

	ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <i>CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS • CLEVELAND PARK • MASSACHUSETTS AVE. HEIGHTS</i> <i>MCLEAN GARDENS • WOODLEY PARK</i>
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Dear Director Bellamy,

At the public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (“ANC”) on April 15, 2013 I was authorized by a unanimous vote to write to you concerning the development of a DDOT traffic study in Cleveland Park and the DDOT traffic planner’s reaction to our request that she make a presentation to the Commission and neighborhood at our public meeting.

Two ANC commissioners attended Ms. Kelly Peterson’s presentation on the proposed traffic study to the Connecticut Avenue Coalition Committee (“CCC”) on April 3, 2013. That committee is a creation of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association and the Connecticut Avenue Business Association, which was organized by the community association. The focus of the CCC has been the planning for streetscape improvements in the Cleveland Park commercial area on Connecticut Avenue. One or two ANC commissioners have informally participated on the CCC. The ANC considered and approved a resolution endorsing the streetscape plan that was prepared by CCC in June 2012.

The proposed traffic study that was previewed by Ms. Peterson on April 3 has never been considered by the ANC nor have we been aware that a traffic study was being considered. After the presentation, Comm. MacWood contacted Ms. Peterson to invite her to attend the April 15 ANC meeting for the purpose of repeating the presentation for the commissioners and public. Ms. Peterson replied that all requests had to be sent to Ms. Kemi Osigbesan and that was done. Subsequently, Ms. Peterson wrote to Comm. MacWood detailing the statement from CCC on the scope and mission of the streetscape improvement and including information that the membership of the CCC included the community association, the business association, the historical society, and the ANC. She then went on to advise the commissioner that the ANC could participate in public meetings on the traffic study once they were scheduled. Ms. Peterson never directly responded to the invitation to appear at the ANC public meeting.

The ANC would like to make it clear to DDOT that no commissioner has the authority to waive the responsibilities of the ANC and that by participating in community meetings the ANC is neither waiving our authority to issue great weight recommendations nor our responsibilities to interact with government agencies on matters concerning our ANC area. It is perplexing to the Commission how Ms. Peterson has assumed that the ANC no longer has an independent interest in DDOT matters involving the Connecticut Avenue commercial area, including the proposed traffic study. It is even more surprising that Ms. Peterson would not respond to our request to meet with the ANC.

If there is some confusion, the ANC hopes this letter will clarify that commissioners intend to continue to participate in community meetings, but in no case is that participation waiving our legal function. The Commission wants to reiterate its invitation for Ms. Peterson to brief the Commission and hopes that she will attend the May 20, 2013 public meeting of ANC 3C.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "V. Silveira/ANC3C". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Victor Silveira, Chair ANC3C

Cc: Michael Fabrikant, EOM
Kelly Peterson