

Minutes of the December 13th 2007 ANC 3E Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. Commissioners Eldridge, Sherman and Sullivan were present.

Update from Georgetown Day School:

Kate Lindsey, CFO of Georgetown day School presented a quarterly update to the commissioners of ANC 3E. Currently 463 students are enrolled in the school which is under their allotted enrollment cap. Georgetown Day School no longer owns the parking lot adjacent to the Safeway on Ellicott Street. The lot is now owned by Safeway and NEBF and the school is no longer responsible for the maintenance of the lot. The construction of the renovations were completed ahead of time and the school is working with neighbors who live close to the site to power wash any houses that were negatively affected during the construction process. Ms. Lindsey confirmed that students were prohibited from parking on neighborhood streets and that the school had an agreement with the neighbors that they would not use the sports field after 7:30 pm due to liability issues. Residents can contact Kate Lindsey directly at 202-296-6100 or klindsey@gds.edu.

Presentation by Chief Kenneth Crosswhite and Mr. Wright of the District of Columbia fire and Emergency Medical Services Department regarding the public safety initiative, Smoke Alarm verification and Utilization program (SAVU):

As part of the Smoke Alarm Verification and Utilization (SAVU) Program, firefighters and inspectors go house to house in the District to ensure the presence of a working smoke alarm. If no smoke alarm is present, a device is installed free of charge. Firefighters will visit a different DC community on or about the third Saturday of every month, with the long-term goal of having every house in the city protected by a working smoke alarm provided by the DC Fire and EMS Department. Chief Kenneth Crosswhite and Mr. Wright presented a PowerPoint presentation of the program.

Announcements:

There were no announcements from the Commission:

Open Forum:

Steve Posniak gave an update on the confirmed fare increases for Metro busses. The increases start on January 6, 2008. The base fare of \$1.35 will rise to \$1.65.. Bus fares remain at \$1.25 if you pay with a Smarttrip. If you pay with cash, bus fares will cost \$1.35. Metro is providing 50,000 Smarttrip cards to be given for free to low-income people who cannot afford the \$5 fee.

Discussion and possible vote on an application for an extension of the PUD for the Babes site:

Commissioner Sherman gave a brief history of the successor in interest to 4600 Brandywine Associates, LLC who are requesting a two-year extension of the Zoning Commission Order No. 03-27 under Section 2408-10 of the Zoning Regulations. The reason for the extension is related to the drop in the condominium market. Commissioner Sherman moved to support the motion for Extension of Time contingent on changing the language in all documents related to the purchase and sale of the residential units that residents of the units in the building are prohibited from applying or obtaining Residential Parking permit stickers from the District of

Columbia". This was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and the motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion of and possible vote on a resolution to recommend that Janney Elementary School be reevaluated for an earlier modernization than is currently scheduled:

Commissioner Sullivan reviewed with the community a resolution to recommend that Janney Elementary School be reevaluated for an earlier modernization than is currently scheduled. The resolution was prompted by Chancellor Rhee's announcement of a list of schools that will be closing therefore causing a re-evaluation of the school modernization queue. Because the enrollment at Janney School is projected to grow to 550 students in the near future, that the school is in need of renovations and expansion, and that some parents and the principal of the school have tried to convince the DC government to sell the land and thereby move the school ahead in the modernization queue without a systematic analysis of the school site, the resolution recommended that the that the Janney School site be evaluated for modernization and expansion and that the current RFP for selling any part of the site be held in abeyance until the analysis is completed. Commissioner Sullivan moved to support the motion and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion contingent that the principal of the school was advised of the resolution. The motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Discussion of and possible vote on comments from the DC Fire Marshall regarding the public space permits for the Commerce Bank::

Commissioner Eldridge reviewed a letter from the Associate Director of DDOT, Kenneth Laden, stating that DDOT was allowing an additional 30 days comment, as of November 19, 2007, to reply to comments from the Office of the Fire Marshall. Final comments on the public space permits for the Commerce Bank are due on December 21, 2007. In particular, she referred to a statement by DDOT that the alley to the west of the property does not require a public space permit. Commissioner Eldridge asked Talia Primor, of Council member Cheh's office, to set up a meeting within the next week between ANC 3E, DDOT and representatives of the Commerce Bank so that a resolution could be drawn up to respond in a timely fashion.

ANC 3E Business:

- The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the following check:
- Check number 1235 in the amount of \$980 to pay Polly King Evans for Administrative Services
- The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the August, September, October and November meeting minutes
- The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Financial Report

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.