



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F FOREST HILLS & NORTH CLEVELAND PARK



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F April 19, 1999 MINUTES

Meeting - Called to order at 7:45pm by Chair Doug Mitchell. Commissioners Kogan, Perry, Maudlin, Bardin, Spencer, and Fitzgerald were present.

Agenda- Ms. Cheatam, who had been sent to represent the Mayor's Office was added to speak first under Regular Business and the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Announcements - There will be an Earth Day Celebration at UDC from 10am until 3pm April 30.

The Annual Big Band Concert is being presented at UDC on April 19 in the evening.

Open Forum - Chair Mitchell asked if there were any people in the audience who cared to address the issues that have been raised on Albermarle Street. Chair Mitchell suggested the issue of Albermarle Street be put on the agenda.

Regular Business -

Carlene Cheatam, Director - Office of Public Advocate

ANC heard from Carlene Cheatam, Director of the Office of Public Advocate, about Mayor Williams budget proposal, the Executive long-term improved service goal and her office's liaison role with ANCS. She heard Citizen's comments with respect to clogged drains at Tenleytown Metro, traffic problems (congestion at rush hour particularly) on Reno Road, Conn. Ave. and Van Ness Street, and the overall need for more traffic planning and enforcement in the community. She also heard about the need for more pro-active land use planning as proposed in the Mayor's budget.

Tina James, UDC

ANC heard from Ms. Tina James, UDC Senior Administrator for Services, on improved janitorial and snow removal services and near-term physical plant improvements, including current renovation of all exterior lighting throughout the campus and sidewalk areas to be completed this summer, She agreed to assure snow removal along Van Ness Street sidewalk. She also has plans to improve the landscaping.

Albermarle Street Residents

ANC heard concerns of residents that DPW may be about to yellow-stripe a previously unstriped stretch of the rebuilt street between Connecticut and Nebraska Avenues. The Commission reviewed traffic service maps and voted 7-0-0 support adhering to the maps and requesting that the DPW preserve the status quo of virtually no striping and that there should not be any change to drawings of street markings unless first submitted to the ANC for public comment. Copy of letter to DPW attached.

Beach Drive Test Closure

The Commission agreed to revisit the issue of closing three segments of Beach Drive to motorists for a 2-3 month test period pending a general management plan to be released by the National Park Service in the next months.

Report on Reno Road

Commissioner Kogan reported that the ANC Committee for a Safer Reno Road met in March and agreed to an action plan: 1) A meeting is being organized With Lt. Eaves of the 2nd District MPD to discuss stepped up enforcement on Reno Road. 2) A letter was sent to Carol Schwartz requesting increased funding for Traffic Services in FY2000 budget. 3) DPW responded to ANC 3F's request for help by moving their Smart Sign to Reno Road for several days during March. 4) Information is being obtained regarding the successful effort by citizens of Q Street NW to get the city to agree to return parking to their block and eliminate some of the crosstown traffic.

Report on H2 Bus Line Route Changes

Commissioner Kogan provided a report on Metro's March 23 meeting to hear testimony on proposed changes to the H2 and other bus routes in the District. Comments to Metro were evenly divided among neighborhood residents asking for smaller buses and riders requesting that current levels of service be maintained. The full Metro Board will vote on the proposed route changes.

Report on Howard University Law School

The Commission was not able to meet with the Dean of the Howard Law School to discuss issues brought to the attention of the ANC by residents.

Secretary's Report - On motion of Commissioner Perry the Commission voted 7-0-0 to approve the minutes of March 15, 1999.

Treasurer's Report - On motion of Commissioner Kogan the Commission voted 7-0-0 to approve the attached expenditures for March 19, 1999 and the Auditor's report for the quarter ending March 1999.

Next Meeting - May 17,1999

Adjournment 9:30pm

April 21, 1999

Ms. Karen Benefield
Chief
Bureau of Traffic Service
Department of Public Works
2000 14th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Benefield:

At its regularly scheduled meeting of the full commission (7 members) on April 19, 1999, ANC 3F voted unanimously to support adhering to the drawings of street markings -- M-2052 dated July9, 1986 and M-2076 dated March 4, 1987, revised June 14, 1993 -- regarding the yellow striping of Albemarle Street, between Connecticut Avenue and 39th Street. Albemarle Street was recently re-paved and the ANC has heard that it will be re-striped in the near future.

In addition, ANC 3F respectfully reminds you that there should not be any changes to the drawings of street markings without first consulting the Commission.

We are providing a copy of this letter to the project engineer to help in clarifying and expediting the striping needs on Albemarle Street, N.W.

Sincerely,

Douglas Mitchell
Chair, ANC 3F

cc: Mr. John Payne
Mr. Samuel Ayodele