

## **Minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ANC 3E Meeting**

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. Commissioners McVey, Sherman and Sullivan were present.

### **Announcements:**

Commissioner Sherman announced that a proposal to develop the parking lot behind Lord and Taylor had been filed with the BZA. The application is seeking a special exception from the requirement to locate all parking spaces on the same lot with the buildings they are intending to serve. The relief will permit a proposed one-story retail development on Sq. 1660, Lot 811 to use existing the surplus parking on Sq. 1580, Lot 33.

### **Open Forum:**

A resident inquired into the building that was being renovated next door the Chat Noir on Wisconsin Avenue and Emery Place. Commissioner Sherman reported that the owners were fixing up the property and while there was talk about the building becoming a tea room, little else was known at present.

### **Update from PSA 202:**

PO Williams and Sgt. Harry Hays gave an update of the crime statistics for PSA 202. Their presentation concentrated on the burglaries and robberies which had taken place during the past month. PO Williams assured the community that the department was doing all it could to make sure the assailants did not have the advantage of predicting police routine and advised everyone to extra security precautions when leaving their house for work or locking up for the night.

### **Discussion with DDOT of the removal of parking spaces on Harrison Street:**

Commissioner Sherman reviewed the steps she had taken to ask that ANC 3E be allowed to weigh in on a proposal to remove the parking spaces to the north of Gawler's Funeral Home on Harrison Street. She noted that the spaces had been removed without community input and without coming before the commission. While the representative from DDOT explained that the decision was made as a traffic

calming measure, there was community concern that the decision was made with the encouragement of the developers of the site on the north side of Harrison Street. Chairperson McVey proposed a resolution be sent to DDOT asking that the commission have 30 days in which to review the proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and was passed unanimously.

**Update from ANC 3E Special Committee:**

Sue Hemberger updated the community on a recent meeting with DMPED. There have been no new calls for RFPs but developers have been asked to resubmit their proposals to include the library. A selection panel will make a choice from among these submissions and a community meeting held to provide additional feedback. It was not clear what impact, if any, public comments had on DMPED's decision making and it was also apparent that DCPS has had little or no representation on the selection committee to ensure that Janney's needs were being met. In addition, the principal of Janney School is leaving for a position at another campus and it is therefore not clear when they can begin working on the future educational needs and a facility study for the school. DCPL has confirmed that the PPP process is creating delays to the library renovation project and Commissioner Sullivan and Ms. Hemberger will meet with DCPL on May 28<sup>th</sup> at their trustees meeting to ask them to support the community. Ms. Hemberger concluded her report by suggesting that the PPP makes little sense because there exists a real need to expand elementary schools to prevent the present overcrowding. The PPP will put a stop to any future expansion at Janney School.

**Update from Georgetown Day School:**

Kate Lindsey, CFO of Georgetown day School presented a quarterly update to the commissioners of ANC 3E. She invited the community to a BBQ and a screening of the Wizard of Oz at 6:30 on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and gave an update on new educational programs in place for the 2008-9 academic year. Residents can contact Kate Lindsey directly at 202-296-6100 or [klindsey@gds.edu](mailto:klindsey@gds.edu) with any concerns.

**Presentation of a new restaurant "Tara Thai" to be located at 4849 Mass. Avenue:**

The owner of a new restaurant "Tara Thai" gave a short presentation to describe his new restaurant and asked for the support of the commission. Chairperson McVey

proposed a motion that the ANC not oppose the application. Commissioner Sherman seconded the proposal and the vote was passed unanimously.

**ANC 3E Business:**

- The April 2008 meeting minutes were tabled until the June 2008 meeting.
- The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Financial Report

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McVey, Chair

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