



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 July 22, 2010 Meeting

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Lucy Eldridge, Beverly Sklover, Sam Serebin and Matthew Frumin were present.

Announcements

MPO Shannon Williams of the 2nd District Police handed out flyers for and announced “Night Out Against Crime” program and picnic for Tuesday August 3rd from 5pm -7pm. The event will be held at Turtle Park at 45th and Van Ness Streets, NW as part of the National Night out Program. The event is intended as an opportunity for neighbors to meet there community police officers and to provide education on steps that can be taken to avoid crime and increase safety.

Open Forum

None

Crime Report by 2nd District Police

Lieutenant Alan Hill accompanied by Sergeant Harry Hayes and MPO Shannon Williams provided a report on crime since the last ANC 3E meeting in PSA 202. Lt. Hill said that there had been 4 robberies in the previous 30 days compared to 0 in the same period last year. Lt. Hill reviewed each of the recent robberies explaining what had happened and the

status of the investigations, most of which had been closed with arrests. Lt. Hill also noted a recent trend of iPhone thefts and urged residents to be cautious.

A resident described an increase in reports of solicitors behaving suspiciously in the neighborhood. Other attendees echoed this resident. In one case, someone put a crow bar into a mail slot. In others, solicitors claimed to be neighbors of the person approached but the person approached did not know them. A number of residents at the meeting feared these approaches were in fact intended as reconnaissance for future burglaries or to find out if anyone was home as part of a plan to do a burglary.

Lt. Hill explained that this was a difficult issue to manage as the police could only take action if the people knocking on the door violated the law. He, however, thanked the residents for raising the issue and provided general advice including calling 911 and taking a picture of the solicitor if the resident had a bad feeling. He also explained that the police were watching the situation and asking solicitors for identification and authorization for such solicitation.

Commissioners Bender and Serebin observed that violent crime was still up for the year, and asked Lt. Hill about staffing in the Patrol Service Area (PSA); both commissioners had previously urged MPD to add staff to the PSA. Lt. Hill noted that he was in fact supposed to receive two recent recruits which should raise the staffing level in the PSA.

Agenda

Grant Application for 2nd District Police Citizen's Advisory Council

John Lawler of the 2nd District Police Citizen's Advisory Council presented the application which had been presented at the previous ANC 3E meeting by his colleague Samantha Nolan. The request seeks \$1000.00 to purchase plaques to award police officers and community representatives at the awards banquet held in October this year. He noted that the awards not only reward the celebrated officers and community members but also inspire increased dedication to public safety by the police officers and the community generally. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the grant and for the Treasurer to provide the check for the grant when requested by the 2nd District Police Citizen's Advisory Council.

Grant Application by Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home

Debbie Lyle, the Development Director for the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home (the "Lisner Home"), presented an application for a grant in support of the Lisner Home's Community Zoo Day. The grant seeks \$760.00 for paints and art supplies. Ms. Lyle noted that art was an important part of the Lisner Home program and that it was an important educational component of the Community Zoo Day event. The Commissioners explained that they expected to vote on the grant at their September 23rd meeting. Ms. Lyle said that if the grant were approved at that meeting it could be used for the Community Zoo Day event.

Grant Application for Alice Deal Middle School PTA

Ruth Ernst, Co-Vice President of the Alice Deal Middle School PTA, presented the application for \$4000.00 to purchase books and materials in support of the sixth grade International Baccalaureate (“IB”) science program. Ms. Ernst explained that while Deal had won high praise both from DCPS and the community for achieving IB status, and DCPS had an office devoted to IB programs, there was no funding from DCPS for the materials for the particular lab modules and books needed for the sixth grade science program.

Commissioner Bender ask Ms. Ernst to provide more information on which IB expenditures DCPS funds and which it does not in advance of the ANC’s vote on the grant application at its September 23rd meeting. Commissioner Sklover expressed support for the grant but asked if the Deal PTA also sought funding from other local ANCs and urged that it do so. Ms. Ernst indicated that the Deal PTA in the past had gotten grants from other local ANC’s and intended to apply again to those ANCs for grants in the coming year.

The Commissioners explained that they expected to vote on the grant at their September 23rd meeting. Ms. Ernst said that if the grant were approved at that meeting it could be used to pay for the requested materials.

Rock Creek Park West 2 Livability Study

Anna Chamberlin of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) gave a presentation on the Rock Creek Park West 2 Livability Study. Chamberlin described the purposes of the study and explained that a task

force had been formed and met to discuss issues and priorities and would continue meeting in the Fall and that there had been a Community Meeting to get input and would be another. She also described an online survey that had been conducted to get input. She indicated that a final report with recommendations should be ready early in 2011.

Commissioners and residents described various issues relating to traffic safety and calming in the ANC 3E area. Commissioner Eldridge described a severe accident at the corner of 41st and Legation Streets and urged prompt action to improve safety at that intersection. Commissioner Serebin pointed out that the lack of sidewalks on Belt Road by Fort Reno created hazards for pedestrians. Commissioners Frumin and Bender highlighted cut through issues on 42nd Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Nebraska Avenue, noting in particular the effect on the safety of children heading to and from Janney Elementary School, and on 46th Street from River Road to Massachusetts Avenue. Commissioner Sklover pointed out confusion related to the sign at 46th Street and River Road. Residents pointed to issues relating to the stop light on Western by the GEICO offices entrance, the removal of signs prohibiting morning cut-throughs on Ellicott Street at Western Avenue, speeding on 42nd Street near Military Road and on 39th Street between Reno Road and Fessenden Street, NW, the narrowness of 42nd Place, NW, between Jennifer Street and Military Road, cars continuing to cross River Road at Fessenden Street despite the prohibition on crossing there, and cars crossing Military Road on northbound 42nd Street despite the prohibition on doing so.

Follow up on Pete's Apizza Public Space Application

This item was tabled. Commissioner Frumin explained that Pete's Apizza ("Pete's") had received approval for outdoor seating but that their request to include flower planters in the seating area had been denied. He explained that the representatives of Pete's hoped the ANC would help them get permission to include flower planters, but that that it would make the most sense to revisit the planter issue once the approved seating was established. Under the circumstances, the Commissioners plan to revisit the issue at a future meeting.

Follow up on TD Bank Traffic Study and Review of Conditions

This item was tabled. Representatives of the bank had sent a traffic study and had suggested that they would attend the meeting to explain it and review other conditions. However, as of the afternoon of the meeting, final approval from the bank for the representatives to attend was not forthcoming. Thus, the representatives did not have authorization to attend. The Commissioners expect to revisit this issue at a future meeting.

Possible Resolution Requesting a Study of Transit in the Corridor Including Streetcars

This item was tabled. The Commissioners had circulated a draft resolution and had hoped to have a discussion and vote at the meeting. Unfortunately, the representatives from DDOT with specific responsibility for these issues informed the Commission that they could not attend on the afternoon of the meeting. Rather than conduct the discussion in their absence, the

Commission chose to table the resolution to a date the DDOT representatives assured them they could attend.

ANC Business

The May 2010 Meeting Minutes were approved 5-0.

The June 2010 Meeting Minutes were approved 5-0.

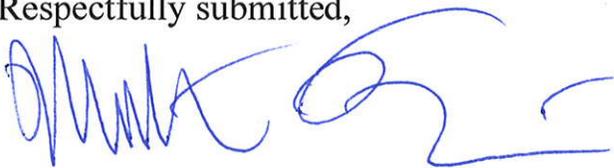
The June 2010 Treasurer's Report was approved 5-0.

The FY 2010 3rd Quarter Report was approved 5-0.

The Commission approved payment of Diana Winthop's invoice for \$125.00 covering the period from June 24, 2010 to July 22, 2010 which was paid by check number 1271

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Frumin, Chair