

**ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of March 13, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Tad DiBiase, Amy McVey, Lucy Eldridge, Amy Hoang and Matt Helfant were present.

Announcements:

Commissioner Eldridge announced that the Washington Clinic site, will be closed to public parking. The parking lot will be reserved for the patients of physicians who still have their offices in the building.

Commissioner Hoang announced that DC Parks and Recreation will hold a Friends of Groups/Adopt a Park Symposium on Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. at The Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th St NW. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sean Gough at 673-3565 or Sean.Gough@dc.gov.

Presentation of Friendship Heights Transportation Study by Colleen Smith of DDOT:
Colleen Smith of the District Department of Transportation, and the Louis Berger Group presented a summary of the Friendship Heights Transportation Study to investigate the need for traffic and truck management improvements in the area. Residents voiced concerns about the following:

Problem intersections (not in the scope of the study)

41st Street and Military Road
42nd Street and Military Road
45th Street and Western Avenue

Signage:

The 2-way stop sign at 45th Street and Harrison Street should be replaced with a 4-way stop sign
A stop sign should be installed at River Road and Wisconsin Avenue

Speeding:

Most residential streets require a traffic calming study

Parking:

Valet parking provided by commercial restaurants is restricting residential street parking, particularly at 42nd/ 43rd Streets and Jenifer/ Ingomar Streets

Pedestrian:

Pedestrians are crossing mid-block in the area of Mazza Galleria.

Ms. Smith asked residents to e-mail their comments to: colleen.smith@dc.gov.

DDOT will hold additional meetings in April 2003 (to discuss improvement options), in May 2003 (to present the draft report), and in June 2003 (to present the final report).

Discussion with DDOT about visitor parking within ANC 3E:

A resident of 45th and Garrison Street requested that DDOT review visitor parking in the area so that domestic help and babysitters could park in the neighborhood and not be restricted by the current RPP regulations. Colleen Smith and Lt. Aiello reviewed the current RPP and visitor parking regulations. The Commission agreed to take up the matter with the appropriate DC department.

ANC Business/Actions:

Chairperson DiBiase announced his retirement from ANC 3E effective March 13, 2003. Anyone else wishing to run for the seat should contact the Board of Elections or visit the ANC 3E web site.

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the February 2003 meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the February Treasurer's report.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a resolution strengthening the agreement between the D.C. Fire and E.M.S. and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the passage of the 2003 Budget

Open Forum:

Chapman Todd outlined his position as a candidate for ANC 3E single Member District 03.

Andrew Cohen asked for the support from the Commission for a traffic-calming plan for the 4200 block of Alton Place. Chairperson DiBiase agreed to put the proposal on the April 10, 2003 agenda.

Steve Posniak presented to the Commission a copy of his testimony to the Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals and offered advice to those wishing to appeal recent property tax assessments.

Torrey Androski asked for support from the Commission and neighbors of ANC 3E in removing graffiti from Wisconsin Avenue in the Van Ness area. Volunteers can contact her at androski@asanet.org. Chairperson DiBiase suggested that she contact the Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project and request their help in applying for supplies through an ANC 3E grant.

Dorothy Beard announced the Tenleytown Heritage Trail, which plans to lead visitors through historic Tenleytown.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Lt. Aiello gave the crime update for the neighborhood.

Discussion of and vote on ANC 3E's request of Chief Thompson to strengthen the memorandum of understanding with the BCC Rescue Squad.

Chairperson DiBiase introduced Adrian H. Thompson, Chief of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and Ed Sherbourne, Chief of the BCC Rescue Squad. Commissioner McVey read a resolution requesting that DCFEMS Chief Adrian Thompson and BCCRS Chief Edward Sherbourne meet as soon as possible for the purpose of investigating ways to strengthen the Memorandum of Understanding that currently exists between the two agencies. ANC 3E also asked that no steps be taken to dissolve or dismantle this agreement at any time. The resolution was approved 5-0.

Discussion with Adrian H. Thompson, Chief of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

Fire Chief Adrian Thompson gave an update on the Tenleytown Firehouse. He reported that the firehouse work has temporarily stopped because the contractor is requesting an additional \$1.9 million to complete the work. Chief Thompson is planning to meet with the contractor next week. Chief Thompson requested that the Commission consider requesting a study to install a traffic light in front of Engine-20 at Wisconsin Avenue. He reported that the request to reserve Warren Street, between Wisconsin Avenue and 40th Street, for fire personnel parking had been denied twice by DDOT

In response to questions from the Commission and from Anne Renshaw of ANC 3G, Chief Thompson reported that seven of the 18 active DCFEMS members have been called for active duty and that due to budgetary restraints no provisions have been made to replace them. He also updated the commission on biological and chemical incident preparedness and Homeland Security as it affects the department and he reported on the current standards for 911 communications.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoang, Secretary

