

ANC 3E April 2007
Meeting Minutes

Announcements:

Chairperson McVey announced that 5401 Wisconsin Avenue is being removed from the Residential Permit parking program. Owners of condominiums at that address may not obtain a residential street-parking permit as long as they reside at that address.

Commissioner Primor announced a voting rights march scheduled for Emancipation Day on April 16, 2007. The March will begin at 2:30 at Freedom Plaza, 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Open Forum:

A resident gave an update of the pending appeal of the petitions at 4319-21 Fessenden Street NW.

Update from PSA 202:

Lt. Aiello gave an update of the last 30 days within PSA 202. He also offered advice as to reporting suspected criminals in residential areas. Residents are requested to call 311 to make a report. Representatives from the second district will be available to discuss community concerns on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church.

Discussion of and possible vote on Friends of Friendship "Turtle" Park's request to close the 4500 block of Van Ness Street NW to hold its tenth annual May Fair event:

Karen Harris spoke on behalf of the Friends of Friendship "Turtle" Park to request permission to close the block of 4500 of Van Ness Street NW between 8:00 am and 4:00 am on May 19. The rain date is May 20th. Funds from this year's event will go to re-surface the tennis courts and the basketball courts. Ms. Harris brought letters of support from the community. Chairperson McVey moved to support the request. Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Discussion with the owner of Matisse restaurant about the possibility of opening a sidewalk café at the restaurant:

The owner of Matisse presented proposed plans to install a sidewalk café at the site of the restaurant. The purpose of the sidewalk café is not so much to encourage additional customers but more to give the restaurant a greater prominence, as the restaurant is not immediately apparent from the street. Plans include several tables, two to three umbrellas and copper planters leaving 6 1/2 feet of sidewalk available to pedestrians. The hours of the restaurant will remain the same. The Commission opened the floor to questions from the community who were supportive of the plan. The owner plans to submit the application for a permit within a week and chairperson McVey scheduled a vote on the application for the May 2007 agenda.

Discussion of and possible vote on the proposed amendment to the DC municipal regulations concerning the establishment of dog exercise areas:

Commissioner Sherman read from a proposed resolution to amend DC regulations to establish dog exercise areas. The resolution noted that while DEA's allowed for greater safety for children and dog owners, and provided exercise for dogs, the present rules contained restrictions that discouraged the creation of dog parks in the

District. The resolution urged the DC agency charged with coordinating the implementation of DEAs to reconsider the present rules, asking that rules and regulations be developed in a manner consistent with the purpose of establishing DEAs and that the rules should be developed by community members, those who will be maintaining the parks and that these revised regulations be published for public comment no later than September 1, 2007

Discussion and possible vote on a proposal to install a stop sign at Military and 42nd Street:

Commissioner Eldridge thanked DDOT for reinstallation of the stop sign at 43rd Street and Military.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:45 pm

Amy McVey
ANC 3E Chair