

Minutes of ANC3E January 26, 2009 Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Bender. Commissioners Beverly Sklover, Matt Frumin, Lucy Eldridge and Sam Serebin were also present.

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

Peter Branch, Head of the school, Kate Lindsey, CFO of the school and Kevin Barr, Principal of the upper school, were in attendance. Upon questioning, Mr. Branch conceded that the school had knowingly exceeded its legal cap on enrollment for several years, but that the school had been in compliance since 2002. Commissioner Serebin presented a resolution supporting the increase of the enrollment cap for Georgetown Day School but noticed the burden this increase would have on the nearby community. Because of this burden, the resolution included the following benefits the school has agreed to, pending acceptance by the groups or institutions involved. These benefits included the following:

- 1) GDS Community Service Program will undertake to provide landscape materials and install landscape for the north and east sides of the Safeway.
- 2) GDS Community Service Program will undertake to provide landscape materials and install landscape for Friendship Terrace.
- 3) GDS will donate \$5,000 a year, by April 1 of each year from 2009 through 2013, toward the renovation and upkeep of Friendship (Turtle) Park to enable all members of the community to make better use of that facility.
- 4) GDS will make available to Janney Elementary School use of their high school field (free of charge and as needed) at times of mutual convenience.
- 5) GDS will reserve for faculty and administrators from Wilson, Deal and Janney Schools, two places for each school in GDS's nationally recognized summer Equity Collaborative. These places will be offered free of charge.
- 6) GDS will reserve monies in its financial aid funds up to the total of one full tuition for designation to a qualified applicant who would especially benefit from a GDS education. These monies would be distributed on a needs basis to such an applicant. Priority for admissions and the granting of such financial aid will be maintained for an ANC 3E resident beginning in the 2010-11 academic year. In respect to this GDS agreed to:

- Provide the commissioners of ANC 3E notice of the available aid two months before the application is due so that appropriate publicity can be arranged,
- That such notice will spell out the academic requirements, expectations and general criteria of the candidate so that due notice can be given,
- That GDS will inform the commission when an applicant has been accepted,
- That the financial aid grant not be restricted to the upper school and would cover tuition at both the lower and upper schools of GDS if appropriate,
- That the financial aid will cover up to the full tuition of the school fees,
- That this benefit will be available in perpetuity.

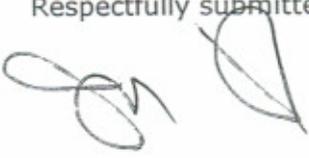
Georgetown Day School also reaffirmed its commitment to abide by the Voluntary Agreement of 2004 and to respond promptly to any reasonable complaints raised by the presence of GDS faculty, staff or students in the community.

Commissioner Frumin proposed that the resolution as amended and attached to these minutes be approved. Commissioner Sklover seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. Commissioners Bender and Eldridge abstained.

Commissioner Eldridge objected to the resolution because it implied that GDS had promised -- in 2004 when it sought ANC approval for its campus expansion -- that it would not later seek to increase its enrollment cap. Commissioner Bender noted that GDS' lawyer, Phil Feola, specifically recalled such a promise. An E-mail from Mr. Feola to that effect is attached and incorporated by reference. Commissioner Eldridge also objected to the language in the resolution that stated that the prior ANC had approved the campus construction plan because GDS had made such a promise. She said that of the five current commissioners only she was on the ANC in 2004 and that the Commission's approval of the campus plan was not conditioned upon any promise to freeze enrollment, nor was any such promise made. She offered an alternative resolution approving the increased enrollment, but omitting any reference to the promises. As the motion was not seconded, it was never put to a vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Bender', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Bender, Chair