

**ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of May 8, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Lucy Eldridge, and Amy Hoang were present. Chapman Todd was present and Commissioner Helfant arrived at 7:45 p.m.

ANC Business/Actions:

- The Commission announced the election of Chapman Todd to the ANC 3E commission. Commissioner Todd will represent SMD 03.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Commissioner Helfant as ANC 3E Treasurer.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Todd as ANC 3E Treasurer.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Eldridge as Vice President of ANC 3E.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to change the signatories of the ANC 3E bank accounts.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to adopt the minutes of the April 2003 meeting.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to adopt the first and second quarter financial report.
- The Commission voted 3-0, with Commissioners Huang and Todd abstaining, to oppose the MPD's creation of a network of general surveillance cameras.

The following checks were issued and approved:

Check # 1129 Superb Internet	\$204.00	Web Hosting 4/27/03-4/27/04
Check # 1130 Verizon	\$83.62	Phone Bill, 2 months

Announcements:

Ron Newmyer from Armands Pizza would not be attending the meeting. The Commission agreed to contact Mr. Newmyer to ask a representative from Armands to attend the June 12, 2003 meeting. In the meantime Ron Newmeyer can be contacted at 363-6268 or at armandscp@aol.com with neighborhood questions or concerns.

The Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home will be holding a Neighborhood Zoo Day on Saturday, May 31st from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Tenleytown Wine and Liquors, located at 4525 Wisconsin Avenue is renewing its license. The petition due date is 5/27/03 and the hearing date is 6/1//2003.

DDOT construction of Wisconsin Avenue, NW from 41st Street to Jenifer Street and from Veazy Street to Tenley Circle, which began on April 11, 2003, is scheduled to be completed by September 13, 2003.

Colleen Smith will be presenting data from the Friendship Heights Transportation Study on May 19, 2003 at St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church, 42nd & Fessenden Streets, NW from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Open Forum:

Friends of Turtle Park announced their May Fair, to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2003 from 10:00 am until 3:00 p.m.

Kersti Colombant addressed three issues:

- 1) The need of toilet facilities for the homeless who live in the neighborhood.
- 2) The proliferation of newspaper boxes at various intersections, particularly at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Albermarle Street, NW.
- 3) The need for greater awareness between local groups and the city government which became apparent when DDOT began repaving sidewalks and curbs at the end of April. The company employed by the city destroyed many of the flowers and disturbed the root systems of trees that the Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project had recently planted.

Peter Branch, of Georgetown Day School referred to the student parking agreement between Georgetown Day School and ANC 3E and expressed concern that the proposed site at Marten's Volvo would add to neighborhood parking problems.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Sgt. Hayes gave the crime update for the neighborhood.

Presentation of Spring 2003 Grants:

The following groups requested \$1000 grants from the ANC. Awards will be announced at the June 12, 2003 meeting:

- Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project presented a proposal to help finish planting several areas along the project site and to replace plants that died last year, and also to pay for mulch.
- The Tenley Neighbors Association presented a proposal to remove graffiti from local businesses, street signs and other structures on Wisconsin Avenue.
- The Janney Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association presented a request to help purchase a bench, which will be installed with three others at the new entrance to the Janney School.
- The Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center, Inc presented a proposal for a "Hands-On" Summer Program.
- The Methodist Cemetery Association presented a proposal for tree revitalization on the cemetery grounds.

Update by Sheryl Lincoln of surveillance cameras in the National Capitol Area:

Sheryl Lincoln spoke for the ACLU of the National Capital Area on the installation of surveillance cameras. The cameras were installed by the Metropolitan Police Department without first consulting the public, or their representatives in the Council of the District of Columbia. The ACLU has raised the following concerns about the D.C. video surveillance plan:

- Surveillance networks are ineffective as a crime deterrent.

- Funds spent on camera systems could be better spent on recruiting, training and assigning community police in neighborhoods.
- Information obtained by surveillance cameras is subject to abuse.
- Surveillance cameras undermine privacy.
- Surveillance cameras discourage freedom of expression.

The commission voted 3-0, with Commissioners Huang and Todd abstaining, to oppose the MPD's creation of a network of general surveillance cameras and urged the Council of the District of Columbia to prohibit the creation of a police department general surveillance camera system.

Discussion of and vote on the Cheesecake Factory's application for a liquor license for its sidewalk café:

Representatives of the Cheesecake Factory summarized plans to serve liquor at their sidewalk café. Resident concerns included the playing of music, the serving of alcohol late in the evening, and the configuration of tables on the sidewalk and general management of the café. The commission voted unanimously not to oppose the Cheesecake's Factory's application with the following conditions:

- 1) The restaurant must respond to community concerns regarding the configuration of tables and management of the sidewalk café,
- 2) The restaurant must agree that no live or recorded music is played on the sidewalk café,
- 3) The restaurant must agree to stop serving alcohol outside by 11:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 12:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and by 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- 4) The restaurant must agree to come back to ANC 3E in a few months to respond to additional questions the neighborhood has concerning the sidewalk café.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoang, Secretary