



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

Meeting Minutes October 7, 2015, 7:30 pm

The meeting convened at 7:40 PM. Commissioners Wallace, Hall, Bender, McHugh and Quinn were present.

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

An attendee asked if ANC 3E could invite DC Fire and EMS representatives to a future meeting to give the community an update on the Department and provide details about the EMS services to be contracted out.

Another attendee asked if ANC 3E will take a position on the proposed settlement for the Exelon Pepco merger. Commissioner Quinn stated that he didn't know when the Public Service Committee would be meeting and if they are accepting community input.

One attendee thanked Commissioner Quinn for getting two new working street lights on the 4200 block of Garrison St NW.

Commissioner Quinn announced that Lisner Home's Zoo Day has been postponed due to bad weather. The event will now take place on Saturday, October 31 from 11-2. Commissioner Bender announced that Steak and Egg Kitchen's Community Carnival was also postponed due to bad weather and will now take place on Saturday, October 10.

Presentation by 2nd District Police

Lt. Alan Hill from the 2nd District provided an update on crime trends in the area. There was one robbery in PSA 202 this last month, down from 4 during the same period last year. Burglaries are up 67%; 3 of the 4 burglaries this month involve churches. The police have had many closures on commercial thefts this month and thefts of packages delivered to front porches are down. Lt. Hill asked residents to have packages sent to offices, if possible. There have been 7 thefts from cars this month and one stolen auto.

The police have been working on traffic enforcement along River Rd. and Yuma St. and will continue to address these concerns.



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Officer Spears is back on footbeat in the area between CVS on Wisconsin Ave. and Janney Elementary School. Officer Spears has been working with the homeless people by the library until the city is able to provide other services to them. Lt. Hill is hoping to get a footbeat officer in the area during the evening hours.

Lt. Hill reminded residents to call 911 if they witness anything unusual. Residents should feel free to email him with any questions or concerns at alan.hill@dc.gov.

Discussion of and possible vote on grant application to support publication of Iona's Resource Guide for senior-related services

Iona presented a grant application to ANC 3E last month for \$2500 to defray the cost of printing their resource guide for seniors. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the grant and Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0. Commissioner Hall was not present at the time of the vote.

Discussion of and possible vote on a letter to Georgetown Day School regarding traffic management issues related to its planned expansion and mixed-use project

Commissioner Wallace stated that while GDS has made progress with their traffic management plan, the ANC still has concerns about their TMP and drafted a letter to GDS listing those concerns. The letter reiterates the ANC's call on GDS to create a TMP that achieves no net increase in the number of vehicular trips to the combined school. The letter notes that GDS' current transit usage is less than a quarter of the amount it told the BZA that the existing campus would achieve. The letter urges GDS to consider an independent third-party to ensure that GDS complies with their commitments. Other ANCs have used third-parties to give the neighborhood peace of mind.

Many attendees were concerned about the impact of increased traffic on the neighborhood. A number of attendees were in support of GDS requiring all students to arrive on campus via school busses, public transportation, walking and biking as they believed those options were the only way to see a significant reduction of cars coming into the neighborhood.

Commissioner Quinn noted that while the neighborhood is well served by public Metro buses, public transportation use is low amongst GDS students and staff. The school



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had 40% public transit use before it moved to Tenleytown and it has decreased over the years.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the letter to GDS and Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion and possible vote on resolution regarding DDOT decision to designate Tenleytown as a “Premium Zone” and Council bill requiring metered parking until midnight in such zones.

Commissioner McHugh stated that the city considers Tenleytown to be in the same parking category as Adams Morgan and Columbia Heights. Under the current Premium designation, parking meters would require payment until midnight along Wisconsin Ave. Commissioner Quinn is concerned that increasing the meter hours will cause drivers to park in residential zoned areas. Commissioner Bender agreed, and stated that until we have a situation where parking after 6:30 needs to be rationed, we should not have the Premium designation.

Commissioner McHugh made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion and possible vote on resolution regarding encampment in front of Tenleytown library

Commissioner Hall stated that the community had a frustrating few weeks while seeking city services for a group of homeless people encamped in front of the Tenleytown library. Ian Maggard, the Ward 3 Liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) reminded the attendees that the homeless have a right to stay in public space as long as they do not block the right of way. Commissioner McHugh responded that there have been complaints about the homeless people leering at pedestrians, relieving themselves in public, being publicly intoxicated and school children witnessing all of this while going into the library.

An attendee asked if the ANC had reached out to Friendship Place. Commissioner Bender replied that they had, but ultimately it's the city's responsibility to address the problem and provide a better alternative than sleeping on the streets. Commissioner Wallace said she shared Commissioner Hall's concern in trying to balance supporting the homeless and public access to the space. Commissioner Quinn offered some changes to the draft resolution.



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Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the updated resolution seeking city services for the homeless and Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

ANC Business

- Approval of September 2015 meeting minutes – Commissioner Bender put forth a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.
- Approval of expenditures - Commissioner Quinn put forth a motion to approve payments of \$475 to Sherry Cohen for administrative support, \$87.03 to FedEx for copying services, \$143.88 to Blue Host for website renewal, and of \$2500 to Iona for their grant. The motion seconded by Bender and was approved 5-0.
- Commissioner Bender noted that a grant request for Winterfest was received today and will need to be voted on next month unless anyone else objects. No objections were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.