

**ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of December 13, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25. Chairperson Jill Diskan and Tad DiBiase were present.

Actions:

- Unanimously adopted the minutes of the November 2001 meeting.
Unanimously approved the Treasurer's November 2001 Report.
- Unanimously approved a donation of \$1000 to St Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church.
- Unanimously approved the following \$1000 grants to:
 - Iona Senior Services – for the printing of community outreach brochures
 - The Janney School Band - for a tuba and a xylophone
 - The Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home - for a Neighborhood Zoo Day and Volunteer Celebration Lunch
- Unanimously approved to support the BZA application regarding the variance for the renovation and expansion of the Tenleytown Firehouse if the variance is consistent with the plans described to ANC 3E at the October 2000 meeting.

Announcements:

Chairperson Diskan announced that Commissioner Chris McNamara would be arriving late and that ANC Business would be conducted later in the meeting. It was also announced that Commissioners Leslie Quynn and Frank Gordon would not be attending the meeting.

Commissioner DiBiase referred to a suggestion at the September 2001 meeting that no parking be permitted on River Road between 46th Street and Western Avenue during weekday rush hour. Commissioner DiBiase noted the opposition of the residents who would be affected by the no parking ban and announced he would not pursue the issue.

Chairperson Diskan announced the 2nd District police had asked ANC 3E to recommend the intersections that needed extra enforcement to safeguard against motorists speeding and running red lights. Residents were requested to e-mail their requests to jdiskan@worldnet.att.net.

Commissioner McNamara joined the meeting.

Open Forum:

Marvin Tievsky inquired if the proposed building on the Washington Clinic site will change the format of The Lisner Home and if a covenant on the land had changed at any point. Chairperson Diskan suggested that anyone with information about a covenant

should call Mr. Tievsky directly. Chairperson Diskan also noted that neighbors of the site were planning to meet with representatives of The Lisner Home.

Mr. Scott noted there would be an eclipse of the sun on Sunday at 4:13 p.m.

A representative from the Olympic Torch Relay Team announced the Olympic Flame will arrive in Anacostia at about 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21. The flame will reach Freedom Plaza at about 6:00 p.m. and the Lincoln Memorial around 7:30 p.m.

Second District Report:

Lt. Carter of the 2nd District Police gave the crime update for the neighborhood and distributed the monthly PSA 202 newsletter. He reported a significant increase in auto thefts and burglary as well as a rise in street crime. He advised residents to take greater precautions during the holiday season particularly when getting out of their cars and when close to the subway. He also suggested that residents request additional street lighting from their council member to further reduce street crime.

Clark Realty Capital presented their plan to develop the Metrobus garage at Wisconsin Avenue and Jennifer Street. The plan details a basement 14 or 15 feet below Wisconsin Avenue, retail space at street level and a multi-level parking garage above. Apartments would surround three sides of the building so that the parking garage cannot be seen from the street. The basement would be used for the cleaning, maintenance and storing of buses, and the fumes will be vented through the top of the building. The building will be 100 feet high on the Wisconsin Avenue side and 70 feet high on 44th Street. Once the transit authority has approved the contract, it will take a year to finalize the plans and another year before they break ground.

Presentation of neighbor generated alternative for Washington Clinic site:

Hazel Rebold represented neighborhood concerns about the alternative proposal for the Washington Clinic site and reported on the meeting between the Neighborhood Working Group and Stonebridge Associates on December 4, 2001. The primary issues of concern were damage to nearby housing caused by blasting and the projected height of the building of 90 feet. Ms. Rebold also expressed concern that the Lisner Home was planning to sell 1500 square feet of land to Stonebridge Associates. Stonebridge Associates had agreed to present 2 or 3 design solutions to the working group in early January in order to attempt to comply with neighborhood requests.

Discussion with Councilman-at-large David Catania:

Councilman at-large David Catania detailed an Unemployment Compensation Benefit Program and a \$100 million Loan Program for the Hospitality Industry to help those most affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

Commissioner DiBiase asked if the City Council was seeking ways to better the city's school system. Councilman Catania reported that the Mayor, the City Council and the D.C. School Board were working to encourage vocational education within the city's high schools for non-college bound students. The funds for this project were to come from Work Force Investments allocated in FY 2000.

Commissioner McNamara asked if the District's emergency plan that went into operation on September 11, 2001 had been considered a success. Councilman Catania noted that DC fire equipment had been used to extinguish the fires at the Pentagon. He also noted that DC Human Rescue Recovery had been used to help search for missing persons at the Pentagon.

Councilman Catania requested ANC 3E formally request a traffic study of Western Avenue on their January 2002 agenda.

Discussion and vote on Councilman Fenty's resolution eliminating a special assessment for sidewalks:

Dorothy Sable distributed copies of a bill introduced by Councilmember Adrian Fenty. The legislation would repeal the requirement that property owners are assessed at a rate of 50% when new sidewalks are required by the city. Commissioner McNamara asked if the bill only addressed sidewalks that were required by the District or if the bill included those petitioned by property owners. Ms. Sable responded that the bill might be modified and more information would be available in the beginning of the year. The vote was postponed until more information was available.

Discussion and vote on the BZA application regarding the variance for the Tenleytown Firehouse renovation and expansion.

Commissioner DiBiase moved to support the BZA application regarding the variance for the renovation and expansion of the Tenleytown Firehouse if the variance is consistent with the plans described to ANC 3E at the October 2000 meeting. The ANC voted unanimously to support the motion.

ANC Business

The commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the November 2001 meeting and to approve the Treasurer's November 2001 report.

The following checks were issued and approved:

- Check # 1044 – Verizon - \$29.75
- Check # 1045 – Scolaworks -\$40.00
- Check # 1046 – Barbara Edmondson - \$50
- Check # 1047 – Polly King - \$240

The commission voted unanimously to donate \$1000 to St Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church.

Presentation of Fall 2001 Grants

The commission voted unanimously to approve the following \$1000 grants:

Iona Senior Services – for the printing of community outreach brochures

The Janney School Band - for a tuba and a xylophone

The Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home - for a Neighborhood Zoo Day and
Volunteer Celebration Lunch

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad DiBiase
Secretary