

ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of June 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Chapman Todd, Lucy Eldridge and Amy Hoang Wrona were present.

ANC Business/Actions:

- The Commission voted 4-0 not to oppose the application for the special exception to build an addition at 4611 Van Ness street NW.
- The Commission voted 3-0 to support the expansion plan, contingent upon the terms of a June 10th, 2004 agreement signed by both ANC 3E and Georgetown Day School being fully incorporated into the final order issued by the BZA.
- The Commission voted 3-0 asking DPR to finalize plan for the fields at Fort Reno by July 15, 2004 and urging DPR to submit the plan expeditiously to NPS for approval, to seek clarification as to the specific restrictions that NPS will impose on the Fort Reno fields and to present the final plan to the community within 30 days.
- The Commission voted 3-0 to adopt the Minutes of the May, 2004 meeting
- The Commission voted 3-0 to approval the Treasurer's report

The following checks were approved:

Check #1177 to Polly King for Consulting Services

Check # to Lex Ulibari for Consulting Services

Announcements:

There were no announcements

Open Forum:

The community raised no issues

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

There was no presentation by the 2nd District Police

Presentation by Lex Ulibarri of concept drawings for Friendship Heights:

Commissioner Todd introduced architect Lex Ulibarri who presented a series of design concepts for the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor. Commissioner Todd explained that the drawings were a vehicle to encourage a continued discussion about a vision for the neighborhood rather than to make architectural recommendations to the Office of Planning. Mr. Ulibarri illustrated his concepts with examples of local architecture and the use of mixed space buildings in downtown areas of Washington DC. He stressed the importance of a discernible center, such as a clock tower, where people from the community can meet, the use of green space to define and connect different neighborhoods and developing pedestrian friendly streets.

Discussion of and vote on a special exception to build an addition at 4611 Van Ness

Greg Stack of 4611 Van Ness Street, NW presented plans to build an addition to the rear of his house. The design of the addition compliments the original architecture of the building. ANC 3E voted 4-0 not to oppose the application for the special exception (Case no. 17187).

Update on Friendship Heights Traffic Study:

Colleen Smith, of DDOT, outlined the issues and recommendations as a result of the Friendship Height Traffic Study for the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor and the Western Avenue Corridor. Recommendations were also suggested for the following intersections:

- Wisconsin Avenue/Fessenden Street
- Wisconsin Avenue/Jenifer Street
- Wisconsin Avenue/Western Avenue
- Western Avenue/Jenifer Street
- Western Avenue/Military Road
- 41st Street/Legation
- Military Road/41st Street/Reno Road
- Military Road/42nd Street
- Military Road/43rd Street
- 42nd Street and Jenifer Street
- Harrison Street at 41st Street and 42nd Street
- Garrison Street and 44th Street
- River Road/Fessenden Street/45th Street

The study called for “All-Way Stop Signs” to be installed at:

- Harrison Street at 45th Street
- 44th Street southbound approach at Jenifer Street

The UWACS Traffic Study will begin in September 2004

Commissioner recommendations included a study of 45th Street and Fessenden, the intersection of River Road/46th Street/and Western Avenue and consideration of one-way traffic on Fessenden Street.

Discussion and vote on proposed expansion plan for Georgetown Day School

Commissioner Todd reviewed an agreement between ANC 3E and Georgetown Day School signed by both parties on June 10, 2004, and moved to approve the School’s application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. ANC 3E’s support of the expansion plan is contingent upon the terms of the agreement being fully incorporated into the final order issued by the BZA. If the BZA does not include the agreement in its order, ANC 3E withdraws its support of the application. The resolution passed 3-0. Commissioners Amy McVey, Chapman Todd and Lucy Eldridge were present.

Chairperson Discussion and vote on proposed plan for Fort Reno Park

McVey reviewed the Fort Reno special meeting held on May 27th and explained that the DC Parks and Recreation Offices had only delivered copies of the plans on the morning of June 10, therefore the Commission had not had the chance to fully review the details of the plan which included 16 foot high fencing. Representatives of the DC Parks and Recreation were not in attendance to answer questions about the addition of the fencing to the plans. While several residents voiced complaints about the height and length of the fence, as well as commenting on the proposed use of a sports facility on an historic civil war site, others spoke in favor of the plans and urged the commission to vote in favor of the proposal. Commissioner Todd introduced a resolution urging DPR to finalize a plan for Fort Reno but did not endorse any specific plan. The resolution also urged DPR to

submit the plan expeditiously to NPS, to clarify the specific restrictions the NPS will impose on the site and to present the final plan to the community within 30 days.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoang, Secretary