



## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E**

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK  
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS  
c/o Lisner Home 5425 Western Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20015

### Minutes of ANC 3E May 13, 2010 Meeting

The meeting convened at 7:40 pm. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Lucy Eldridge, Beverly Sklover and Matthew Frumin were present.

#### **Announcements**

Samantha Nolan announced a talk on drug abuse at Chevy Chase Community Center at 7:30pm on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Open Forum:**

A Fessenden Street resident asked about possible issues relating to noise and parking around the soon to be opened Pete's New Haven Apizza (Pete's Apizza). Commissioner Bender explained that in supporting Pete's Apizza's application for a license to sell beer and wine, the ANC had asked and Pete's Apizza had agreed to fix an earlier closing time for outdoor seating on the Fessenden Street side.

#### **Report of the Second District Police**

Sergeant Hayes and MPO Williams stated that there were five robberies – 4 without guns and 1 with a gun – in PSA 202 since the last ANC 3E meeting. Two of the robberies appear to have been at or near Wilson High. A third appears to have been associated with the GDS Go-Go. There were also four burglaries in PSA 202 during the same time period. An audience member pointed out that Belt Road, where one of the burglaries occurred

was dark, which encourages crime. Officer Williams said that citizens should report when lights are out to 311. Another resident reported that her dog had been stolen from her yard but that she rescued the dog by chasing after the perpetrators. There were 40 property crimes in PSA 202 both this year and last in the same period.

## **Agenda**

### Parking Issues

In response to concerns that the new parking meter hours could result in commercial patrons seeking to park on residential streets in the evenings, Damon Harvey of DDOT noted that hourly restrictions on parking meters would be lifted this summer. This will allow people to stay as long as they want after 6:30 pm without needing to move their car. Mr. Harvey also discussed performance parking approaches used in other parts of the City. He said he would be willing to explore performance parking options in the ANC 3E area with members of the ANC and/or community. Mr. Harvey also explained that any effort to make the *cul de sac* by Chevy Chase Park resident parking only would face significant challenges as the City is reluctant to dedicate public space to exclusive private use.

### Chevy Chase Park

Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation Jesus Aguirre outlined plans for the renovations at Chevy Chase Park. He also told the ANC he was not ready to make a final decision on whether lights would be installed on the ball field, and could not finally approve the park's design until an Environmental Impact Study has been completed. The architect for the project – Richard Salpeck of Bowie Gridley Architects – explained the equipment improvements in the children's play area and construction of the

water spray park area. He also explained the extension on the building that would include bathrooms and one that would be handicapped accessible and available for all park users including those there for baseball. Director Aguirre explained there would be a complete overhaul of the new drainage system. He said he expected the Environmental Impact Study and the decision on how to approach the question of early morning access to the field by a group of dog owners to be resolved in mid-June.

There was general support for the improvements described. However, the Commissioners reiterated again the importance of resolving the “day two” issues – morning access to the field by the dog owners, restrictions on the use of the lights, if there are lights, and the approach to parking in the *cul de sac* on 41<sup>st</sup> Place, NW. Some nearby neighbors argued that the project would be unduly disruptive to them. Commissioner Eldridge stated that she did not think spending significant sums on this park at this time when other City services were being cut was justified.

Representatives of DPR and the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization (“OPEFM”) – charged with overseeing this project – declined to specify the project’s cost, claiming that doing so could undercut their negotiating position.

DPR indicated that it hoped to seek permits in July and begin construction shortly thereafter. Under the circumstances, DPR and the Commissioners agreed that it was important that the final plans be on the agenda for the ANC 3E June meeting and that those plans be available for circulation in advance of that meeting.

### Janney Elementary School and Bon Secours Construction

Representatives of OPEFM outlined the plans for the Janney Elementary School construction. A representative of the builder – Chuck Gunter of Winmar Construction – explained that parking on one side of a portion of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street NW would be closed for much of the construction to allow for a staging area. He explained the phasing of the construction. The first stage of the construction, putting up the major addition, is expected to start in June – after the completion of the school year -- and take eight to nine months. Representatives of OPEFM reiterated that the goal was to complete all phases of the Janney project on time for the 2011-12 school year. The Commissioners stressed the importance of keeping on schedule and ensuring pedestrian safety during the construction on the Janney site, which will occur in conjunction with construction on the library and Bon Secours sites.

Chip Ranno of Atsite – representing the Bon Secours project on the site directly behind Janney explained that it was their hope to commence that project towards the end of 2010. He stated that he had been in close contact with the Janney team and that they would work carefully to coordinate efforts. Mr. Ranno, along with the architect for the project – Jeff Luker of Quinn Evans – walked through some of the minor changes to the Bon Secours plan since it was last presented to ANC 3E.

Representatives of the District of Columbia Public Library were invited to the meeting and agreed to attend to discuss the construction at the Tenley Library site adjacent to the east with Janney. They did not, however, make it to the meeting.

Applications for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Sales Licenses

Commissioner Frumin explained that there were applications for renewal of alcoholic beverage sale licenses from:

- 4620 Wisconsin Avenue – Murasaki Restaurant
- 4910 Wisconsin Avenue – Casa Fiesta II
- 5252 Wisconsin Avenue – Cosi
- 4654 Wisconsin Avenue – Satay Club Asian Restaurant
- 4712 Wisconsin Avenue – Yosau Restaurant
- 4615 Wisconsin Avenue – Dancing Crab
- 5335 Wisconsin Avenue – Embassy Suites
- 4907 Wisconsin Avenue – Le Chat Noir

Commissioner Frumin asked if there objections to any of these applications. Hearing none, the Commission chose to take no action on them.

**ANC Business**

The Commission approved the FY 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter financial report and corrections to the FY 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report unanimously.

The April financial report was unanimously approved.

Payment of Diana Winthrop's invoice for the previous month for \$150 was approved and payment was made by check number 1267.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Frumin, Chair