

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
March 13, 2000**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Chair Bardin. Commissioners Kogan, Perry, Maudlin, and Heinrich were present. (Commissioner Mitchell, on official business, arrived during the meeting.) Five of the seven members being present, Chair Bardin declared a quorum.

2. AGENDA

The meeting agenda was adopted.6.0.0 (See attached agenda)

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. DPW hearing on March 15, on the Environmental Assessment for Klinge Road.

B. Letter dated December 16, 1999 from Congresswoman Norton to NPS supporting test closure of portions of Beach Drive on weekdays.

C. Mr. Dick Potter reported on an article in The Northwest Current article on the ANC reform package and neighborhood survey.

D. Ms. Judith Falk discussed the problem of increased traffic and the need for a traffic survey of ANC3F area.

E. Dr. Barbara Kogan announced 1. Aerobics class, 2. Community egg hunt and 3. Hospice walk, at The Washington Home & the Hospice of Washington.

F. Forest Hills Citizens Association President Barbara Simons urged attendance at the Town Meeting Neighborhood Action, co-sponsored by FHCA and ANC3F, scheduled for March 23, at Murch School.

5. OPEN FORUM

A. Van Ness Metro

Mr. Gary Walling complained about the length of time the Van Ness/UDC Metro escalator has been closed for repair and the

condition of the sidewalks on the east side of Connecticut Avenue between Van Ness and Yuma Streets.

B. Public Libraries

A resident reported on the run-down condition of the local libraries and said the DC libraries need additional funding. Commissioner Bardin said the libraries were a DC Budget item and he would check with Kathy Patterson's office on the FY2001 budget request.

C. Small Parks

Ms. Jaynie Simmon, a resident, said the small parks in the neighborhood are neglected respective to snow removal. She said the city had increased the penalty for businesses that don't remove snow but the city was not doing a good job on city property. Another resident said Metro and the Fire Engine team failed to clear mounds of blocking ice and snow. Commissioner Bardin said residences can't be charged unless the city clears the snow in front of the establishment.

6. POLICE REPORT

Officer Bryant of the 2nd District reported on crime statistics for the month of January and distributed copies of the report. He asked that residents use 311 for non emergency calls.

Commissioner Maudlin complained about the difficulty in reaching officers at the 2nd District by telephone. He reported that telephones were not being answered by police personnel or voice mail and that when messages were take calls were not returned. Officer Bryant said the problem was due to lack of proper equipment and staffing of Second District.

Commissioner Bardin asked Officer Bryant to report this situation to Commander Newsham and asked that he come up with a solution. It was also requested that the 2nd District organize its crime statistics to incorporate the area covered by ANC3F including PSAs 202 and 203. Previously the 2nd District had done this.

7. STATUS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Van Ness Giant Food Store

Charles Bentley, Manager of the Van Ness Giant reported on the first major make over of the 35 year store. He said there will be a full service bakery in operation on March 28 and there was now an organic and vegetarian section and a new deli section, flower case and lobster tank will be added.

b. Additional reports - see attachment to agenda`.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 3009 Albemarle Street - Building permit application

Commissioner Kogan reported on the building application for 3009 Albemarle Street. He said the property is owner occupied and the proposed project has had positive feedback from the neighbors. Mr. Gage, owner, presented the plans to the commission. Commissioner Kogan moved "no objection" to the plans as presented provided the owners corrected errors in the application and bring those corrections to the attention of the BLRA. The motion passed 6.0.1. Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy, Commissioner Maudlin abstained. (see attached Ltr 00-4)

B. Forest Hills Playground

Commissioner Maudlin reported that the installation of the new playground equipment is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of April 8-9. He said neighbors are to install the equipment and asked for volunteers to sign-up for the community build.

C. 3901 Albemarle Street

Commissioner Heinrich reported that the Office of Planning reported to the Zoning Commission (ZC) that it expects to see a reduction in density when the project returns to ZC for a public hearing. The ZC asked the developer to present modified plans. Commissioner Heinrich said at this point it is unclear what the developer will do. Commissioner Kogan said ANC3F needs to make clear to the Zoning Commission that ANC 3F is a party to 3901 Albemarle Street proceeding. Chair Bardin agreed to send a letter to the Zoning Commission asking to have ANC3F included in the proceeding. (see attached letter Ltr 00-5)

D. National Park Service (NPS) and St. Paul's Church - Land Exchange

Rev. Tom Amhaldt, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, presented plans for a land exchange with the NPS. He said the church would be gaining a portion of land that they had previously owned to build a 4-car parking area and disabled access. The Church would give a parcel of land to the NPS in exchange. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Perry seconded a motion that a letter be sent to NPS stating no objection to this exchange between St. Paul's and the NPS. The motion passed 7.0.0. Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy. (see attached Ltr 00-6)

E. Edmund Burke School (EBS) - presentation of expansion plans

The preliminary presentation for the proposed expansion was

given by EBS representatives Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Ailes. They presented drawings of the proposed expansion and gave the commission details concerning parking and the use of space. The schools need to expand their facility, they said, in order to meet certain accreditation requirements and to accommodate a growing student population. Residents of Upton and Van Ness Streets and Connecticut Avenue stated their strong opposition to the proposed expansion. They said there were currently many unresolved problems with the school regarding parking and noise and given this situation a consideration of an expansion was out of the question. (Commissioner Bardin recused himself from the discussion of EBS and Commissioner Kogan presided.)

F. Amoco Station, 5001 Connecticut Avenue - construction permit application

Commissioner Bardin reported Amoco is withdrawing its application to rebuild on the site and that BP Amoco promised to give prior notice to ANC3G and Commissioner Mitchell before making a new permit filing. Commissioner Mitchell pointed out that this gasoline station is in ANC3G, across the street from ANC3F.

G. Exxon Station, Connecticut and Nebraska Avenues

Commissioner Bardin reported first, that Exxon had still not fulfilled all of its commitments to concerned neighbors and the ANC and, second, that Exxon was being asked for additional commitments to which Exxon appeared agreeable if, but only if, KM, Inc., the station operator also agreed. Mr. Collins attorney for Exxon, explained that KM, Inc. had been unwilling to agree to three more commitments which Exxon would be willing to make. Commissioner Bardin said Mr. Murrer, of KM Inc., asked Commissioner Bardin to put an agreement proposal together. Commissioner Bardin said he hoped the situation could be worked out to the satisfaction of all parties. Commissioner Bardin had prepared a resolution of complaint to be filed with DCRA if an agreement is not reached. Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded a motion providing that a letter of complaint be sent to DCRA if an agreement is not reached. The motion passed 7.0.0. Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy. (see attached Res 00-9).

H. Fire Department Budget

Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Heinrich seconded adoption of a resolution concerning the Fire Department Budget. The motion passed 6.0.1. Commissioner Mitchell abstained and Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy. (see attached Res 00-10).

I. UDC Budget

Commissioner Bardin moved and Commissioner Heinrich seconded adoption of resolution concerning funding of UDC for FY 2001. The motion passed 4.2.1. Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy, Commissioners Mitchell and Perry voted no and Commissioner Kogan abstained. (see attached Res 00-11).

J. Expanded resolution regarding acquisition of a computer from CTO.

Commissioner Maudlin moved and Commissioner Kogan seconded a resolution for the acquisition of a computer for the ANC office from the office of the Chief Technical Officer. The motion passed 7.0.0. Commissioner Fitzgerald voted by proxy. (see attached Res 00-12).

9. Financial Report

The monthly financial report was approved as corrected.6.0.0

10. Adjournment - 10:45pm.

Respectfully,

Robert V. Maudlin
Secretary ANC 3F

April 12, 2000