

ANC Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Eldridge at 7:30 PM. Commissioners Amy Hoang Wrona, Carolyn Sherman and Anne Sullivan were also in attendance.

Vice Chair Eldridge introduced Commissioner Sherman as the new ANC representative for SMD 3E 03

Announcements:

Commissioner Sullivan announced that parking restrictions on 45th Street N between Van Ness and Massachusetts Avenue would be strictly enforced over the next few weeks in order to improve sight lines for children crossing the road to the park.

Open Forum:

There were no topics raised during the open forum portion of the meeting.

Second District Police Report:

Lt. Aiello reviewed the crime statistics for the last 30 days. He announced that from now on a representative of the force will be at St. Mary's Armenian Church every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm to discuss community issues with residents. Lt. Aiello also stated that PSA 202 would be looking at social issues within the community, particularly in regard to the homeless residents of the neighborhood. Several residents made requests for traffic enforcements and were asked to contact Lt. Aiello via e-mail so that he could direct the request to the appropriate individuals.

Discussion of and possible vote on a request to install curbs at the west side of the 4600 block of 48th Street, NW:

Commissioner Hoang Wrona reviewed a request to DDOT ANC 3E to install street curbs on the west side of the 4600 block of 48th Street NW. The request cited that because there are no curbs on either side of the street and because potholes have developed along both sides of the street, it is potentially dangerous for passengers to get into and out of parked cars. Commissioner Hoang Wrona made a motion to support the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion passed on a vote on 4-0.

Discussion on and possible vote on the River Road Barrier :

After reviewing the history of problems at River Road and Fessenden Street and the process by which DDOT determined to install a traffic light at the intersection, Vice-chair Eldridge allowed for a thirty-minute public discussion. While several residents commented unfavorably on the process of DDOT's determination, as well as citing parking and commuter traffic as continuing problems, a number of residents spoke in favor of installing the proposed traffic light. Commissioner Sherman and Commissioner Hoang Wrona both spoke about the importance of bringing the discussion to closure within the community and in order to keep DDOT committed to their plans for the intersection. In addition, vice-chair Eldridge reminded residents that the Commission's

support of the installation of the traffic light did not prevent them from requesting additional parking enforcement or making other recommendations to slow down the traffic at the intersection of affected neighborhood streets. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to support DDOT's plans to remove the temporary median, install a traffic median with channelized southbound left turn lane and install a traffic signal for the north and southbound lanes of River Road. Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of and possible vote on a resolution to oppose the set down of John Akridge Development Company's application for 5220 Wisconsin Avenue NW:

Commissioner Sherman reviewed a resolution to oppose the set down of the Akridge Development Company's application for a development at 5220 Wisconsin Avenue. The Commission requested that the Zoning Commission deny the request for set down of the application, without prejudice, and recommended that the Akridge work with the community to explore development within the bounds of the existing zoning category or within the designation on the Generalized Land Use map. In the open discussion that followed many residents thanked ANC 3E for their leadership in proposing the resolution. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to oppose the set down of the development plans for 5220 Wisconsin Avenue. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Eldridge. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion of and possible vote on the Comprehensive Plan of 2006

Commissioner Sherman reviewed a resolution pertaining to ANC 3E's position on the release and review of the Draft Comprehensive Plan of 2006 and the Rock Creek West Area Element. She expressed strong reservations with regard to the timing allotted for review of the Comprehensive Plan of 2006 and the Area Elements and asked that the Office of Planning implement a new timeframe to allow for sufficient study and review of the Draft Comprehensive Plan and Area Elements, time to correct any inaccuracies, and time to incorporate community input into a revised draft. The resolution also requested that the Mayor and Members of Council delay a vote on the Comprehensive Plan and Area Elements until after the new Mayor and Members of Council have been sworn in January 2007 and that adequate time be provided for them to fully review the draft and that the document put forward for a vote reflects the changes that have been requested. Commissioner Sherman moved to support the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and passed by a vote of 4-0.

ANC Business:

The May 2006 meeting minutes were circulated by Commissioner Hoang Wrona. A motion of approval was made by Vice Chair Eldridge, Commissioner Sherman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was circulated by Commissioner Anne Sullivan, a motion for approval was made by Vice Chair Eldridge, Commissioner Sherman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The quarterly treasurer's report was submitted by Commissioner Anne Sullivan for approval; A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve a quarterly check to Doug Ward for website maintenance for \$225.00. It was seconded by Vice chair Eldridge, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Eldridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; the motion was seconded and approved.

Lucy Eldridge, ANC 3E Vice Chair