

ANC 3E Meeting
Minutes of July 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Amy McVey, Chapman Todd, Lucy Eldridge and Anne Sullivan were present. Amy Hoang Wrona arrived at 7:40 p.m.

ANC Business/Actions:

The following check was approved:

Check number 1204 for \$30.79 for Verizon for telephone services

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

To support a resolution to keep the N-8 Bus Service and to restore feeder service to the Tenleytown Metrorail to pre-1999 levels.

To support a letter requesting that the date by which residents could respond to the DDOT Study Team's comments on the draft Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Transportation Study and the draft Addendum to the Friendship Heights Study be changed from August 1 to August 12, 2005.

To support a letter commenting on DDOT's schedule for a decision of River Road/Fessenden/45th Street Traffic Barrier

Announcements:

Commissioner Eldridge gave an update on the zoning hearing regarding World Market and announced that she was arranging a meeting with the manager of Maggiano's to discuss parking issues.

Open Forum:

Several residents expressed concern about the proposed addition of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church located at 42nd and Fessenden Streets, NW. Commissioner Todd reviewed the zoning regulation required by BZA and Chairperson McVey agreed to place the issue on the September 2005 agenda.

Several residents inquired about the future development at Babes Billiards.

Commissioner Todd responded that the developers planned to come to a decision about the scale and size of the development within the next few weeks.

Presentation by 2nd District Police:

Lt Aiello reviewed the crime statistics for PSA 2002 for the past 30 days.

Discussion of and possible vote on the discontinuation of the N-8 weekend service:

Steve Poniak requested that ANC 3E support a resolution asking that DC WMATA Board members prevent the approval for a public hearing WMATA's proposal to eliminate all weekend service on the N-8 Metrobus feeder service to the Tenleytown and Van Ness UDC Metrorail stations. The resolution also asked to restore the previous level of weekend feeder service to the Tenleytown Metrorail station. Chairperson McVey moved to support the resolution and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. The resolution was passed 5-0.

Presentation by David Taylor of the University's plans for the School of International Service building:

David Taylor presented a project concept for a School of International Service to be built on the American University Campus. The building is part of the 2000 Campus Plan and will house offices and class rooms and accommodate approximately 300 cars in an underground garage. A traffic study conducted by HNTB Corporation reported that although existing queuing on Nebraska Avenue is expected to continue, the new building would produce no significant change to local traffic. The University plans to open the building in 2009 with construction beginning in 2007.

Schedule for Comments and Responses to the draft Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Transportation Study and the draft Addendum to the Friendship Heights Study

Commissioner Todd reviewed a letter drafted to DDOT regarding the schedule for comments and responses to the draft Wisconsin Avenue Transportation Study and the Addendum to the Friendship Heights Traffic Study. The letter outlined ANC 3E's concern that the time frame offered by DDOT was too short, and requested that the date by which residents could reply to the July 22, 2005 posting be extended to August 12, 2005. Commissioner Todd moved to support the request and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0.

Comments on DDOT's schedule for a decision of River Road/ Fessenden/45th Street Traffic Barrier:

Commissioner Todd reviewed a letter drafted to DDOT regarding the DDOT's schedule to determine a long-term plan for the intersection of River Road, Fessenden Street and 45th Street. The letter asked for confirmation that the data collection would be completed by the end of August, a commitment that the analysis of the data be done expeditiously, and that the data would be used to judge the effectiveness of the current situation as well as the potential effectiveness of possible alternatives or additions that have been raised by both DDOT staff and community members, such as a traffic signal, stop signs, a roundabout, turn restrictions, or other traffic controlling measures. ANC also requested the DDOT commit either to a public meeting specifically on this intersection, or a presentation at a regular ANC 3E meeting, to discuss the findings and proposed long-term solution(s) and a projection date of their final decision. Commissioner Todd moved to support the request and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McVey, Chair