

## **ANC3D MINUTES- MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Gates shortly after 7:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Mullane, Heuer, Shapley, Finney, and Hamilton. There were some 35 in the audience.

Voting was conducted in the foyer of Ernst Auditorium for the vacant seat in Single Member District 09. While the vote was being tallied, the Commission proceeded with its business.

### **1.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1.1** The Commission voted to approve the annual payment of \$25 for the security fund per OANC procedures.

**1.2** The Treasurer's Report was given and the first quarter report (FY04) was approved. The current balance is \$13.9K.

**1.3** The minutes of the January 2004 meeting were voted approved.

**1.4** The Commission was reminded that the annual performance and budgetary oversight hearings before the Committee on Public Services, chaired by Councilmember David Catania, will take place later this month.

**1.5** The Police Report for PSA 203 for February 2004 was provided to the Commission.

### **2.0 CANDIDACY, SMD 3D-09**

**2.1** The three candidates for the vacant Single Member District 09 each made a five-minute presentation to the assembly once voting was completed. Speaking were Ann Haas, Pete Ross, and Peter Van Allen.

**2.2** At 8:30 the Chair announced the official winner as Ann Haas who was sworn in as Commissioner by Ward 3 Councilmember Kathy Patterson. The vote tally was: 60 for Haas, 50 for Van Allen, and 18 for Ross.

**2.3** The Chair and the Commission praised all three candidates for their campaigns and the turnout and encouraged the losing candidates to remain active in ANC-related matters.

### **3.0 COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**3.1** Mrs. Mary French of 5420 MacArthur Blvd. asked the Commission to consider removal of the Galena Place bus stop because of the scarcity of parking spaces along that stretch of MacArthur Boulevard. Also speaking in support of the proposal was Mrs. Cheryl Ross from the same block. There are two bus stops and two nearby businesses, as well as many more cars than in previous times. Commissioner John Finney recommended they consider a petition for Residential Permit Parking zoning for this stretch of the Boulevard and revised signage for driveway access for this group of homes.

**3.2** John Finney informed the Commission that Ilija's has been sold to Mr. Frank Economides who plans to change the restaurant's format and has been told that the terms of the liquor license recently agreed upon by the Commission would apply to his tenancy.

### **4.0 TREE REMOVAL, 4050 52nd TERRACE, MRS. MARGARET I. MILLER**

**4.1** Appearing for Mrs. Miller was Scott Fritz, partner in Fritz and Gignoux, landscape designers, and a resident of Wesley Heights. He presented a copy of the permit for a new driveway cut, a letter describing the conditions leading to the request for the new driveway and the trees already planted by Mrs. Miller. Mr. Fritz also presented a letter from Mrs. Miller to the Urban Forestry Administration, which agreed to abide by the conditions set forth for the removal of a 16-inch elm at the edge of the proposed new driveway.

**4.2 ANC ACTION:** The ANC approved the plan and conditions presented and will forward the letter signed by Mrs. Miller to Bill Beck, Deputy Chief of UFA.

### **5.0 REVISED PROPOSAL FOR ENTRY TO MACOMB STREET**

**5.1** Commissioner Mullane for the SMD in Wesley Heights and a Macomb Street resident, introduced a follow-up to the January proposal by the residents to control speeding and enforce restricted access to

the 4500 block of Macomb Street by north-east bound traffic turning right off of Nebraska Avenue.

**5.2** Speaking for the 13 residents of the block, Mr. Michael P. Kelley reported that he had obtained signatures from all the residents on a petition for full-time ( NO RIGHT TURN) signs. Mr. Kelley was advised by Mrs. Wanda Penn Mills, Traffic Services Administration, of DDOT's preference that the prohibition not make that block a one-way street, She also would consider better placement of the current signs and better street markings. A comprehensive traffic study would still be required for the area. Other residents present and speaking in support of the petition were Mrs. Helen Hoenig, Mr. David Jory, Mr. and Mr. Thomas Warnke.

**5.3** Reinforcing the need for a study of traffic-calming measures to cover not only Macomb Street but also the impact on Newark Street were representatives of the Horace Mann Elementary School. Speaking were Gail Lively, assistant to the Principal, whose letter on the issue had been presented to the Commission, and Mrs. Sarah Pace, Mann PTA president.

**5.4 ANC ACTION:** The Commission voted to support the revised petition for No Right Turns onto Macomb Street, as a temporary measure, and a request for a traffic study of the larger area including Macomb and Newark Streets. The vote was 5-2-0 with Commissioners Finney and Heuer dissenting. A letter will go to DDOT Director, Dan Tangherlini and TSA Director, Douglas Noble

## **6.0 UPPER WISCONSIN AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**6.1** The Chair asked the Commission to support a resolution to disapprove the current draft report for the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study Plan and lend support to resolutions of two other Ward 3 Commissions. Invited by the Chair to speak in support of their resolutions were Cathy Wiss, ANC-3F and Nancy MacWood, ANC-3C. Commissioner Finney had prepared a substitute resolution which he presented to the Commission. A letter from Ward 3 Councilmember Patterson to the Mayor was included in the Commission's mailing which stated her concerns about the proposal for development along Upper Wisconsin Avenue. Patterson said further studies are necessary before the plan moves forward.

**6.2** Commissioner Shapley objected to this late addition to the agenda and noted the public comment period on the November draft report is to end Feb. 18. Commissioner Finney opined that we are all involved in the transformation or (urbanization) that centers on Metro stops and is reluctant for ANC-3D to take up matters outside its geographic boundaries. Chairman Gates commented that trans-oriented development is not being planned just around Metro stops but also for areas of the city with boulevards and well may affect MacArthur Boulevard in the future. She noted she has serious concerns about the absence of any studies to support the findings of the plan, especially traffic studies that consider spillover traffic from Wisconsin Avenue and adjacent streets onto Massachusetts Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard. Commissioner Finney's substitute resolution would not demand (withdrawal) of the draft report and would delete some of the 17 conditions proposed. The conclusion of his substitute resolution stated:

**"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3D strongly urges the Office of Planning, before proceeding any further with the draft plan, to conduct thorough, definitive studies into the impact of the proposed "Upper Wisconsin Avenue Strategic Framework Plan" on 1) traffic in Ward 3 including the potential diversion of traffic into the jurisdiction of ANC 3D; 2) on public schools in Ward 3 including whether the greater population will lead to pressure for more private schools in Ward 3; 3) parking along the Wisconsin Avenue corridor and adjoining streets; 4) public safety needs, including the availability of fire and emergency medical services not just in the Tenleytown region but also in Ward 3 generally; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3D is greatly concerned that such points have not been adequately studied by the Office of Planning and therefore ANC 3D cannot support the "Upper Wisconsin Avenue Strategic Framework Plan" until such studies have been done and incorporated into the plan; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3D commends the letter of January 21, 2004, from Councilmember Kathy Patterson to Mayor Williams and urges the Office of Planning to give serious consideration to the points raised in the Patterson letter; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3D strongly urges Ward 3 Councilmember Kathy**

**Patterson to oppose this draft plan now and if it should be presented to the DC Council to publicly urge her colleagues to oppose it."**

**6.3 ANC ACTION:** The amended resolution was approved by a vote of 5-1-1 with Commissioner Shapley dissenting and Commissioner Mullane not voting.

**7.0 NEXT MEETING**

**7.1** The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at the Ernst Auditorium of Sibley Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

