



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
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ANC 3E RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DCPL'S PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF THE TENLEY-FRIENDSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY

JUNE 12, 2008

Whereas, ANC 3E has been notified of the DCPL's intent to construct a new Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library Branch at 4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW; and

Whereas, the new branch library will be an approximately 22,000 sq. Ft, state of the art, LEED certified, modern facility that will provide greater use of natural light, will be more energy efficient, will address public safety and increase useable interior space; and

Whereas, the Commission of Fine Arts has praised the design of the Tenley-Friendship Library as "a very strong concept," "a building the whole neighborhood will be proud of" and "an extremely intelligent and wonderful design."; and

Whereas, the branch library is an important community anchor where residents can seek and find information; use modern technology, resources and assistance of the library personnel; hold community meetings in public rooms; check out library books and materials; attend special events such as story telling hours; obtain homework help and work on special school projects; and engage in numerous other enriching activities; and

Whereas, the community has been deprived of this valuable neighborhood resource for 4 years; and

Whereas, all proposals for a joint development project involving a private developer constructing a residential building on top of, adjacent to, or hovering over the currently planned branch library have been soundly rejected by the vast majority of community members who submitted comments via e-mail to the Office of Planning and Economic Development as well as through public meetings held at the library and at the ANC and through various organizations' resolutions and letters; and

Whereas, the construction of the well designed and planned branch library would be significantly delayed and therefore incur millions of dollars in additional costs should the Deputy Mayor of the Office of Planning and Economic Development seek to impose a joint development project on the site;

Therefore, be it resolved that the ANC 3E heartily recommends that the DCPL be allowed to proceed with the construction of the Tenley-Friendship Library branch as planned without the encumbrance of a joint development project on site.

The ANC 3E passed the resolution at the June 12, 2008 meeting at which a quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioners McVey, Eldridge, Sherman, and Sullivan were in attendance.

Amy B. McVey

Chairperson, ANC 3E