

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F
September 14, 1998
Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Malcom at 7:45 p.m. Commissioners present were Strauss, Saccocio, Perry and Collins. (Commissioner Collins arrived late.)

Adoption of Agenda-- A motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried 4-0-0. Commissioner Collins was not present for the vote.

Announcements--1--Council for Court Excellence has asked all ANC's to consider a resolution to designate October as "Jury Service Appreciation Month." The resolution was read and a motion was made to adopt the resolution. The motion carried 5-0-0. A copy of the resolution is enclosed. 2--Women's Bar Assoc. of DC will host a mayoral candidate's forum on Oct. 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Reeves Center. All candidates who win in the primary have confirmed they will attend. 3-- A reminder to go vote tomorrow. 4-- On October 3 and 4 the Friends of the Tenleytown Library will host a book sale at the library.

Open Forum-- No comments were made.

Regular Business:

Traffic Calming Measures for Albemarle Street N.W.

The Commission, DPW Supervisory Traffic Engineer Peter Moreland, and MPD Officer Osborne of PSA 201 heard from some 20-plus Albemarle Street residents who outlined their concerns with traffic on Albemarle Street from Connecticut to Wisconsin Avenue. Residents related numerous examples of excessive speed, large commercial trucks, parked tour buses, lines of idling cars waiting to enter an adjacent car wash located at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Albemarle Street, posted signs obstructed by foliage, speeding cars, the lack of traffic enforcement, and the rush hour traffic (a.m. and p.m.) created by an overly congested Connecticut Avenue as major ongoing problems. Officer Osborne cited the University of the District of Columbia as an additional problem to Albemarle Street traffic and residential parking. Michael Siegal, a resident of Albemarle Street, related a "traffic calming measure" approach to solving many of these problems. These include painting a center line and parking lane, extending curbs at intersections, and other measures to visually narrow the street. Mr. Moreland said he would present the resident's views and ideas to the DPW. A motion was made to adopt a resolution with respect to residents' concerns and solutions. The measure carried 5-0-0. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

The March to Conquer Cancer
Caitlin Pike of "The March" presented to the Commission the plans of a unified national

advocacy group who are dedicated to fighting cancer and making it the nation's top research priority. The march will be held September 27, 1998 in Washington, D.C. with some 200,000 participants. The march will host a candlelight vigil and interfaith service. Notable speakers include Aretha Franklin, Scott Hamilton, Cindy Crawford, and Ellen Stovall, president of "The March."

Northwest Youth Alliance.

Fr. George Dennis, Vice Chair of the NYA, came before the Commission to introduce the Alliance and the many community programs it provides and to request a grant from the ANC. The NYA is a non-profit corporation founded in 1968 and is housed at Chesapeake and 41st Streets. Every year it runs programs that provide jobs as well as job training services such as resume preparation and interview techniques. It also provides students with after school activities that include a chess club, computer skills, a lecture series, snacks, and supervision. The NYA also provides family recreation through summer evening concerts held at Fort Reno Park where admittance is free and a no drug or alcohol policy is strictly enforced. Donations are made to the NYA through public funds, individuals, and corporations. A motion was made to offer a grant to the NYA. A procedural problem occurred because consideration of a grant was not publicly posted. A straw vote was taken and the majority of the Commission agreed to that consideration of a grant to the NYA would be revisited at the October meeting.

ABC License for Jandara Restaurant, 4231 Wisconsin Ave.

Mr. Woody Tongrugs, owner and operator of Jandara Restaurant at 2606 Connecticut Avenue, appeared before the Commission seeking approval of class "CR" ABC license for second restaurant he plans to open at 4231 Wisconsin Avenue. His plans for the restaurant include: closing before 11:00 pm; trash removal 6 days a week; no "sit down" bar but a service bar with alcohol to be served with full meal service; background music; and no deliveries before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. A procedural problem occurred because one Commissioner believed that consideration of a "CR" license was not publicly posted. A straw vote was taken and the majority of the Commission agreed that consideration of the "CR" license would be revisited at the October meeting.

Secretary's Report— Commissioner Saccocio made a motion to approve the July minutes. An additional line was added with respect to Dryclean Depot. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Treasurer's Report— Chairman Malcom read the disbursement reports for July and August. A motion was made to approve the reports. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Future Meeting— October 19, 1998

Adjournment.