

**ANC3E Meeting
Minutes of September 13, 2001**

Chairperson Jill Diskan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Commissioners Chris McNamara, Leslie Quynn, Tad DiBiase and Frank Gordon were present.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence in respect for those who suffered in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Announcements:

Commission chair Diskan made the following announcements;

DPW has approved a traffic light at the intersection of Nebraska and Chesapeake at the request of students from Wilson High School. The traffic light will take from nine months to a year to install.

The Citizen Summit 11 will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2001 at the Washington Convention Center. The summit will provide an opportunity for residents to provide input on priorities for District government action in our neighborhoods.

The National Educational Foundation of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will be holding a National Information Conference on the Human Genome Project for the greater Washington area November 9-11, 2001. Further information can be obtained by calling (202) 387-3103.

The DC Office of the People's Counsel is holding an Energy Efficiency Awareness Day on Saturday, September 22, 2001 at the Convention Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The DC Asthma Walk will take place on September 30, 2001. Further information can be obtained by calling Anne Haynes at the American Lung Association at (202) 682-5864.

Commissioner McNamara announced that DPW will be repairing the following streets in 3E02:

- Brandywine from 45th to Western Avenue.
- Ellicot from 48th to Western Avenue.
- Davenport from 44th to 45th Streets.

Other streets scheduled for repair in ANC3E are listed in the September newsletter and posted on the ANC 3E website.

Residents who live on a block that does not have a sidewalk, and would like a side walk installed at the time of repair should submit a petition of 50% of residents in that block supporting a sidewalk. Petitions must be submitted to DPW by the end of September

2001. For more information contact Harbhajan Sandhu or Mulhammed Khalid at 671-2248.

Commissioner DiBiase moved to support the installation of a sidewalk on 41st Street between Van Ness and Warren Streets.

Commissioner Quynn seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

ANC Business:

The commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the July 2001 meeting, and approve the July and August, 2001 Treasurer's Reports.

Open Forum:

Jean Mammen asked if there was a zoning process that gave consideration to public opinion on smart growth.

Katy Hunter recommended contacting Cluster 2, a volunteer organization that advises the neighborhood on overlays, streetscapes and other issues. Further information can be obtained from Robert Collins.

Commissioner chair Diskan also recommended attending The DC Neighborhood Action Citizen Summit 11 on Saturday, October 6, 2001.

Stuart Cameron proposed that no parking be permitted on River Road during weekday rush hour on the block between 46th Street and Western Avenue.

Two other residents stated that cars parked over the weekend and during the evening also present a problem for motorists.

Commissioner DiBiase stated he would contact the owners of the 4 or 5 houses that would be affected by the proposed no parking ban.

Steve Posniak announced that enrollment for a DC Recreation neighborhood pre-kindergarten playgroup could be made by contacting Pam Brooks at 576-7278.

A resident reported a possible assault on 48th and Western Avenue.

Commission chair Diskan recommended the assault be reported to Lieutenant Carter of the 2nd District.

A representative from Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center requested a "yield" sign at the crosswalk at 42nd Street and Military Road.

Carolyn Lawrence asked for support in the way of donations for a garage and bake sale on Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. The proceeds of the sale would help to meet legal costs arising from residents' protest of the renewal of a liqueur license for the Round Table Restaurant.

Commission chair Diskan noted that the restaurant was operating a bar under a restaurant license and running bar hours closing at 2:00 a.m. during the week and at 3:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Commissioner McNamara asked if they had received any pro bono offers.

Ms. Lawrence stated the lawyers were already working on a reduced fee basis.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

There was no presentation by 2nd District Police.

Presentation of most recent proposal for Hechinger's site:

Armond Spikell and Richard Lake, owners of Madison Retail, and Robert Sponseller presented their proposal for the old Hechinger site. The building would be developed as both retail and residential space, with 3-4 retailers on the ground floor, and an estimated 150-200 high-end luxury apartments on several floors added to the building. Retail parking with approximately 140 available spaces would be in the basement of the building and residential parking on the roof. The residential entrance would be on Albemarle Street and the retail entrance either on Wisconsin Avenue or River Road. The interior residential design would be turned over to a residential developer. Madison Retail hopes to have the retail stores open by Fall 2002 or Spring 2003. The proposed design would preserve the historical integrity of the building. Further details can be obtained from their web site: www.madisonretailgroup.com.

Two residents commented on the quantity of residential apartments.

Mr. Spikell noted that the residential apartments would be less dense than recently constructed apartment buildings in the area.

Commissioners Leslie Quynn, Tad DiBiase and Chris McNamara congratulated Madison Retail on their proposal.

Variance request for addition to 4417 Faraday Place:

The owner of 4417 Faraday Place NW, Robert Burchard presented a plan to build a two-story addition at the back of his property. The proposed addition will measure 19' across and 12' deep. The owners have contacted all of their immediate neighbors with the exception of one and have not met with any resistance to the project.

Commissioner DiBiase moved not to oppose the zoning variance application of the owners of 4417 Faraday Place. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Discussion and vote on proposed changes to boundaries of ANC3E as part of ANC Redistricting:

Commission chair Diskan reported the following recommendations proposed to the Ward 3 ANC Redistricting Task Force:

- That the blocks west of Wisconsin Avenue, east of Nebraska Avenue and north of Van Ness Street be moved from 3E05 to 3F06.
- That 4100 Massachusetts Avenue NW is absorbed by SMD 3E05.
- That several blocks are added to 3E03 to comply with the population requirement.

There were no recommendations for changes to 3E01 or 3E02.

The Task Force will hold a public meeting on September 20, 2001 at Tenley-Friendship Library on the proposed boundaries. The Task Force will submit their proposal on Saturday, September 22, 2001 to Councilmember Kathy Patterson for consideration.

Commission chair Diskan presented a map to explain the boundaries of ANC3E as originally recommended by representatives of ANC3E to the Task Force.

Commission chair Diskan moved to adopt the map detailing the proposed changes to ANC3E and to designate Commission chair Diskan (or in her place, Commissioner DiBiase) to represent ANC3E in all additional matters concerning redistricting of ANCs and SMDs.

Commissioner Gordon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad DiBiase
Secretary

