

ANC Meeting Minutes February 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McVey at 7:30 PM. Commissioners Lucy Eldridge, Carolyn Sherman, and Anne Sullivan were also in attendance.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Open Forum:

A resident announced that the Turtle Park May Fair would be held on May 17-18. The ANC unanimously approved, 4-0, the request for a parking variance for the event.

A resident ask about the ANC grant cycle, and Chairman McVey responded that there would be a grant program this spring.

Second District Police Report:

Officer Shannon Davis reviewed the crime statistics for the last 30 days. Burglaries and car thefts were up, and Officer Shannon reminded residents not to leave anything in their cars. Several residents made requests for traffic enforcement.

Presentation by Jane Waldmann on the Heritage Trails program.

Jane Waldman and Carolyn Long from the Tenleytown Historical Society discussed the Heritage Trails project for Tenleytown, answering residents' questions and emphasizing the importance of the Tenleytown Trail for our community. The ANC voted unanimously, 4-0, to write a letter in support of the Tenleytown Heritage Trails project.

Discussion on and possible vote on an application for an addition at 4902 Belt Rd.:

Mr. Diez presented his plans for an addition to the side of his house at 4902 Belt Road. He stated that there is no neighborhood opposition to the addition and promised to send in a letter of support from the only affected neighbor. His house is on a corner and faces Fort Reno Park. The ANC voted unanimously not to oppose his application for a zoning variance, which will be heard by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on April 8.

Discussion of and possible vote regarding proposed parking meters in front of the Rectory at St. Ann's Church: Residents spoke out in opposition to the proposed parking meters in front of St. Ann's rectory, stating that they are unnecessary and would be burdensome for many of the parishioners, especially seniors and those with disabilities. The ANC voted unanimously 4-0 to write a letter asking DDOT to honor the parishioners' wishes and not install the parking meters.

ANC Business:

Report on ANC Special Committee Work: Sue Hemberger and Danny Carroza made a report on the findings of the ANC Special Committee for the Library/Janney School RFP. They explained the research they had conducted on the process that preceded the issuance of the RFP, their findings, and took questions from residents and ANC commissioners. The team emphasized that although the process has been flawed from the beginning, this effort can be a success if it is handled well now. Commissioner Sullivan proposed a resolution asking that “the current RFP be withdrawn and that DCPS and the Janney School Improvement Team be given time to produce complete localized educational specifications and site plans before a new RFP is issued,” and that “any new RFP issued should provide for a truly competitive process that provides enough time and information to create a level playing field and to enable developers to offer detailed and realistic proposals.” The ANC voted unanimously 4-0 to approve this resolution, and thanked the Special Committee for its outstanding work.

There was some discussion of the Commerce Bank application.

ANC Business

The ANC voted unanimously to reimburse Chairman McVey \$36 for parking fees incurred during meetings with Deputy Mayor Neil Albert.

The ANC voted unanimously to approve a letter supporting the application of Friendship Terrace for a grant to refurbish and renovate its 40-year-old building.

The Treasurer’s report was approved, but the approval of the December 2007 and the January 2008 minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Chairman McVey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; the motion was seconded and approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Amy McVey, Chair, ANC3E