

ANC 3E Meeting  
Minutes of May 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Chapman Todd, Lucy Eldridge and Amy Hoang Wrona were present.

ANC Business/Actions:

- The Commission voted unanimously not to oppose the application to extended hours of operation of Mediterranean Café
- The Commission voted unanimously to pass a resolution opposing the historic landmark designation of DC Firehouses
- The Commission voted unanimously to authorize payment up to \$2500 to hire an architect/consultant to create alternate ideas for Friendship Heights as it pertains to the Upper Wisconsin Corridor Study

The following checks were approved:

<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Check No. 1168	31.20	Verizon	Monthly Phone Service, 04/04
Check No. 1169	204.00	Superb Internet	Web Hosting, one year
Check No. 1170	1,000.00	Janney ED	grant
Check No. 1171	1,000.00	Tenley Neighbors (Graffiti project)	grant
Check No. 1172	1,000.00	Wisc Ave Beautification Project	grant
Check No. 1173	1,000.00	IONA Services	grant
Check No. 1174	1,200.00	Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home	grant
Check No. 1175	139.83	Polly King-Petty Cash Custodian	replenish petty cash fund to \$200

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey made the following announcements:

Chevy Chase Pavilion has withdrawn their application for a Total Wines to open in the Pavilion.

Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home will be holding a Plant Sale on Saturday, May 22, 2004 and Community Zoo Day will be held at the Home on Saturday, June 5, 2004. A special meeting on Fort Reno Park will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Chapman Todd announced that WASA would hold two community meetings on its plan to add zinc orthophosphate to the drinking water in parts of Ward 3 and a small portion of Ward 4 beginning around June 1 and lasting 4-6 weeks. The test includes an area bordered by Western Avenue on the north, Utah Avenue and Reno Road on the east, Massachusetts Avenue on the south, and Wisconsin Avenue on the west.

Open Forum:

Kathy Smith gave an update on the response from local liquor stores about the sale of small bottles of alcohol and stated that the issue was no longer of concern to the community.

Mr. Scott announced that the transit of Venus would take place on June 8, 2004.

Marilyn Simon asked the community to provide feedback on the type of establishment they would like to see in Chevy Chase Pavilion. Information will be provided to ANC 3E and the owners of the Pavilion.

Presentation of Spring Grants:

The following grants applications were unanimously approved (Commissioner Todd abstained in voting for a grant awarded to Iona Senior Services):

- Janney Extended Day Program for an after School Enrichment Program for \$1000.00
- Tenleytown Neighbors Association for Tenleytown Against Graffiti to remove graffiti from the Tenleytown area for \$1000.00
- Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project to complete plantings at Tenley Circle for \$1000.00
- Iona Senior Services to print and distribute informational post cards in the area for \$1000.00
- Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home for a Neighborhood Gardening Project for \$1200.00

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

Lt Aiello gave a crime update for PSA 202 and an update on the December 2003 shooting incident on Jenifer Street.

Discussion and vote on extended hours of operation of Mediterranean Café located at 4629 41 Street NW:

The owner of Mediterranean Café asked for the support of the Commission to extend their hours of operation. The local community supported the application. Extended hours would be as follows:

Mon - Wed: 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Thurs - Sat 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.

Sunday - 11:30 a.m. – 12 Midnight.

Current hours for the café are 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and on Sunday 12 Noon - 8:30 p.m. The Commission voted 4-0 not to oppose the application.

Discussion of the D.C. Smoke Free Initiative:

Sharlene Kranz gave an update on the Smoke Free Workplace Act. This initiative, if passed, would create smoke free work environments in all enclosed public and private places of employment in the District of Columbia. It is doubtful that the initiative will get on the November 2004 ballot; supporters of the measure are gathering signatures for the 2006 general election. Complete text of the initiative is available at

<http://www.smokefree-yes.com>.

Discussion of and possible vote on historic preservation of DC Firehouses:

Chairperson McVey introduced a resolution opposing the historic landmark designation of DC Firehouses and Commissioner Todd reviewed the resolution with those present at the meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to pass the resolution, which is consistent with ANC 3E's March 2004 resolution urging Kathy Patterson to introduce emergency legislation overturning the historic landmark status of the Tenleytown Firehouse.

Discussion of Historic Chevy Chase:

Chris Fromboluti offered arguments in favor of designating parts, or all, of Chevy Chase as an Historic District. Mr. Fromboluti suggested that the designation would help to stabilize the character of the neighborhood. Several members of the community spoke out against the designation stating that the current zoning already allows for preventive measures and that such a designation may prevent homeowners from putting in practical, affordable renovations.

Presentation of Georgetown Day School expansion plan and traffic study:

**Expansion Plan:**

Peter Branch from Georgetown Day School updated the community on plans to renovate and expand the high school facility and the school's plans to minimize any disruption to the neighborhood during the construction. These plans included:

- The height of the tower has been reduced by 4 ft. at the suggestion of the community
- Construction workers and vehicles will not use the school gate at 42nd Street
- The River Road entrance will be used for construction trucks
- Scheduling construction time to about 15 months (from about March 2005 – September 2006)
- The school has hired an independent hydrologist to ensure that previous studies are valid and to meet with the community and discuss neighborhood concerns

**Traffic Study:**

Mr. Branch updated the community on the school's traffic study. He emphasized the school's policy to maximize the use of mass transit, as well as car pools, and described the changes to the traffic circle at the entrance of the building, which was designed to be more efficient than the existing entryway. The traffic study anticipated less traffic in and out of the school - there will be fewer parents driving their children to school and more students with cars that can be parked in the new underground parking lot. The school will look into ways to reduce traffic during lunch and the mid-day break.

Commissioner Todd asked Mr. Branch to review the traffic study for the Marten's Volvo site area prior to the Commission's vote in June as the proposed development may affect the school's traffic study. He also noted that Appendix E of the study indicated that less students would be taking public transport or walking to school.

ANC 3E will vote on the proposed plan at the June 2004 meeting

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Hoang, Secretary