

**ANC 3E Meeting  
Minutes of February 13, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Tad DiBiase, Amy McVey, Lucy Eldridge, Amy Hoang and Matt Helfant were present.

Announcements:

Commissioner Eldridge announced that a public parking lot was being run at the Washington Clinic site and questioned whether the owners were permitted to operate a commercial parking lot. It was decided that Commissioner Eldridge would contact the owners of the site to inform them of the regulations.

Commissioner Eldridge also announced that she had been contacted about restrictive visitor parking in the area. Lt. Aiello said he would review the recent ruling on visitor parking and present his findings at the next meeting.

ANC Business/Actions:

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 2003 meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to postpone the Treasurer's report until the March 13, 2003 meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the signatures of Matt Helfant and Amy Hoang as the ANC 3E Financial Officers.

No checks were issued or approved at the (February 13, 2003) meeting

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a resolution for a special exception permit for an accessory apartment at 4336 Garrison Street, NW with the caveat that within six months of completion the applicant design and provide for adequate screening and lighting for the accessory apartment. In addition, the ANC 3E recommended that Daphne and Andrew Trotter be given party status to the application with the right to appeal to the BZA six months after the completion of the project.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a resolution supporting the application of Friends of Tait Park for Ward 3's September 11 Memorial Grove of Trees.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a resolution supporting the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' request for parking on Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Open Forum:

Mr. Sheehan inquired if anything could be done to improve parking for commuters in the Tenleytown area. Mr. Sheehan explained that the employees of the Biblical Archaeology Society on 41st Street have no parking available to them and that the employees who park in the neighborhood have to move their cars from Zone Three area after three hours. Chairperson DiBiase offered to contact DDOT and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Presentation by 2<sup>nd</sup> District Police:

Lt. Aiello gave the crime update for the neighborhood. He distributed the most recent Disaster Preparedness Manual published by the DC Local Emergency Planning Council and invited residents to a meeting on February 20, 2003 when additional emergency preparedness would be discussed. In response to the Commission's request to look into parking of commercial vehicles, Lt. Aiello stated that the municipal regulations stipulated that commercial vehicles could park in residential areas for two hours.

Discussion of and possible vote on Sunday parking for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 5460 Western Avenue:

Anita Hampton spoke on behalf of the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and asked that the Commission approve their request for parking on Sundays along Western Avenue between Livingston Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street. Commissioner Eldridge reported on her recent correspondence and conversations with DDOT. She explained that restricted parking along Western Avenue was changed to prohibited parking at the request of the Chevy Chase Village Police in 1998. The request had been approved because the parked cars had restricted traffic flow and created congestion due to the close proximity of the shopping center. DDOT had also verbally stated that parking along Western Avenue was dangerous due to the incline of the road and that the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions had discussed the issue at the time. DDOT would not consider revisiting the issue because it had been reviewed so recently. Commissioner Eldridge noted that the memorandum did not mention that the incline of Western Avenue contributed to the parking ban and that no mention of comments by ANCs was made in the final ruling. The Commission proposed a resolution to approve the Church's request for parking on Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The resolution was approved 5-0.

Discussion of and vote on a special exception permit for an accessory apartment at 4336 Garrison Street, NW.

David Frankel, presented the plans for an accessory apartment at 4336 Garrison Street. He offered four letters from neighbors in support of the apartment. The Commission heard from Andrew and Daphne Trotter, of 5015 44<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, who asked the ANC 3E to oppose the approval of the special exception unless the resolution included a requirement that the owners install adequate screening and lighting for the accessory apartment. Mr. Trotter noted that their backyard and the back of their house face the entrance to the proposed apartment, and that the entrance can be seen from every point in their backyard and from every window on the back side of the house. The Commission proposed to approve the Frankel's application with the caveat that within six months of completion the applicant design and provide for adequate screening and lighting for the accessory apartment. In addition, the ANC 3E recommended that Daphne and Andrew Trotter be given party status to the application with the right to appeal to the BZA six months after the completion of the project. The resolution was approved 5-0.

Presentation by Shirley Diamond of the Construction Division, DC Library on the renovations at Tenley Library:

Shirley Diamond presented the D.C. Public Library's plan to renovate and upgrade the Tenley Library. The library does not currently meet federal or local building codes. The building will close for an 890 day period beginning in either April or May 2003. Current renovation plans call for a 18,000 square foot one-story building. Several residents commented on the proposed one-story library and suggested that a larger building would be more advantageous to the neighborhood. Kevin Pettitt, a resident of Reno Road, proposed a six-story development to include the library, a cultural center, meeting rooms, a coffee shop, and offices or apartments. Ms. Diamond responded that while there have been discussions with developers about including the library in a larger building on the site, no developer had come forward with an offer of funds for the project.

Presentation by Marten's Volvo on development at 4800 Wisconsin Avenue:

Bob Donahoe presented the plan for a development at Marten's Volvo site. The project calls for a 87.5-foot apartment building with 193 units and 208 parking spaces. 80% of the moderate income rental units will comprise of one bedroom units and the remainder two bedrooms units. The developers' plans include 2,500 square feet of retail space in the lowest elevation on the property and designs call for improved landscaping around the building including the triangular plot of land to the north of the development. The package includes five affordable housing units. Construction will begin in 2004 and the building will open in 2006. Several residents commented on the height of the building, particularly in relation to nearby single family homes, Georgetown Day School and Tenley Hill. Commissioners DiBiase and Eldridge commented that they shared many of the neighborhood's concerns. Chairperson DiBiase noted the Office of Planning's support of high-density areas close to the Metro but suggested the developers reduce the height of the building by two stories.

Discussion and vote on Friends of Tait Park's application for the DC Memorial Tree Groves Project:

Jean McDermott spoke on behalf of the Friends of Tait Park and requested the support of the Commission for their application for Ward 3's September 11 Memorial Grove of Trees. Commissioner Hoang proposed a resolution in support of the application. The resolution was passed 5-0

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40

Respectfully submitted,

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Tad DiBiase, Chairperson

