ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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RESOLUTION REGARDING DDOT NOI 13-41-TOA

WHEREAS:

1. Currently, two hour parking is allowed for non-Ward 3 Residential Parking Permit (RPP) holders on the 4900 block of 43rd Street, NW, between 7:00 am and 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday ("Restricted Hours") on both sides of the street. Earlier this year, residents of this block filed a petition with DDOT seeking to change one side of the street to allow parking during the Restricted Hours by Ward 3 RPP-holders only, while leaving the current RPP restrictions in place on other side.

2. On July 29, 2013, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) transmitted to the ANC the above-referenced Notice of Intent (NOI) to allow only Ward 3 RPP holders to park on one side of the street during the Restricted Hours, while leaving current RPP restrictions in place on other side.

3. DDOT stated in the NOI that the "residents' parking is constantly being taken up by the business district of Wisconsin Avenue, NW, and the residents have a hard time finding parking."

4. We believe that ample parking exists on Wisconsin Avenue for the business district at issue, yet many patrons choose to park on side streets.

5. The bulk of complaints regarding parking in this area that the Commissioner for the area has heard have come from residents of the block of 43rd Street, NW at issue, which lies directly behind several popular restaurants that front Wisconsin Ave., NW.

6. To the extent that the restriction proposed in the NOI shifts business parking from 43rd Street, NW, to Wisconsin Ave, NW, and/or leads to less parking utilization overall (because some business patrons elect to walk, bike, or use public transit), we support it.

7. If, however, the restriction proposed in the NOI primarily shifts business parking to nearby streets other than Wisconsin Ave., NW, we cannot support it, at least as the sole measure to address the problem of unduly burdensome business parking on side streets in the area.

8. DDOT is capable of measuring changes in parking utilization, and it is relatively inexpensive to change signage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3E supports the above-referenced NOI *on a trial basis only*. We respectfully urge DDOT to assess parking utilization on side streets near the 4900 Block of 49th Street, NW, including the adjacent block of 43rd Street, NW, and nearby blocks of Ellicott and Fessenden Streets, NW, and 43rd Place, NW, *before* any signage changes are made. DDOT should then repeat these assessments three to six months after the signage changes are made, and report the results to the ANC along with a recommendation as to whether to revert to the previous parking regime, keep the new regime, or to take some other action or combination of actions.

2. ANC 3E asks DDOT to provide the aforementioned report at least 30 business days notice prior to taking further action on this matter, so that the ANC can formally comment on the report after a public meeting.

The resolution passed by a vote of 3-2-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on August 29, 2013, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Frumin, Quinn, Serebin, and Tinker in attendance.

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