



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
c/o Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home 5425 Western Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20015
www.anc3e.org

Resolution thanking Lisa Danahy for her leadership of Friendship Children's Center

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E believes that development projects should significantly contribute to the community, and the spaces occupied by Friendship Children's Center (FCC) were created pursuant to agreements involving such projects, and

Whereas, after 17 years as the Executive Director of FCC Lisa Danahy is stepping aside on July 1st 2013, and

Whereas, FCC started as a parent run co-op and remains a not for profit center today, and

Whereas, FCC has two centers located within the boundaries of ANC 3E that serve up to 75 children from ages 3 months to 6 years old, and

Whereas, there is currently a dearth of child care slots available in Ward 3 and the region generally to the point where waitlists can typically take up to 18 months to clear, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Lisa Danahy FCC expanded into an additional center at 5411 Western Avenue NW which enabled FCC to more than double the number of children it is able to serve, and

Whereas, both the Western Avenue center and the original center at 5310 43rd Street NW were built as amenities as part of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) specifically to create child care slots to serve the immediate community and the language of each PUD requires preferential waitlist treatment to families who live and work in the immediate area, and

Whereas, the expansion of FCC into the Western Avenue Center was the culmination of years of searching for additional space within price points that a not for profit child care center could afford to pay and the PUD process which created the Western Avenue Center was a complicated and drawn out process requiring an enormous investment of time and energy and this process was led by Lisa Danahy, and

Whereas, at the time of the expansion to the Western Avenue Center FCC was the only child care center within the boundaries of ANC 3E serving infants, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Lisa Danahy FCC has had a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home that has among other things included regular visits from the children of FCC with the largely elderly population of the Home as well as the popular Zoo Day which is held annually on the grounds of the Home and has been sponsored by ANC 3E with grants, and

Whereas, the children and instructors of FCC have long been regulars on the streets of Friendship Heights as they walk the community as well as spend time on the “Condo Field” attached to Chase Point (Stonebridge) and at Livingston Park, and

Whereas, in 2007 Lisa Danahy was recognized by the Mayor’s Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education with a Wish List Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Early Childhood Education.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 3E thanks Lisa Danahy for her many years of service to FCC and generations of its children both past and future, many of whom are residents of ANC 3E.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on June 13, 2013, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Matthew Frumin, Tom Quinn and Sam Serebin were present.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson