

## Minutes of ANC3E January 8, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-Chair Lucy Eldridge. Commissioners Beverly Sklover, Matthew Frumin, Jonathan Bender and Sam Serebin were also present.

### Announcements:

Commissioner Eldridge welcomed the new and returning commissioners of ANC 3E.

### Open Forum:

#### Update from PSA 202:

The newly appointed Lieutenant Braschnewitz of PSA 202 and PSA 203 gave an update on crime statistics in PSA 202 and PSA 203. He urged residents to help in preventing a continued rise in thefts from autos by not leaving items such as cell phones, laptops etc. clearly visible in their cars. Auto thefts in the area have been on the rise over the past few months.

#### Discussion of and possible vote on an application by Georgetown Day School to increase their enrollment cap:

Kate Lindsey, the CFO of the school, gave a brief presentation asking for the commission's support to increase their enrollment cap. The special exception is asking that the enrollment cap be increased from 475 to 500 students. Ms. Lindsey cited from a traffic study which indicated that the school has more than enough on-site parking to accommodate the special exception. Commissioner Bender noted that the commission and the school were working hard to minimize the effect that the special exception may have on the community, and that a public meeting would be announced shortly to further discuss and vote on the application. Commissioner Frumin stated for the record that the Georgetown Day School had broken their promise not to request an increase of their enrollment cap and that the burden lay with the school to reduce the impact of the perceived negative behavior of the students in the community. He emphasized the importance of a voluntary agreement with ANC 3E.

### Proposed improvements to the baseball field at Chevy Chase Park:

Clark Ray from the Department of Parks and Recreation gave a presentation of the improvements to the District's premier baseball fields and, in particular, reassured the community's concern that the proposed lights at Chevy Chase Park will be programmed to turn off and on at times agreed upon by the neighborhood. Comments from the community also included questions about the height of the fence surrounding the field, parking issues and the disruption to family lives due to increased noise levels during the early evening hours. While many residents spoke in favor of the proposed plan, others expressed reservations that a large baseball field was suitable in a pocket park in a small residential neighborhood. The Commission urged the community to continue to work on an amicable compromise with the Department of Parks and Recreation but noted that this was difficult to accomplish in the absence of a definite plan. Commissioner Frumin strongly advised the Department to return to the ANC only when they could present a fully developed plan and an environmental study of the proposed field, emphasizing that the commission would not entertain any further discussion until they were given time to consider the precise details of the proposal. Commissioner Bender also noted that there was no mechanism in place to ensure that a voluntary agreement could be enforced and requested that DC Parks and Recreation develop a process to ensure that any agreement remain in compliance.

### Discussion with Andrea Limauro, the new Office of Planning Ward 3 Coordinator:

Commissioner Eldridge introduced Andrea Limauro, the new Office of Planning Ward 3 Coordinator. Mr. Limauro announced that he was planning to attend each ANC meeting within Ward 3 in order to keep the commission informed of community developments. The Commission requested that Mr. Limauro give a report on the re-writing of the zoning laws at the February meeting and placed emphasis on the benefit to the community of OP and the Commission developing a good working relationship.

### ANC Business:

The renewal/affirmation of the By-laws was tabled until the February meeting by a vote 5-0.

The Commission agreed to continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month ( unless the date coincided with a holiday) and to hold a minimum of nine meetings a year by a vote of 5-0.

The Commission agreed to table the Treasurer's report until the February meeting by a vote of 5-0.

The Commission supported the passage of the ANC Security Resolution by a vote of 5-0.

The Commission elected the following officers:

Chair – Jonathan Bender

Vice-Chair – Lucy Eldridge

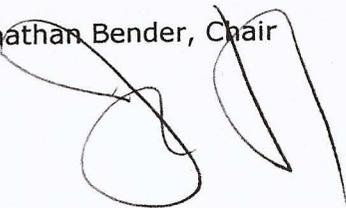
Treasurer – Matthew Frumin

Secretary – Lucy Eldridge

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Bender, Chair

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