

Monday November 21, 2005
Capital Memorial Church
3150 Chesapeake Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-2229

1. CALL TO ORDER [7:35 pm]

Chair Perry called the meeting to order and, finding Commissioners Gandhi, Klibanoff, Kessler, Maudlin, and Winstead present, declared a quorum.

Note: No audio recording is available for this meeting.

2. AGENDA [7:35 pm]

Changes made to the printed agenda include the deletion of the term “action item” following Councilmember Mendelson’s name. The Department of Parks and Recreation was removed from the agenda. The Fort Reno plans moved to after the liquor licenses.

The Annual Report (9:40 pm) was added after the Bylaws.

The agenda was adopted 6-0-0 (Chair Perry moving, Commissioner Winstead seconding).

3. MINUTES [7:37 pm]

Minutes of the September 19, 2005, monthly public meeting were accepted 5-0-1 (Commissioner Winstead moving and Commissioner Gandhi seconding; Commissioner Klibanoff abstained).

Minutes of the October 17, 2005, monthly public meeting were accepted 6-0-0 (Commissioner Winstead moving and Commissioner Gandhi seconding).

4. Announcements [7:39 pm]

A. Announcements by Commissioners:

Commissioner Kessler:

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) has plans to renovate their interior plaza (Cleveland Dennard Plaza) and to build new facilities: resident halls and a student union. UDC plans to begin quarterly public meetings. UDC will work on reducing litter on Yuma Street. Chair Perry requests UDC attend the January 2006 ANC 3F meeting.

Reno Road renovations have been delayed due to seasonal weather conditions.

Chair Perry:

A mayoral candidates forum sponsored by community groups including the Forest Hills Citizens Association will be held November 28, 2005, 7 pm – 9 pm, at the St. Columba Church focused on neighborhood issues and development.

B. Announcements by members of the community:

No announcements were made.

5. Open Forum [7:42 pm]

Dean Nielsen 5200 block of 42nd Street (Hearst PTA member) stated that he was circulating a petition to compel DPR to finish the originally planned renovations at the Hearst Recreation Center.

[Commissioner Wiss arrives.]

Nelson indicates that he already has 300 signatures.

Barbara Oliver of the 3600 block of Van Ness Street wants updates on the Chinese Embassy construction and to be able to make input on the new Tenleytown Library. Chair Perry indicated that the Chinese Embassy was under federal jurisdiction and that that the ANC had received no notifications.

David Bardin of the 4700 block of Connecticut Avenue indicated that apartment buildings and condominium buildings were being charged an 11% utility tax on heating fuel due to being classified as non-residential by Washington Gas's interpretation of DC Law. Single-family homes pay a 10% utility tax.

In addition, Bardin encouraged Commissioners to write Mr. White at WMATA concerning re-installing a map and schedule at the bus stop outside the Van Ness Metro station.

Jared Gordon of 34th Street indicated a need for traffic control measures at crosswalks on Connecticut Avenue without traffic signals near Murch School such as the Everett crossing.

Mary Alice Levin of the 3800 block of Alton Place wants Councilmember Patterson's office to visit the community to talk about the status of the Wilson School pool. Commissioner Wiss indicates a town hall meeting would be forthcoming on the Tenley Library plans. Commissioner Wiss moves that ANC 3F cosponsor the meeting with ANC 3E and the Tenleytown Neighbors Association. Commissioner Kessler seconded. Co-sponsorship approved by consensus.

6. Police Report [7:54 pm]

Lt. George and Officer Laconte of the MPD's PSA 203 presented the police report. Thefts from automobiles continue to occur in the area. Thefts at UDC were being investigated by the MPD as well as a theft at Howard University Law School.

7. DDOT Status Report on Upton Street and other traffic issues [8:07 pm]

Anne Simpson Mason and Muhammed Khalid of DDOT presented information on proposed changes to Upton Street to improve safety and reduce speeding.

Khalid indicated that the need for traffic calming in the vicinity of Linnean Terrace would be studied.

Khalid indicated that Ellicott Street had been released by WASA for resurfacing. WASA had not released Davenport Street for resurfacing.

Khalid noted that the plans for work on Reno Road were being revised to lessen disruption to traffic.

8. Councilmember Mendelson [8:56 pm]

Councilmember Mendelson indicated that Engine 20's Fire Station would be completed by March of 2006.

[Commissioner Gandhi departed]

Mendelson discussed topics before the Council and the Committee on the Judiciary which he chairs including: domestic violence, medical malpractice (tort caps), the Omnibus Public Safety Act, living wage, the Meal Bill, school funding and closures, and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

9. Consideration of application to Public Space Committee for 3633 Albemarle Street [9:45 pm]

Commissioner Kessler invited Georgetown Restoration to come and explain their application for two 55-inch columns at 3633 Albemarle Street. No representative came. Commissioner Kessler moved with Commissioner Klibanoff seconding a motion to object to the application due to insufficient information from the applicant. The vote to object passed 6-0-0. The Commission agreed that a letter signed by the

Chair should accompany the objection to the application sent to Public Space. [Ltr 05-09]

10. Consideration of liquor license renewals for CVS Pharmacy, Clover Market, and Tenley Mini-Mart [9:59 pm]

Commissioner Wiss indicated that the owners of the Tenley Mini-Mart had explained their ID checking process to her. Commissioner Wiss moved a letter of no objection to the ABC Board for the Tenley Mini-Mart renewal, with Commissioner Klibanoff seconding. The vote was 6-0-0 for the letter of no objection. [Ltr 05-08]

Commissioner Wiss moved to approve an addendum to the existing Voluntary Agreement with the CVS, 5014 Connecticut Avenue, with Commissioner Maudlin seconding. The vote to approve the addendum was 4-2-0 with Commissioners Klibanoff and Winstead voting no. Chair Perry moved to reconsider the addendum with Commissioner Winstead seconding. The vote to reconsider failed 3-3-0 with Commissioners Kessler, Maudlin and Wiss voting against reconsideration.

No action was taken concerning the Clover Market renewal.

11. Plans for Fort Reno [10:11 pm]

Commissioner Wiss presented a resolution urging the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to modify construction plans for the ball fields at Fort Reno Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation did not send a representative to this meeting. [Res 05-22] Commissioner Wiss moved the resolution with Commissioner Winstead seconding. Commissioner Maudlin's amendment that DPR not file for building permits until the stated issues are resolved was accepted. Chair Perry calls question and the vote is 6-0-0 in favor of the resolution.

12. [10:40 pm]

Commissioner Winstead presented and moved the amendments to the bylaws with Commissioner Maudlin seconding. Commissioner Maudlin offered a friendly amendment to change "provided" to "allowed". Commissioner Wiss offered a friendly amendment to add commas to provide clarification.

Commissioner Klibanoff offered an amendment to eliminate term limits on the chair with Commissioner Maudlin seconding. The vote to eliminate term limits failed 1-4-1 with Commissioners Kessler, Maudlin, Perry, and Wiss voting against and Commissioner Winstead abstaining.

Commissioner Winstead moved an amendment to the Grant Guidelines with Commissioner Klibanoff seconding. The vote on the amendment was 2-1-3 with Commissioner Perry voting against and Commissioners Maudlin, Winstead and Wiss abstaining. The chair did not rule on the outcome of this vote. The secretary records the amendment as being accepted.

[11:27 pm, Chair Perry departed, Vice-Chair Maudlin assumed the duties of chair.]

Commissioner Maudlin offered a series of amendments, which were accepted.

Commissioner Maudlin offered as a friendly amendment the deletion of the word "additional" from the special meetings section.

Commissioner Maudlin offered as a friendly amendment the removal of the "such as" clause in the committees article. In the same sentence Commissioner Kessler offered as a friendly amendment "shall" before "correspond".

In the treasury vacancy section, Commissioner Maudlin offered as a friendly amendment the removal of "whatsoever".

Commissioner Maudlin offered as a friendly amendment to clarify the grant request administration. After much discussion Commissioner Maudlin withdrew the amendment.

Chair Maudlin called the question on the amendments as amended. The vote was 5-0-0. The vote on accepting the amendments as having been read was 5-0-0.

13. Annual Report [11:51 pm]

Commissioner Winstead presented the 2005 Annual Report. Commissioner Wiss offered a friendly amendment to clarify grant allocation and distribution.

Commissioner Winstead moved the report with Commissioner Wiss seconding. The vote in favor of the report was 4-0-1 with Commissioner Klibanoff abstaining.

14. Treasurer's Report [11:58 pm]

Commissioner Kessler presented the Treasurer's report. Due to time constraints, Commissioner Kessler withdrew the monthly report and he reported that the DC Auditor prefers that financial records show only petty cash receipts from the same quarter as the petty cash check that sustains the petty cash fund.

Commissioner Kessler presented and moved the quarterly report with Commissioner Winstead seconding. The vote to approve the report was 5-0-0.

15. Setting next meeting date [12:15 am, Tuesday November 22]

By Consensus, Monday January 9th 2006 was set as the next meeting date for ANC 3F.

16. ADJOURNMENT [12:15 am]

These minutes were approved 7-0-0, with a quorum present, at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC 3F on January 9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frank T. Winstead

Frank T. Winstead, Secretary

Attachments:

[Ltr 05-08 No objection to Tenley Mini Market ABC license renewal](#)

[Ltr 05-09 Objection to Public Space Permitting Division regarding 3633 Albemarle Street, N.W.](#)

[Res 05-22 Urging DPR to modify the construction plans for ball fields at Fort Reno National Park](#)