

ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of October 14, 2004

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

ANC Business/Actions:

The following checks were approved:

Check No. 1185 \$28.83 Verizon

Check No. 1186 \$100.00 U.S. Postmaster

Check No. 1187 \$477.00 Polly King

- The Commission voted 3-0 to support a resolution requesting that WMATA and DC DOT not implement any revisions to the N 8 until they have met with affected ANCs at duly noticed public meetings and that affected ANCs be formally notified of additional proposals for Metrobus and Metrorail revisions.
- The Commission voted 3-0 not to oppose NBC's application for a special exception to continue usage of a broadcast tower at 4001 Nebraska Avenue, NW.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to table a vote on the revised Fort Reno plans until the November meeting
- The Commission voted to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of September.

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey announced Commissioner Todd would be late in arriving to the meeting and introduced Anne Sullivan who is running for a seat on ANC 3E SMD 05. Commissioner Eldridge commented that rats had been sighted in the Livingston Street playground. The outbreak is due to the several construction sites in the area.

Open Forum:

Mr. Scott reviewed the rules and voting times for the upcoming election and reminded the community of the eclipse in the evening of October 27, 2004.

Presentation by Tim Luca, US Attorneys Office:

Tim Lucas, of the US Attorney's Office, reviewed the purpose of Community Prosecution in the Second Police District. Community Prosecutor Tim Lucas and Community Outreach Specialist Stephanie Bragg work out of the Second Police District. The Community Prosecution team forms a link between the U.S. Attorney's Office, MPD, victims of crime and concerned citizens. By focusing on specific geographic areas of our City, the Community Prosecution staff addresses specific criminal justice issues by becoming more familiar with the neighborhoods and residents of the Second Police District. Mr. Lucas can be contacted at 202-282-0585 or 202-514-7608.

Lt. Aiello briefly reviewed recent crimes and arrests in the community. He also reviewed the procedures to report dissatisfaction with police services.

Discussion of the N 8 Metro Bus route revisions:

Steve Posniak gave a summary of the N 8 Metro Bus route revisions and asked the Commission to support a resolution requesting that WMATA and DCDOT not implement any revisions to the N 8 until they have met with affected ANCs at duly noticed public meetings and that affected ANCs be formally notified of additional proposals for Metrobus and Metrorail revisions. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

Discussion of and possible vote on NBC's application for a special exception to continue usage of a broadcast tower at 4001 Nebraska Avenue, NW.

Michael Jack, President of NBC, asked for the Commission's support for NBC's application for a special exception for the continued usage of a broadcast tower at 4001 Nebraska Avenue, NW. There was no request to change the use of the tower. Mr. Jack answered questions from the community about the use and history of the tower. The Commission voted 3-0 not to oppose the application.

Presentation and discussion of the Tenley Friendship Library :

Melanie Hennigan, of Grimm and Parker Architects gave a presentation of the design plans for the Tenley Friendship library. Community suggestions had been incorporated into the plan and Ms. Hennigan announced that a series of meetings will be held to address community issues and the impact on local residents during the construction of the building. The current schedule called for the library to close in January 2005 and demolition to begin in April 2005. She estimated 10 _ months to complete construction of the new building and the opening of the library would be 8-12 weeks after it's completion. The building is currently 19,528 square feet with an anticipated re-constructed net square footage of approximately 16,000 square feet. The new library will contain an open floor plan with more usable floor space, which will decrease operating costs and allow staff to work more efficiently. A resident mentioned that budgetary restrictions may result in the loss of some square footage and Ms. Hennigan suggested contacting city officials to register concerns about available funds for the project. Details of the plans can be found at library.construction@dc.gov

Presentation on the revised Fort Reno plans:

Elliot Rhodside, of Rhodside and Harwell, presented plans for Fort Reno. The plans had been modified to include community comment, including preserving additional trees and extending a sidewalk along the north side of Chesapeake Street. A comprehensive archeological survey would be required if digging was necessary on the site. To avoid disturbing the existing soil, the top layer of sod would be removed from the existing fields and replaced with fill to regrade the slope and allow irrigation to be installed. Residents spoke both in favor of the project and against it, and Chairperson McVey expressed particular concern about safety issues. The Commission voted 4-0 to table a vote until the November meeting to allow time to inquire whether the existing baseball field at Deal Junior High School could be used and if one of the soccer fields could be moved onto land belonging to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoang, Secretary