

## Minutes of the January 2008 ANC 3E Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. Commissioners Eldridge, Sherman and Sullivan were present.

### **Announcements:**

Commissioner Sullivan announced that a discussion of the Janney PPP would most likely take place at the February ANC 3E meeting

### **Open Forum:**

Marylyn Simon announced that FNA had appealed the zoning application for the Ackridge site

A representative of the Office of the People's Council reviewed a description of their services and asked the community to save the date of February 7, 2008 and/or February 9, 2008 when Mary Cheh will hold public hearings on the quality of service provided by Pepco, Verizon and Washington Gas.

### **Update from PSA 202:**

The Commission received an update on PSA 202 from Police Officer Davis-Williams who announced that she would be the representative at future ANC 3E meetings.

### **Discussion of and possible vote on an application to deny a building permit for 5013 Belt Road NW:**

There was no representation by the owner of 5013 Belt Road present at the meeting. Neighbors of the Belt Road property were present and a review of the recent construction was presented by John Lemoine who lives next door at 5011 Belt Road. At the time the property was purchased in 2004, 5013 Belt Road was a small frame house and the purchaser was granted a permit to add an addition. With the permit to renovate, not re-build, the house the owner gained the non-conforming side yards of a small part of the existing house and was able to extend the narrow side yard deep into the lot.

Soon after being granted the permit for the addition, the owner demolished the part of the house that allowed the narrow side yard and since then the existing house has been demolished, and replaced with a much larger house. In September 2007, the

Zoning Administrator denied the application for a building permit because the present construction did not conform to current zoning regulations.

It was the opinion of the neighbors that the owner was intent at the time of purchase to take down the total existing structure while simultaneously building a completely new structure - that by manipulating the permit process, the owner had sought to gain a zoning advantage of non-conforming, narrow side yards in order to build a completely new, and larger, house. The neighbors also noted that the owner had been cited and fined by the city for dangerous conditions at the site, including standing water and open construction for extended periods. Also, by ignoring soil and ground water conditions at the construction site, the owner has caused the damage to neighboring properties. Estimates to repair damage to 5011 Belt Road, for instance, amount to nearly \$50,000. The neighbors asked the Commission to support the application to deny a building permit for 5013 Belt Road. It was the decision of the Commission that the owner of the property, or their representatives, be present at the February ANC 3E meeting to comment on the application.

**ANC 3E Business:**

The Commission voted 3-0 to:

- The Election of Officers: Lucy Eldridge – Vice Chair  
Anne Sullivan – Treasurer  
Carolyn Sherman – Secretary
- Participate in the ANC security Fund
- To approve the 2008-9 Budget

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lucy Eldridge, Vice Chair ANC 3E

