

**ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of October 9, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Lucy Eldridge, Amy Hoang, and Chapman Todd were present.

ANC Business/Actions:

- The Commission voted 4-0 to request a 90-day comment period of the Office of Planning on the Upper Wisconsin Corridor Study.
- The Commission voted 3-0 to table a vote on the Bon Secours Convent until the November 2003 meeting.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to support an investigation into PEPCO's service to the citizen's of ANC 3E during and after Hurricane Isabel
- The Commission voted 4-0 that the PSA boundaries remain aligned with Neighborhood Clusters, and not with ANCs.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to create a committee to compile and catalogue past agreements between ANC 3E and/or neighborhood groups, with local business and developers.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to adopt of Minutes of September 11, 2003 Meeting
- The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report
- The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the Quarterly Financial Report

The following checks were issued and approved:

- Check No. 1145 to Verizon for \$30.65
- Check No 1146 to Polly King for \$472.50

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey made the following announcements:

- DPW crews would be picking up tree-debris from the roadsides. Residents and business owners were asked to be patient, as the collection and removal of the debris from city streets, sidewalks and alleys may take up to a month to complete.
- Disaster assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses affected by Hurricane Isabel are available from F.E.M.A. at 1-800-621-FEMA.
- Resident concerns about the over-lighting in the McDonald's parking lot had been brought to the notice of the restaurant's manager.
- Fall grants would be postponed until the ANC 3E financial allotment had been received.

Commissioner Todd announced the third Citizen Summit on Saturday, November 1, 2003 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. sat the new Washington Convention Center. Input from the summit will be used to update the citywide strategic plan and the Neighborhood Action Plan.

Open Forum:

Lisa Danahy thanked the Commission for their Spring grant to the Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center and presented her report.

Mr. Tievsky gave an update on training for volunteers for the Primary elections.

Mr. Posniak gave an update on D.C. property tax assessments.

In response to Mr. Scott's concerns about local developments Commissioner Eldridge gave an update on the Washington Clinic site.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Lt. Adrain Sanders gave a crime update for PSA 202

Discussion of and vote on the process by which ANC 3E will respond to the Office of Planning's Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study

Marti Edmonson presented a resolution proposing a 90-day comment period from the Office of Planning on the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study. During that period the Commission would hold a series of meeting to provide the opportunity for community input. The Office of Planning will hold a public meeting to present the study on October 27, 2003 at St. Columbia's Episcopal Church and the community meetings will be held during November. The request for an extension was supported by the Commission in order to give the community enough time to fully respond to the report. Commissioner Eldridge drafted a final resolution and the Commission voted 4-0 for its support.

Discussion of and vote on Bon Secours Convent

Paul Williams presented his findings for the Tenleytown Historical Society on the Bon Secours Convent located at 4101 Yuma Street, NW. The summary included the architect of the convent to be Maurice F. Moore and that construction began in the summer of 1927 to house the sisters of the Bon Secours order who were dedicated to nursing the sick and the elderly in the Washington area. The structure was designed with an addition to the main building in mind. It is the opinion of Mr. Williams, a historic preservation expert, that the building should be preserved. It is owned by the Heights Foundation who had requested a raze permit for the building earlier this year.

The Vice President of the Heights Foundation and their legal representative explained that the Foundation's request for a raze permit had been withdrawn and that the Convent was protected while a hearing before the historic Preservation Board was pending. It is the Foundation's intention that the building be used for a women's study center. Commissioner Hoang proposed that the community and the Tenleytown Historical Society meet with the Foundation to discuss how the issues and concerns of all parties can be resolved and to table a vote until the November 2003 ANC 3E meeting. The motion was passed 3-0 with Commissioner Todd abstaining.

Discussion of and vote on letter to Mayor Anthony Williams, DC Council and DC Public Service Commission regarding PEPCO's slow and erratic service to the citizen's of ANC 3E during and after Hurricane Isabel

Phil Harmon, representing the Office of the People's Council, asked for the support of ANC 3E, in requesting an investigation of PEPCO and its efficacy as DC's power provider during the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. Commissioner Hoang outlined a letter from ANC 3E to Mayor Anthony Williams supporting an investigation into the power outages that occurred throughout the city after Hurricane Isabel, to support ANC 3G/4F's request to bury power lines on all future DC road projects, and to urge the city to revisit the issue of the time frame allotted to remediate and inspect a dying tree. The Commission voted 4-0 to support the resolution.

Discussion of and vote on realigning PSA 202 with ANC 3E, and PSAs with ANCs citywide

Lars Hyde asked for the Commission's support in requesting that the Metropolitan Police Department draw PSA boundaries citywide without regard to Neighborhood Clusters; to realign PSA boundaries citywide, except when affected ANCs agree otherwise; and to align PSA 202 with ANC 3E. A representative from MPD was not available to speak at the meeting. Cathy Weiss, from ANC 3F, spoke in opposition to the proposal, and several residents from the community spoke in favor of Neighborhood Clusters and of remaining in PSA 202. Commissioner Hoang moved that the PSA boundaries remain aligned with Neighborhood Clusters, and not with ANCs. The vote was passed 4-0.

Discussion of and vote on creating a committee to compile and catalogue past agreements between ANC 3E and/or neighborhood groups, with local business and developers

Commissioner Todd presented a resolution to catalogue contracts made between ANC 3E and/or neighborhood groups, with local businesses and developers. Problems had arisen for incoming commissioners who were sometimes unaware of past agreements. Several residents spoke of the benefit of having these agreements easily accessible. The Commission voted 4-0 to support the resolution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoang, Secretary