

## Minutes of ANC3E October 16th, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Amy McVey. Commissioners Carolyn Sherman, Lucy Eldridge and Matt Frumin were also present.

### Announcements:

Commissioner McVey announced that the Commission will post the Strategic Area Retail Assessments for Tenleytown and Friendship Heights from the Office of Planning on the ANC 3E website ([www.ANC3e.org](http://www.ANC3e.org)). Comments are due by November 14, 2008.

### Presentation of Grant Applications:

The Commission awarded a grant of \$1000 for the Wisconsin Avenue Beautification Project. The money will go towards maintenance of the project by Terra, a professional grounds company and to provide mulch, soil and fertilizer as well as mowing services.

The Commission awarded a grant of \$1000 to the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home for a Neighborhood Zoo Day for the Tenleytown/Friendship Heights community, and particularly for families and children. The event will have a Halloween theme and will include child-focused music with arts and crafts, face painting, a petting zoo and pony rides.

### Open Forum:

There were no comments during Open Forum

### Update from PSA 202:

MPO Williams and Sgt. Hayes gave an update on crime statistics in PSA 202 and discussed the rise in crime at American University and in auto thefts.

### Discussion of and possible vote on an application for a parking (area) variance and special exception at Happy Paws located at 4904 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

The owner of Happy Paws asked the Commissioner for support of the following:

1. A special exception for Animal Boarding for five years
2. A special exception for Pet Grooming for 5 years

### 3. A parking variance for seven parking spaces

The hearing date is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The owner agreed to abide by the odor control and waste disposal policy as mandated by the District. Chairperson McVey moved to support the application. Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

#### Discussion of and possible vote on a liquor license for the Hungry Tiger Restaurant:

The owner of the Hungry Tiger requested support from the Commission for a license to serve beer and wine at the restaurant located in the 4600 block of Wisconsin Avenue. There were no objections from the community. Commissioner Sherman moved not to oppose the motion and Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

#### Discussions of and possible vote on a resolution to revise Block Party permitting process:

Commissioner Eldridge reviewed the permitting process for holding a block party in the District of Columbia which can take the applicant up to fifteen hours to complete. She read a resolution to request that the permitting process be revised so that it can be completed electronically or streamlined through local police to make it easy, rather than difficult to obtain the permit. Commissioner Eldridge proposed the resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

#### Discussion with Kate Lindsey from Georgetown Day School regarding an application for a special exception to increase the enrollment cap of the school:

The application asks for an increase in student enrollment from 465 to 500 and the size of its faculty/staff from 95-100 over a five-year period. The property is located at 4200 Davenport Street, NW. There is no physical change to the building and grounds being requested. Ms. Lindsey stated that the school will continue to provide ample parking for staff and students, that it was not anticipated that the increased school population will create additional noise and that the school will implement a traffic management plan which will become part of the application. The hearing date

is scheduled for January and Ms. Lindsey requested that the school's application be heard by the Commission at either the November or December meeting.

Discussion of DC Parks and Recreation's proposal to install lights at Chevy Chase Park:

Michael Williams, associate director for athletics for the DC Department of Parks and Recreation spoke to the community about the history of developing ball fields in the District. He recognized that the installation of lights was opposed by those living close to the park and proposed working with the community to try to address their concerns. Along with lights, an initial concept plan suggested the field is slated to get a scoreboard, press box, batting cages, new bleachers, fencing and a backstop. Mr. Williams stated that the initial drawings for the park were a concept plan and that any final plans will be worked up through the community consultation process.

David Schauer, vice president of the league, and Susan Ullman, the Capitol City secretary, discussed how the lights would help the league meet its growing enrollment demand and allow it to add two more teams. Supporters of the proposal emphasized the importance of athletics to children's' development and that the lights are vital to accommodate the busy schedules of both parents and children.

Opponents of the plan raised concerns about parking, traffic, noise and trash and explained that installation of the lights would disturb their peace and quiet after dark, compounding the burden they experience from the use of the park during daylight hours. Neighbors also commented that they had only recently heard about the plans and that they were not engaged in the discussion early on in the process. Michael Williams said that the DC Department of Parks and Recreation would not proceed with the plan without neighborhood agreement.

Commissioners Eldridge and Frumin suggested the possibility of developing a proposal that could address underlying neighborhood concerns. Commissioner Eldridge said that the neighborhood taskforce would meet again to discuss the issue.

ANC Business:

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting.

The following check was approved:

Check # 1247 for \$3,435.00 payable to Polly King Evans for administrative services.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy McVey

Chair

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