



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E
TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
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Minutes of ANC 3E November 13, 2014 Meeting

The meeting convened at 7:39 pm. Commissioners Frumin, Serebin and Quinn were present. Commissioner Bender arrived at 9:00 pm.

Announcements / Open Forum – opportunity for members of the community to raise issues of concern or importance to the 3E neighborhood

Russell Shaw of GDS announced a community meeting on November 19, 2014, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm to discuss the school's planning process for the GDS, Safeway and Martens Volvo sites and to get community input on that plan. He said this was the second such meeting, the first occurring in July. In response to a question from the audience he said Safeway had the right to vacate in January but that GDS hoped Safeway would stay as long as possible since the start of any construction was years away.

A series of residents spoke to address either concerns about or support for the proposed 42nd Street mini-circles.

Police Report

Lt. Alan Hill of the Second District provided an update on recent crime trends. He noted that in the previous 30 days there had been no homicides, no instances of sexual abuse, 6 robberies, 11 burglaries and 1 stolen auto. He also noted that theft from autos was down considerably. On the robberies he explained that a number had occurred in Wilson High School and had either been solved or the perpetrator was known but the victim chose not to press charges. Others happened after a football game and still others on Halloween which typically sees an increase in robberies as people are out in large numbers in costumes hiding their identities. He explained that the large number of burglaries was part of a citywide trend and they were working hard to get to the bottom of them. He explained that the stolen auto was actually stolen from another part of the city but the owner lived in his PSA so it was wrongly coded to his PSA. He explained that when the person recently escaped from the Psychiatric Institute, the biggest challenge was communications. The Department of Corrections was charged with communicating with the community and that charge was new to them. He explained that the person escaped on a Monday at 10:30 am and was recaptured on that Friday. He said that while there had been rumors that the perpetrator was responsible for robberies that occurred nearby at around 2:30 on the Monday, he expected the escapee was long gone from the area by then.

A resident raised a concern that the school zone signs on Nebraska between Albemarle Street, NW and Reno Road were confusing. He said he would look into it and Commissioner Quinn said he would contact the relevant DDOT person about the matter.

Possibility of a request for special exception to use 4715 Massachusetts as an office

Sassan Gharai outlined his plans to use 4725 Massachusetts as an office for his architecture practice. He explained that the property is currently used as a pediatrician's office with the pediatrician living upstairs. He said he has, at different times, between 6 and 8 employees and clients visit his offices 2 or 3 times a week. He said that he encourages his employees to use public transit and would continue to do so. He said that he would make allowances for parking if it became an issue, seeking access to a nearby under-utilized garage. In response to a Commissioner comment, he said he would encourage his employees, if they drove, to use the arterial roads and not cut through residential streets. He noted that he had passed around letters to his neighbors alerting them of his plan and the upcoming ANC meeting and none had contacted him or come to the meeting. The Commissioners encouraged him to seek letters of support or non-opposition from his neighbors if possible and to consider ways to memorialize commitments relating to his proposed approach to parking. Commissioners also suggested he consider making his driveway permeable if he made improvements as part of his move in. He said he expected to complete his application soon and be heard by the BZA in January or February. Under the circumstances, the ANC will be called upon to vote on a formal application at either its January or February 2015 meetings. Mr. Gharai stressed that he had come to this meeting not to seek approval, but as a courtesy.

Janney 5K in December 2014

Jeff Davis, representing the organizers, outlined the plans for the run and requested a letter of support. The Commissioners expressed support for the run and promised to get the letter of support to him the following day.

Wilson 5K in March 2015

Kit Arrington, representing the organizers, outlined the plans for the run and requested a letter of support for the run. The Commissioners expressed support for the run, noted that the course ran through NPS land and suggested that the organizers confirm that NPS would allow that and promised to get the letter of support to her the following day.

Wilson Crew Grant Request

Paul Bock and his son Chris presented a request for a \$2500 grant, The Commissioners unanimously approved the grant request, but noted that the grantee be cognizant of the requirement that the funds be expended within 60 days of issuance and noted that the ANC had made another quite substantial grant to Wilson Crew recently. Accordingly,

commissioners encouraged Wilson Crew to seek future grants in the near term from other sources including other nearby ANCs.

ABRA License Renewal for World Market

No one came to address this issue. It was noted that one constituent had raised an issue regarding a voluntary agreement relating to validated parking. One of the Commissioners noted that while he disagreed with the requirement, it was his experience that it was enforced. The Commission took no action on the matter.

ABRA License Renewal for Whole Foods

No one came to address this issue. The Commission took no action on the matter.

Tenley Winterfest Grant Request

The Commission unanimously approved the revised Tenley Winterfest grant request.

ANC Business

The Commission unanimously approved the October 2014 Meeting Minutes.

The Commission unanimously approved the July, August and September Treasurers Report and the 4th Quarter FY 2014 Report.

The Commission approved expenditures of \$2,500 for the Wilson Crew grant, \$62.50 to Loren Stein for administrative services in October, \$32.31 to Matthew Frumin for copying costs and \$938.40 for the Tenley Winterfest grant.

After adjourning at 9:25 pm, the Commission briefly reconvened to ratify the Second Amendment to the Dancing Crab Voluntary Agreement, extending the date the Dancing Crab will be required to fund streetscape improvements to allow additional time to explore various options.

The Commission adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

, Chair