ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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Resolution Regarding 41st Street NW

Whereas, the intersection of 42nd Street and Military Road NW has been the site of numerous and regular accidents resulting in part from poor sight lines and speed differentials on Military Road, and

Whereas, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) as a result of the volume and seriousness of these accidents is considering closing the intersection of 42nd and Military Road to north-south traffic by prohibiting left turn and straight ahead vehicle movements and may enforce this requirement by erecting some type of channelized barrier, and

Whereas, there is no direct means for cars headed westbound on Military Road and Western Avenue to access southbound Wisconsin Avenue and 41st Street serves as a convenient alternate way to access southbound Wisconsin Avenue via Fessenden Street, and

Whereas, if DDOT proceeds to close the intersection of 42nd Street and Military Road NW to all north south traffic 41st Street NW will become the only north south street between Connecticut Avenue and River Road besides Wisconsin Avenue that crosses Western Avenue and also the only street that reaches Fessenden Street, and

Whereas, 41st Street NW according to DDOT is a local road and consequently is not designed to carry a high volume of traffic, and

Whereas, the 5300 block of 41st Street NW has had two rollover accidents in the last 4 months caused by speeding cars sideswiping other cars while racing to or from the traffic light at the intersection of 41st and Military and Reno Roads NW, and

Whereas, the 5300 block of 41st Street NW has a high percentage of residents cars parked on the street due to a lack of alleys and off street parking spaces and many residents on the block have had their cars damaged by vehicles using 41st Street and also fear for their safety from speeding cars, and

Whereas, ANC 3E has heard numerous complaints about traffic volumes and speed on 42nd Street NW between Ellicott Street and Nebraska Avenue NW and much of the traffic bound for this stretch from points east of Wisconsin Avenue is accessing 42nd Street via 41st Street and then Fessenden Street, and

Whereas, 41st Street is a logical and straight route for students to access the public and private schools located in Tenleytown, and

Whereas, the 2003 Friendship Heights traffic study measured total traffic volume on 41st Street between Jenifer and Ingomar Streets and determined that northbound 41st Street carried 1235 vehicles per day while southbound 41st Street carried 1034 vehicles per day, and

Whereas, Reno Road between Military Road and Fessenden Streets was closed to two way traffic for significant parts of 2 years between 2004 and 2006 for reconstruction and during that time 41st Street served as the detour route and many drivers who switched to 41st Street did not return to using Reno Road , and

Whereas the recently published Rock Creek West II Livability Study on page 22 designates 41st Street, NW, south from Western Avenue to Albermarle Street, NW as a signed Bike Route, but that no Bike Route signs are present, no bike lanes are designated, no bike sharrows have been painted and no Bicycles Share the Lane signage exist.

Now therefore be it resolved, ANC 3E requests DDOT to install appropriate signage and lane markings on 41st Street, NW, south from Western Avenue to Albermarle Street, NW to indicate its designation as a Bike Route that may include, but is not limited to, installation of Bike Route signs, installation of Bicycles Share the Lane (or similar signage), painting of designated bike lanes and/or painting of Bike Sharrows, and

Be it further resolved that ANC 3E requests that DDOT study the impact of greatly restricting the north-south flow of traffic through 42nd and Military Road on adjacent streets paying particular attention to 41st Street between Military Road and Davenport Street and that DDOT not implement any permanent changes at 42nd and Military until it has presented a plan to manage or reduce volumes and speed on 41st Street NW.

Be it further resolved that DDOT should move expeditiously to address the concerns at both 42nd and 41st Streets, and should consider implementing reversible safety measures on a trial basis at 42nd Street as soon as possible.

Be it further resolved that DDOT should present a full written report and presentation of its findings to ANC 3E with regards to both intersections promptly.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on February 9, 2012, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Matthew Frumin, Tom Quinn, Sam Serebin and Beverly Sklover were present.

ANC 3E
By Matthew Frumin, Chairperson