

ANC 3E Meeting  
Minutes of November 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Lucy Eldridge and Chapman Todd were present. Amy Hoang Wrona arrived at 8:35 p.m.

ANC Business/Actions:

The following checks were approved:

Check number 1188 to Verizon for \$30.79 for telephone services

Check number 1189 to Polly King for \$396.00 for \$500.00 for Administrative Services

Check number 1190 to Louisa Caroline Wagley for \$500.00 for moving ANC 3E Office

- The Commission voted 4-0 to support the Final Concept plan for ball fields to be constructed at Fort Reno Park with conditions as laid out in Resolution 2004-25
- The Commission voted 4-0 to support a letter to Councilmember Patterson requesting that DDOT include a scenario in their Study which accurately mirrors the Corridor Study's recommendations and that the Transportation Study which will update the original Friendship Heights Transportation Study more accurately to reflect the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study
- The Commission voted to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of October and the quarterly Financial Report

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey introduced Anne Sullivan as the new Commissioner for on ANC 3E SMD 05.

Commissioner Todd announced that representatives from New England Development would be making a presentation at the January 2005 meeting about the new construction of the Hechts building. Commissioner Todd gave an update of traffic pattern changes and sidewalk closures during construction.

Open Forum:

No issues were raised at Open Forum

Update on Chase Point, 5401 Western Avenue:

Representatives of PN Hoffman gave an update on the seven-story condominium project located at 5401 Western Avenue NW. David Tapparo, Senior Vice President of Operations requested support for a Community Advisory Committee that would address issues of community concern regarding the project during the construction period, and outlined the traffic management plan that included the closing of the sidewalk on the

South side of Western Avenue as well as the sidewalk on Military Road. Commissioner Eldridge requested that a “stop sign” at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Military Road and a “yield” sign at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Military Road be included in the traffic plan when submitted to DDOT.

Update on Cityline at Tenley located at Albermarle and Wisconsin:

Armand Spikell, of Madison retail, gave an update on the development at Albermarle and Wisconsin. Best Buy and the Container Store both reported good sales since opening and Mr. Spikell asked for community support for a local hardware store he hoped would soon be moving into the development. It was anticipated that the 204 condominiums above the building would be completed by Summer 2005 and the sidewalk on Albermarle will close temporarily in Spring 2005 to allow for plantings to be installed on the roof of the building. David Frankel noted that cars frequently make illegal turns at River Road and it was suggested that a change be made to the angle of River Road where it reaches Wisconsin Avenue to improve the traffic pattern.

Discussion with Peter Branch of Georgetown Day School:

Peter Branch gave the annual report for Georgetown Day School to the community which included the following:

- 1) A total count of both students and faculty
- 2) A review of the school’s present Traffic Management Plan and the plans to be put into effect once construction of the new building was underway and,
- 3) An update of the renovation project.

Discussion of and vote on the construction of ball fields at Fort Reno Park:

Commissioner Eldridge presented an update of the proposed playing fields at Fort Reno Park, a discussion having taken place at the October 14<sup>th</sup> ANC 3E meeting. Commissioner Eldridge proposed a motion to the Final Concept plan for the ball fields as presented by DPR, NPS and Rhodeside-Harwell with the following conditions:

1. That no artificial turf, lighting for night games, or perimeter fencing be allowed in the ball field plan,
2. That DRP follow through with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine the feasibility of incorporating the additional piece of property into the ball field plan and, if the answer is affirmative, that DRR make reasonable efforts to incorporate that property into the plan so long as doing so does not unduly delay the execution of the plan, and
3. That should any soil or sod be disturbed by the construction a Phase 1 archeological survey will be approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and discussion of Text Alert D.C.

Chris Voss gave a presentation on Text Alert DC, a new emergency notification system that allows citizens to receive immediate announcements or updates during major crises

or emergencies on text-capable devices, including: cell phones, e-mail accounts, pagers, Blackberry's and wireless Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's). Through this community alert system, authorized DC Emergency Management Personnel can rapidly notify individuals when an incident or emergency occurs. DC Text Alert provides instructions on where to go, what to do, or what not to do, who to contact and other important information. This service is available to citizens of the District of Columbia as well as to individuals who are traveling to the District. Anyone who is interested can enroll online at <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/register.php>; they must be able to identify the types of their devices and access numbers or addresses that will be used. Citizens must also select the neighborhoods and/or schools about which they wish to receive messages (they can select as many schools and neighborhoods as they wish). There may be a cost for messages delivered to text-capable devices based on subscribers' wireless providers contract.

Discussion of and vote on Upper Wisconsin Avenue Transportation Study

Discussion of the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Transportation Study questioned DDOT's decision not to include a scenario in the plan to match the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study. DDOT plans to have a contractor review three scenarios of traffic conditions on Wisconsin Avenue, but within these three scenarios have not included one that reflects the Corridor Study's recommendations. Chairperson McVey also noted that an ANC 2E request to DDOT and OP for an amendment to the scope of work for the Transportation Study to update the original Friendship Heights Transportation Study to more accurately reflect the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study should also be included in the final plan. The Commission voted unanimously to write a letter to Councilmember Patterson requesting the following:

- 1) That Councilmember Patterson support ANC 2E's request to ensure that DDOT include a scenario in their Study which accurately mirrors the Corridor Study's recommendations and,
- 2) That Councilmember Patterson support an ANC 2E related request to DDOT that there will be an amendment to the scope of work for the Transportation Study that will update the original Friendship Heights Transportation Study to more accurately reflect the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study as well as to add a few problem intersections which have been identified to DDOT.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Hoang, Secretary