

## May Meeting Minutes of ANC 3E

The May meeting of ANC 3E was held on May 10, 2001, at St. Mary's Church. The meeting began at 7:40 p.m. Commissioners Leslie Quynn, Chris McNamara, Tad DiBiase and Chairwoman Jill Diskan were all present.

The following announcements of events were made:

The Taste of Tenleytown held at the old Hechinger's Building was a great success with over 23 restaurants donating food and over \$4,500 raised for the Tenley Neighbors Association.

Lisa Wackler of Friends of Friendship Park announced that the fourth annual Mayfair will be held on Saturday, May 19 at Friendship "Turtle" Park, 45th and Van Ness Streets NW. The event will be from 10 am to 3 pm and will feature rides (including pony rides, moon bounces and a hot air balloon), food, baked goods, carnival games, crafts, rides and a silent auction. The rain date is May 20. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Friendship Park.

Matt Pavuk noted that the Office of Planning was holding a community meeting on May 19th at UDC, Building #41 in the lobby seeking community input and priorities for Ward 3 in terms of land use and development.

Hugh Scott announced that the Naval Observatory is holding its annual open house on Saturday, May 12th from 10-4:00.

Maria Vazquez announced that the Friends of Ft. Bayard Park would be holding their 2nd annual cleanup on Saturday May 12th from 9-11 at the park, located at Western Ave. and River Rd..

Tricia Branson announced that the Chevy Chase Playground was having its springfest on May 12th from 2-4 where they would have various children's activities such as face painting and a fire truck.

The Commissioner announced that there would be a Ward 3-wide ANC Traffic summit on May 14th at the Chevy Chase Community Center at 7:30.

The following business was transacted: the April minutes were approved 4-0. The vote on the Treasurer's Report was postponed until June. The 2nd Quarter Financial Report was approved 4-0.

At Open Forum the following issues were raised:

June Trailer, a resident who lives on River Road, across from 46th Street stood up and said that she very much appreciates historical buildings, but that the house at the corner of River and 46th is not historical in any real sense and is pretty dilapidated. She asked the Commissioners not to support historical status for it.

Rick Honig of 3918 Jennifer Street stated that in 1991 a no left turn sign was installed on Jennifer at Reno Rd.. A new one is needed because DPW took the old one down and never replaced it.

Jean Mammen of 4521 Harrison St. questioned why a motorcade came through Harrison St.

Matt Pavuk raised the issue of Congress trying to set up a separate Family Court in the DC court system. This would affect divorce and custody cases and would also end the domestic violence section that is currently set up. The Family Law Section of the DC Bar opposes this change.

Malcolm Cott of Huntington Place complained of the difficulty of seeing cars on 41st Street and suggested removing the parking of cars on 41st Street.

A MD resident also noted the speeding on Western Avenue from River to Massachusetts. It was suggested that he contact the Western Ave. Civic Association.

Commissioner McNamara noted that everything connected to physical changes had been done to reduce the speeding on Western so the problem was really one of enforcement.

The 2D police through Lt. Mark Carter presented the following issues:

There is only one working radar gun in all of 2D. They are asking for laser radars which are very effective for catching speeders.

The police are getting quite aggressive about writing tickets. The other day some folks were sitting on a stone wall at 42nd and Yuma and applauding each time the officers wrote a ticket. They have written 100 tickets in 3 days and are not giving out warnings.

The IMF meetings will occur in Sept. and Oct. of this year which will cause a loss of manpower in PSA 202.

Lt. Carter noted that the Harrison St. motorcade was an unusual situation where the motorcade had to be re-routed because of an emergency and that this was not standard procedure.

Kathy Quirk raised the issue of 15 and 16 year olds smoking marijuana in the 4900 block of Wisconsin.

Officers Crawford and Archiga are the school officers, in case anyone wants to talk to them about problems with school kids in the area.

HEROES is fundraising. This is the group that provides scholarships for the children of officers and firefighters in the area who have died in the line of duty. They are currently supporting a number of these youngsters. If you'd like to make a contribution, contact Sgt. Hall on 282-0070 or Lt. Carter.

### GRANT REQUESTS TO ANC3E

The following groups each requested \$1,000 grants from the ANC. The winners will be announced next month.

-- Friends of Bayard Park - for newsletter, mailing, and startup to improve the park and build a playground there.

-- Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center - hands on summer program for the kids.

-- Friendship Park (a.k.a. Turtle Park) -- seed money to build a "Sprayground" - around an existing water source for hot summer days.

-- Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project -- for mulch and plants, which don't come cheap.

They also thanked the merchants along Wisconsin Avenue who have chipped in \$1,800. Residents have also donated money and plants. This project runs from Tenley Circle at Nebraska to Fessenden.

-- Chevy Chase Playground Commission - to help fix up this Playground at about 41st and Legation.

-- "Tait Park" - Park at Ellicott/Western/48th. -- to maintain green space, do some plantings, and build berm along Western Avenue to deaden noise from traffic.

-- Tenleytown Historical Society -- to do a photo survey of AU Park, Tenleytown, Friendship Heights. This is to begin a process to see which houses or institutions should be determined to be historic. This is to produce a proactive approach to historical designation rather than the reactive one that we have seen as buildings come on the market.

Ping Lee represented the owners of a new restaurant at 4620 Wisconsin Ave. who want to receive a temporary liquor license. The restaurant will seat 90 and be open from

Tuesday to Sunday from 11:30 to 10:00 and until 10:30 on the weekends. They have spent \$600,000 renovating the space. The ANC voted not to oppose the request 4-0.

Residents, including Anne Missback of the Janney PTA, Carol Piwowarski and Paul Fegelson all spoke out against the removal of the no right on red sign at 42nd and Albemarle. A motion to oppose removal of the sign was passed 4-0.

A presentation on the Chevy Chase Center, which is in Maryland, was made by Bob Dalrymple of Linowes & Blocker, Suzette Goldstein, Don Hoover and others. The site plan was due to be reviewed by the Montgomery County Council on May 31st. Construction was expected to last 16-18 months. It will increase the square footage from 66,000 sq. feet to 92,000 sq. feet. They must put neighborhood-oriented stores on site. The office building will be about 8 stories versus the current 5. They will have both below grade and surface parking and will increase parking spaces from 617 to 1,373. There may be some blasting done at the site and nothing will remain open although they had hoped to keep the Giant open at one point. The best case scenario for the completion of the project was the 2nd quarter of 2002.

At the close of the meeting Commissioner DiBiase announced that on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30, there will be an all-PSA meeting with business owners, at the Chevy Chase Pavilion at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.