



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
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ANC 3E RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF THE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BERNARD T. JANNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 13, 2007

Whereas, Mayor Fenty and Chancellor Rhee have issued a list of schools that will be closing and therefore causing a reevaluation of the school modernization queue, and

Whereas, Janney Elementary School is projected to grow in enrollment from its current over-capacity population of 485 students to a maximum of 550 students in the near future, and

Whereas, the current facilities at Janney Elementary School cannot provide the desired amount of facility space and outdoor space for the current enrollment, let alone the projected maximum enrollment and is in need of renovations and expansions, and

Whereas, the Janney Elementary School is located in the only school cluster in the city that is at or near full capacity, thereby eliminating the possibility of relieving overcrowding by changing the school boundary lines, and

Whereas, Janney Elementary School has been determined to be a "Blue Ribbon School" with a long tradition of serving students from all parts of the city and also students with special needs, and

Whereas, Janney Elementary School has over 200 students from across the city who are on the waiting list to be admitted to the school, and

Whereas, there has been no systematic analysis of the Janney Elementary School site by any DC agency or by anyone working at the school to determine a site-specific design plan based on DC educational specifications to indicate that any of the school land would "no longer be needed for public use" in accordance with Title X of the D.C. Code, and

Whereas, some parents and the principal of Janney Elementary School have made an attempt to convince the government to sell off valuable public land to try

to move the school ahead in the modernization queue without the above-mentioned analysis because of their lack of faith in the DC government to modernize the school, and

Whereas, this lack of faith in the government's ability to provide the necessary renovations to Janney Elementary School has resulted in the issuance of an RFP for the land prior to an evaluation of whether or not the land is needed for the current and future school populations,

Therefore, be it resolved that the ANC 3E recommends that the Janney Elementary School site be evaluated for modernization and expansion immediately and that the process begin immediately for implementing plans to upgrade and expand the site, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the current RFP for selling any part of the Janney Elementary School site be held in abeyance until a detailed DCPS site analysis for the school's needs is completed.

Approved this day December 13, 2007 by a vote of 3-0 with a proper quorum present of Commissioners Eldridge, Sherman and Sullivan.