

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F

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## Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005

(October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005)

*As authorized by DC Law 13-135, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F submits this annual report for FY 2005 to the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor. In accordance with the law, the report summarizes important problems perceived by the Commission, the ANC's activities, its financial status, recommendations for action by the District government, and recommendations for improving operations of ANCs.*

### Abbreviations used in ANC Annual Reports:

**ABRA** Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
**ANC** Advisory Neighborhood Commission  
**BZA** DC Board of Zoning Adjustment  
**DC** District of Columbia  
**DCRA** Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

**DDOT** DC Department of Transportation  
**MPD** Metropolitan Police Department  
**UDC** University of the District of Columbia  
**ZC** DC Zoning Commission

### Important Problems for Our City

- Maintaining adequate police, fire and emergency medical services in each area
- Improving quality of life of DC neighborhoods, including –

Revitalizing branch libraries

Repairing streets without delay

Improving air quality, storm water management, soil erosion control

Preserving and replacing tree canopy, both public and private

Revitalizing business districts to serve neighborhoods

Reducing traffic congestion

- Increasing effectiveness of regulatory and enforcement agencies of DC government, including –

Strengthening enforcement of environmental and public nuisance laws

Strengthening enforcement of moving vehicle and parking laws

Enforcement of ZC and BZA orders

### **Recommendations for Actions to Be Taken by District Government**

- Give ANCs full and advance notice of all significant agency actions, include timely access to and right to copies of key documents, so as to enable ANCs to perform their statutory “eyes-and-ears” functions – including identifying potential errors in interpretation of statutes and regulations
- Administer firmly and enforce vigorously laws regarding certificates of occupancy in and adjacent to residential neighborhoods
- Implement the law as to Environmental Impact Statements effectively
- Organize and staff D.C. Government to protect and enhance the environment effectively
- Enforce laws regarding construction noise and other nuisances vigorously
- Staff all inspection and enforcement agencies (not just the MPD) at night and on weekends
- Coordinate traffic planning and enforcement by DDOT, MPD, and federal agencies

### **Recommendations for Improving ANC Operations**

Revert to traditional staggering of notices of, and hearings on liquor license renewal applications *throughout the year* instead of overloading an ANC by packing virtually all its reviews of proposed renewals into *one or two months*, as ABRA and the ABC Board did in the previous year. July and August are vacation months for many members of the public and their ANCs. Thus, alcohol license renewals should not take place in these two months.

DCRA should diligently notify ANCs about Certificates of Occupancy that are issued.

ANC's should be allowed to use credit or debit cards to make purchases. Vendors are making purchases by check more and more difficult and expensive. Many vendors are now charging a surcharge when paying by check and others will not accept them at all.

### **Financial Report**

ANC 3F's bank balance totaled \$31,464.28 on October 1, 2004, in the checking account and \$35,238.10 in the savings account (for a total of \$66,702.38) and \$19,737.09 on September 30, 2005, in the checking account and \$60,754.03 in the savings account (for a total of \$80,491.12). Monies received during FY 2005 totaled \$20,159.13 consisting totally of DC Government allotments and savings account interest. \$515.93 of which was the interest. The Commission also transferred \$25,000 from checking to savings during the year.

ANC 3F submitted all its quarterly reports to the DC Auditor within approved deadlines. The Auditor approved release of four quarterly payments during FY 2005. The DC Auditor withheld \$ 94.70 for a check with only one signature.

Disbursements during FY 2005 totaled \$6,188.81, which was within the ANC's budgeted amount. Principal cost centers included meeting and office space, consultant fees, telephone service, mailbox, office supplies and equipment, copying, and web site and Internet-related expenses. The ANC approved a grant of \$840.50 to the Wilson High School PTSA to purchase benches and a plaque to be installed near the front door to the school. The grant funds will actually be transferred to Wilson High School PTSA during FY 2006.

### **Commission's Web Site, Community Input and Communications**

The Commission's web site ([www.anc3f.org](http://www.anc3f.org)) gives notice of and tentative agenda for future meetings and provides summaries of past Commission actions (including approved

minutes of meetings and texts of resolutions and other documents) as well as links to other DC web sites. A map of the ANC and the Commission's consolidated by-laws are posted on the Commission's web site.

The Commission posted documents on the web site pertaining to matters before the ANC so that the ANC's residents would have more complete information about these issues.

An Open Forum early in each business meeting lets community members raise new matters not placed on the formal agenda. Moreover, during discussion of each agenda item the Commission invited community input, including questions to speakers and comments on proposed Commission actions.

### **Dates and Locations of Commission Meetings**

The Commission held 11 duly noticed, public meetings, with a quorum present at the dates, times and places shown in Appendix A, mostly on the third Monday evening of the month and at the Capital Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church (3150 Chesapeake Street). Individual commissioners and groups of commissioners convened Single-Member District Meetings.

### **Summary of Commission Activities**

Giving advice to government agencies and managing ANC affairs, the Commission adopted 26 resolutions, 3 documents, and 8 letters. Most are posted on the ANC web site (by calendar year and month).

At regular monthly business meetings, the Commission together with members of the community in attendance heard several invited speakers, and applicants for government actions being discussed and their representatives.

The Commission reviewed and opposed 1 application for a new alcoholic beverage control license. The Commission reviewed and opposed 1 request for change in an alcoholic beverage control license.

The ANC kept in effect a voluntary agreement with 1 applicant.

The Commission reviewed applications for permits to use public space. In some instances, the Commission did not oppose granting the permit. In others, the Commission did object to the design proposed and gave comments.

On the ANC's behalf, designated Commissioners testified at legislative and oversight hearings of the District of Columbia Council and hearings of the ZC, BZA, and Public Space Committee, negotiated with DC Government Departments and private companies, and participated in multi-ANC and other advisory bodies.

### **ANC Office and Staff**

The Commission's mailing address is:

4401-A Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Box 244, Washington, DC 20008-2322.

It maintains its office and files at 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Room CC08 (UDC Building 39). The ANC did not employ staff during the fiscal year.

### **ANC Members, Officers and Web Master**

Commissioners and officers and web master during calendar years 2004 and 2005 are listed in Appendix B.

### **Individual Commissioners**

In addition to the activities of the Commission, its individual members resolved issues of concern to constituents and provided input to the Mayor, D.C. Council, agencies of the District government, and the U.S. Congress. As you know, Commissioners serve without compensation.

This report, approved (4-0-1) at the Commission's regular business meeting on November 21, 2005, with a quorum present, is respectfully submitted by:

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Karen Lee Perry, Chair

*Appendix A: ANC 3F Meetings during FY 2005*

Dates	Hours		Locations	Quorum
<b>2004</b>				
October 18	7:08 pm	10:02 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5-6-7
November 15	7:30 pm	10:02 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5-6
<b>2005</b>				
January 10	7:33 pm	10:24 pm	Capital Memorial Church	7
January 17	7:30 pm	7:51 pm	Capital Memorial Church	7
February 22	7:31 pm	9:35 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5-6
March 21	7:31 pm	11:21 pm	Capital Memorial Church	6
April 18	7:32 pm	10:43 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5-6-7
May 16	7:32 pm	10:35 pm	Capital Memorial Church	7
June 20	7:35 pm	9:41 pm	Capital Memorial Church	7

	July 25	7:07 pm	10:46 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5-6
	September 19	7:30 pm	9:10 pm	Capital Memorial Church	5

*Appendix B: ANC 3F Members, Officers and Web Master*

Commissioners and officers during calendar years 2004 and 2005 were as follows:

<b>SMD</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
3F01	Carl Kessler	Treasurer	Treasurer
3F02	Karen Lee Perry	Chair	Chair
3F03	Robert V. Maudlin		Vice Chair
3F04	David J. Bardin (2004) Frank T. Winstead (2005)	Vice Chair	Secretary
3F05	Judith Bernardi (2004) Mital Gandhi (2005)		
3F06	Cathy Wiss	Secretary	
3F07	Stephen N. Dennis (2004) Daniel Klibanoff (2005)		

Commissioner Maudlin served as web master.