

ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of Sept 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Chapman Todd, Lucy Eldridge and Anne Sullivan were present.

ANC Business/Actions:

The following checks were approved:

Check number 1205 to Verizon for \$34.22 for telephone services

Check number 1206 to Verizon for \$34.12 for telephone services

Check number 1207 to US Postal Service for \$100.00 for PO Box 9953

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- A resolution in favor of a letter to DDOT urging them to keep to their schedule to release their analysis of the Fessenden St./River Road barrier by the week of September 19 and to hold to the commitment of DDOT staff to make this analysis available to the community via a public meeting.
- A resolution in support of an application for a stipulated license for The Dancing Crab
- A resolution not to support an application by PN Hoffman, Inc. for a PUD modification at Tenley Hill
- A resolution supporting a letter to DDOT regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Transportation Study
- The adoption of Minutes of July, 2005 Meeting and the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2005

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey announced that Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home and Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center would be hosting their annual Zoo Day on September 24, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m.

Open Forum:

Commissioner Todd, in response to several inquires, gave an update on the Tenleytown Library. The construction company has asked for revisions in their contract and, due to budget restraints, the renovations have been put on hold. ANC 3E hopes to have a full update at the October 2005 meeting.

Mr. Tievsky asked for an update on World Market and Commissioner Eldridge responded that negotiations were still underway.

In response to several inquiries regarding the River Road/Fessenden Street barrier Commissioner Todd proposed a letter to DDOT strongly urging DDOT to keep to their schedule to release their analysis by the week of September 19 and to hold to the commitment of DDOT staff to make this analysis available to the community via a public

meeting as soon as possible. A resolution in favor of sending this letter was passed by ANC 3E by a vote of 4-0.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Lt Aiello reviewed the crime statistics for PSA 2002 for the past 30 days and Tim Lucas and Rita Flynn were introduced as the PSA 202 Community Outreach Coordinators.

Discussion with Maurice Evans of William Dorsey Associates and possible vote on the application of a stipulated license for The Dancing Crab

Maurice Dorsey, of William Dorsey Associates, requested support of ANC 3E, in the application of a stipulated Class C R License for the location transfer of Lemlee Inc. trading as Dancing Crab and Malt Shop from its current location 4611 41st Street to 4615 41st Street. Commissioner Eldridge moved to support the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The vote was passed 4-0.

Update from Georgetown Day School regarding construction development and an update on enrollment numbers for the new school year

Kate Lindsey gave an update on the construction at Georgetown Day School and answered questions from the audience. Residents were requested to call the school if they saw dump trucks using the side streets. The drivers will be fined \$100 for using the side streets and thrown off the job if they were found disobeying the policy a second time. The money from the fines will go to a neighborhood fund. She asked residents to contact her if their car was sullied due to the construction work and she would provide car-cleaning coupons to the owner of the car. At the request of Commissioner Todd, Ms. Lindsey confirmed that community meeting to discuss issues about the construction and to address neighborhood concerns were held on alternate Friday mornings, at 8:00 a.m. at the school.

Discussion with Al Hedin, Senior Vice President of Pre-Construction & Development of PN Hoffman, Inc. regarding a PUD modification at Tenley Hill

Al Hedin, on behalf of the Tenley Hill Condominium Unit Owners Association asked for the support of ANC 3E in their application to the Zoning Commission to approve a minor modification to the planned unit development and zoning map amendment approval for 4714-27 Wisconsin Avenue NW Washington DC. The order called for the instillation of a metal and frosted glass door at the entrance of the commercial portion of the parking garage.

Mr. Hedin stated that the glass door provided for in the PUD presented several problems for the building, including increasing the heat, airflow and noise created by the placement of the HVAC condensers in the garage. In order to alleviate some of these problems they had replaced the glass door with an aluminum grill door which allowed the heat generated by the HVAC condensers to escape from the garage as well as the noise.

The Commission heard from Tim Cooper, a neighbor of Tenley Hill who lives adjacent to the Tenley Hill. Mr. Cooper stated that his family has been adversely affected by the modifications, and that P.N. Hoffman, Inc. has broken faith with the neighborhood

by replacing the PUD-approved door. Mr. Cooper presented a petition asking ANC 3E not to support the request for a retroactive modification the PUD to grant it permission to make this change arguing that the engineers had made a bad decision in putting the condensers in the garage and that they should be moved onto the roof, as in the original PUD agreement. Commissioner Eldridge noted that the PUD process was an important mechanism for providing concessions to the community in exchange for any burden imposed upon it by the construction of a particular project and the negative impact of the proposed modification to the immediate neighborhood as documented by a signed petition, moved not to support the application. Commissioner Todd moved not to support the application and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4-0.

Discussion with Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor of St Mary's Armenian Church at 42nd and Fessenden Streets regarding plans for the expansion of the church

Father Kalayjian, Pastor of St. Mary's Armenian Church, introduced himself to the audience and familiarized residents with a history of the church. He also introduced two members of the Church committee who made a presentation of the concept of the proposed renovation for the church. The concept, based on a traditional Armenian Church design, showed that the new building would have a larger plaza area than the existing building. Engineers are considering an underground addition of 10-15 feet as a way of addressing existing water issues. To date the Church has raised about 10% of the necessary funds and has just begun discussions with potential architects for the building. Several residents voiced concerns about the design process, the effect the proposed expansion could have on houses in the immediate vicinity and to the design of the administrative building. Immediate neighbors requested that the Church keep up an open discussion about the expansion and Father Kalayjian agreed to communicate via e-mail as the situation progresses.

Update on the Wisconsin Avenue Traffic Study

Commissioner Todd reviewed a letter to DDOT commenting on the Wisconsin Avenue Transportation Study. The letter stated that ANC 3E believed that there was over-reporting of existing development and under-reporting of anticipated development included in scenarios presented in the Draft Study. The letter recommend that DDOT convene a task force made up of DDOT staff, Office of Planning staff, and other parties to reach a resolution on the development numbers that should be used in the Study calculations. The letter also noted that the Ward 3 section of the District's Comprehensive Plan included the following statement: "Improving the level of service at street intersections to "B", or "C" at worst, is important for the protection and improvement of the quality of life, air quality, and residential character of the ward." Commissioner Todd noted that for the Scenario in the Study which the community believed most accurately reflected the recommendations of the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study, they have noted that the anticipated level of service at the noted intersections includes a number of D, E, and F ratings which would not be consistent with either the Comprehensive Plan or the expectation for the quality of life, air quality, or

residential character of our neighborhood. The letter also asked for the comment period on the specific recommendations be extended to 60 days after the official DDOT release of the analysis. In regard to the recommendation to widen portions of both Western Avenue and River Roads, the letter noted ANC 3E's opposition to the widening of roadways where the increased road width would necessitate narrowing existing sidewalks and/or eliminating grass medians between the street and sidewalk. Commissioner Todd motion that the letter be sent to the District's Department of Transportation and the Office of Planning. Commissioned Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McVey, Chair