

ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of February 10, 2005

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

ANC Business/Actions:

The following checks were approved:

Check number 1194 to Verizon for \$30.79 for telephone services

Check number 1195 to Polly King for \$594.00 for administrative services

The Commission approved the following:

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 2005 meeting

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report

The Commission voted unanimously to ask the DC Department of Transportation to provide the required 30 days notice for community comment before beginning work at Tenley Circle.

Open Forum:

Chairperson McVey announced that new recycling bins are to be distributed throughout the area.

Mr. Tievsky gave an update on the Tenleytown Firehouse, which is expected to be completed within a year.

Marilyn Simon announced that Steinmart, located in Chevy Chase Pavilion, was now offering free parking with a store purchase and thanked both Steinmart and Lowe Enterprises for making this possible.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Lt Aiello gave a crime update for PSA 202

Update on Tenleytown Library:

Martha Saccocio gave an update on the Tenleytown Library project. The final design and construction schedule will be posted at dclibrary.org shortly. The existing building will come down in May 2005 and re-open in January 2007.

Update on Georgetown Day School with Wes Gibson

Wes Gibson gave an update on the expansion plan for Georgetown Day School and Kate Lindsey presented the financial plan for the new development. She expressed the school's wish to form a committee made up of immediate neighbors to whom they could pass on information about the hydraulic study and structural concerns about neighboring houses. Those interested in joining the committee could contact her at klindsey@gds.org.

Update on plans for Chevy Chase Park with [Nikie Micheli](#), President of Friends of Chevy Chase Park.

[Nikie Micheli](#) presented plans for Chevy Chase Park. Short-term goals include the removal of the interior fences, installation of storage bins and the planting of three trees which were funded by a grant from Casey's Trees. Long-term plans include re-surfacing the tennis and basketball courts, making the lower court handicapped accessible and the installation of a water feature. The capitol improvements for the long-term goals will be paid with funds included in the amenities package from Stonebridge Associates and P.N. Hoffman. The committee is considering a track for the park but the issue remains controversial.

Discussion of the opening of a World Market Store at Chevy Chase Pavilion

Burr Ault, vice-president of Lowe Enterprises, announced that the owners of World Market were interested in signing a lease to open a store on the lower level at Chevy Chase Pavilion. The store will sell furniture, bathroom and household items, candles, and gourmet and specialty foods. World Market will apply for a liquor license to sell wine, champagne and beer. The store will not sell kegs of beer or cold wine or beer. The lower level of the Pavilion will also contain a 1,300-square-foot café. The existing food court will be moved and will feature higher quality vendors and wireless Internet service. Several residents voiced concerns about the application for a liquor license to sell ports and Sherries in addition to beer, champagne, wine and exceeding the Class B license limitation. Commissioner Eldridge suggested that the representatives of World Market work out a voluntary agreement with the neighbors about the pending liquor license application. The issue will be placed on the agenda for March or April.

Discussion of DDOT implementation of reconstruction/redesign of Tenley Circle with [John Bullock](#)

John Bullock of DDOT presented plans for the redesign of Tenley Circle. The Transportation Department had planned to begin work at Tenley Circle on February 15, 2005 but, because of communication problems, was now planning to give the community an opportunity to review the proposed changes to the site. The project included resurfacing Wisconsin and Nebraska Avenues, streetlight and signal work, utility work and reducing Nebraska Avenue from three lanes to two lanes. Community comments included criticism that the project would cause traffic issues and several residents stated that they did not think the project was necessary. Chairperson McVey proposed a resolution asking the DC Department of Transportation to provide the required 30 days

notice for community comment before beginning work at Tenley Circle. Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Discussion of traffic calming at River Road/ Fessenden St /45th St:

John Bullock of DDOT heard neighborhood comments regarding traffic calming plans for River Road/Fessenden Street /45th Street. Many residents spoke out against the installation of a temporary barrier at the intersection of River Road, Fessenden and 45th Streets. Community disapproval came mostly from those who lived close to the intersection where speeding cars and the use of residential alleys as a shortcut led many to comment that the barrier had simply diverted the traffic problem to other neighborhood streets. Paul Fekete, a resident of the 4400 block of Ellicott Street, stated that DDOT had designated Fessenden Street as a collector street and that the only traffic calming solution was to force drivers to slow down on River Road. Commissioner Todd stated that the barrier was a six-month temporary measure designed as a safety measure at this six-way intersection that has been viewed as a dangerous spot for many years. The barrier was proposed by DDOT in the 2003 Friendship Heights traffic study

In response to comments that appropriate notification of the barrier's installation had not taken place, Commissioner Todd stated that multiple notices had been placed on the Tenleytown list-serve and in Communit-e.

Introduction: Melissa Bird, Office of Planning

Melissa Bird was introduced as the new Ward 3 Neighborhood Planning Coordinator. Ms. Bird replaces Cindy Petkac who is now the Planning Coordinator for Ward Six. Melissa Bird can be contacted at Melissa.bird@dc.gov.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McVey, Chair