

ANC 3E MEETING
Minutes of May 9, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Commissioners Jill Diskan, Frank Gordon and Chris McNamara were present. Commissioner Tad DiBiase arrived at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Leslie Quynn was not at the meeting.

Announcements:

Lisa Wackler announced that Friends of Friendship Park are looking for volunteers to help at their fifth annual May fair scheduled for May 18th.

Chairperson Diskan announced that Postmaster Kilette would be present at the following Post Offices for Customer Appreciation Days

May 9, 2002	Cleveland Park Station	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Calvert Station	12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
	George town Station	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
May 10, 2002	Palisades Station	11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
	Friendship Station	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson Diskan announced that ABC liquor licenses renewals in the neighborhood will be posted on the ANC 3E web site. Residents should contact the commissioner in their single member district if they have any concerns.

Chairperson Diskan also announced that the presentation of plans for a sidewalk café in front of Cheesecake Factory had been postponed until the June 13 meeting.

ANC Business/Actions:

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the April 2002 meeting, and to approve the April Treasurer’s Report and the 2nd Quarter Treasurer’s Report.

The following checks were issued and approved at the (May 9, 2002) meeting:

- Check # 1075 in the amount of \$ 31.00 payable to Verizon
- Check # 1076 in the amount of \$210.00 payable to Polly King
- Check # 1077 in the amount of \$217.50 payable to Polly King
- Check # 1078 in the amount of \$ 40.00 payable to Scolaworks
- Check # 1079 in the amount of \$ 50.00 payable to Barbara Edmondson

Open Forum:

Karen Rosenthal requested a four-way stop sign at 46th and Chesapeake Streets and presented a petition containing 70 signatures supporting the request. The Commission agreed to put the

request on the June agenda.

Stephanie Yoffee announced that Artwares had closed its location at 4904 Wisconsin Ave., NW due to rising cost of rent. The store has made every effort to negotiate with the owner of the building without success. Anyone interested in contacting Artwares for information about their relocation can contact the group at artwares@usa.net. The instructors who have been teaching at Artwares will try to find an alternative space to hold their workshops within the neighborhood.

Mr. Scott announced the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is May 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 3890 Fort Drive, NW adjacent to Alice Deal Jr. High School. He also announced that the DC Board of Elections was seeking paid volunteers for the November elections. Information is available from the local library and by calling (202) 727-2525.

Cathy Wiss, representing ANC 3F, notified the Commission that the city had contracted with a company called V.M.S to maintain the tree boxes on Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues and that V.M.S. was replacing some of these areas with concrete. She had asked V.M.S. to contact ANC 3E when beginning work on Wisconsin Avenue.

Several residents reported that it was difficult to see some traffic lights in the neighborhood because trees had not been cut back.

David Malony, acting director of the Historic Preservation Review Board, presented to the Commission the agreement between the District of Columbia Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the DC Office of Property Management and the Historic Preservation Review Board regarding the design of the Engine Company 20 Firehouse (Tenleytown Firehouse). The major points of the agreement include:

- The roofs of the original building built in 1900 and the proposed addition shall be disengaged.
- The roof of the original building built in 1900 shall be replaced with clay tile.
- The roof of the addition built in 1913 shall be redesigned as a hip roof matching the pitch of the roof of the 1900 building.

The Commission agreed to read the complete agreement before signing it.

Commissioner McNamara commented on the process leading up to the agreement and pledged to find a way to prevent a repeat occurrence of the two-year disputes occasioned during that process.

There was no presentation by the 2nd District Police.

Presentation of Applicants for Spring 2002 ANC 3E Grants:

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

- Friends of Friendship Park presented a performance by the Friendship Eagles Cheerleading Squad in support of their grant request for equipment and supplies to aid the cheerleading program.
- Friends of Chevy Chase Park presented a proposal for the upkeep of landscaped aprons along the outside of the park.
- Chevy Chase Plaza presented a proposal: “Secure our Future” in which ANC 3E grant money will help to cover some of the down payment and the closing costs incurred in the purchase of 5310 43rd Street NW.
- The Janney Elementary School PTA presented a proposal to replace the swings on the lower playground.
- Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project presented a proposal to landscape the area along Wisconsin Avenue from Tenley Circle to Fessenden Street with daffodils.
- Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Booster Club presented a proposal to purchase a new set of eight oars.
- Tenleytown Historical Society presented a proposal to document the history of the Methodist Cemetery.
- Eldbrook Artists Series presented a proposal for theatrical production of “Fiddler on the Roof”.

Discussion of the Mayor’s budget proposal with David Hines from the Office of Budget and Planning:

The proposed budget for FY 2003 is \$5.6 billion. 66% of the budget comes from local tax revenue such as income, property and sales tax. Congress has allocated \$150 million for emergency funds. A copy of the budget is posted on the DC Government website: www.dc.gov

Announcement of Small Area Planning Study for the Friendship Heights/ Tenleytown/Wisconsin Avenue corridor with Robert Collins, Ward 3 planner assigned to the Office of Planning:

Robert Collins presented the Mayor’s plan for Cluster 11, which includes American University Park, Friendship Heights and Tenleytown. The top priorities of the plan are to:

- Address Traffic and Transportation concerns
- Strengthen Residential Development
- Support Commercial/ Retail Development

A Ward 3 building and land regulation task force will be formed to deal with the residential development in the neighborhood and residents were encouraged to participate. Robert Collins

is available at (202) 442-7617 and a complete list of the commitments for Cluster 11 is available by calling (202) 727-0882.

Hazel Rebold expressed concern over the Lisner Home property located at 5425 Western Avenue NW. Mr. Collins suggested that the parcel of land could be protected if that was the recommendation of the task force.

Jean Pablo proposed a community center in the area, and a place for those interested in the arts to get together. Mr. Collins recommended that it be the responsibility of the task force to consider each plan.

Presentation by Jorge Abud, American University's Assistant Vice President for Facilities, on installing a bus shelter behind the Washington College of Law and plans to remove the current structure at the site of the Katzen Arts Center.

1) The installation of a bus shelter behind the Washington College of Law:

Mr. Abud made a presentation of the proposed bus shelter on 48th Street NW, next to the Washington College of Law and asked for the support of ANC 3E before filing for a Public Space Permit. Commissioner McNamara noted that no resident of 48th Street NW had come forward to object to the plan. The commission agreed to support the bus shelter when the DPW issued the application.

2) Plans to remove the current structure at the site of the Katzen Arts Center:

Mr. Abud also presented AU's plan to demolish the current structure at the site of the new Katzen Art Center. The work will begin in early June 2002 and the completion of the project is anticipated by Fall 2004. In order to minimize the impact on neighboring residents the university proposed the following:

- Project information and construction updates will be distributed via a newsletter, e-mail and a project web-site.
- Hours for outside, noise producing work will be limited to 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- Construction parking on residential streets will be prohibited, and workers prohibited from parking in the neighborhood. The university will provide parking on its property.
- The entire site will be fenced at the start of the demolition, from the existing driveway at the West end to Ward Circle at the East end.
- A pre-demolition program by a professional team to inspect and document the condition of nearby properties has been developed to assist neighbors with potential damage concerns. Holder Construction, who are managing the construction of the art center, will take preventative measures to control dust, trash and rodents.
- The Army Corps of Engineers completed a sampling of the construction site soil. All samples were below the 12.6 parts per million screening level for the region. As an additional safety measure the university will conduct subsurface soil testing after the demolition and before the excavation.

- Site lighting will balance safety with a desire to be unobtrusive.
- The university contract with Holder Construction, and Holder's contracts with its subcontractors contain provisions to remove any workers who behave inappropriately.

Mr. Abud handed out copies of the property inspection form which was prepared with input from FGCA members. Questions about the form, or about the construction process, should be directed to Tom Shumaker at (703) 218-2848 or tshumaker@holder.com

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad DiBiase