

## **MINUTES - MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2004 ANC3D**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Finney at 7:30 pm.

Present were Commissioners Finney, Gates, Shapley, Mullane, and Hamilton. Commissioner Heuer was absent due to illness. There were about 18 in the audience.

### **1.0 POLICE REPORT, SECOND DISTRICT, PSA 203**

**1.1** Lt. Jeannie Sullivan reported that the past month saw a decline in crimes reported. Safety tips for cars to deter in-car theft were detailed.

**1.2** Captain Paula Edmiston, the Second District's midnight shift commander was introduced. She gave her phone numbers to encourage citizens and commissioners to relay concerns and crime reporting (202-282-0032 and cell 240-417-8010). Also introduced was Sergeant Edward Torrance of the "power shift."

**1.3** Commissioner Mullane relayed a secondhand report of drug dealing occurring in Battery Kemble Park. The Captain pledged to survey this and noted that the police had recently investigated an alleged dealer living in Foxhall Crescents.

**1.4** The need for end-of-day foot-patrol coverage at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard at U Street, the heart of the MacArthur Blvd. commercial area, was raised again by commissioners.

### **2.0 COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**2.1** Robert D. Andrew of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association expressed the community's pleasure at there being three candidates for the seat left vacant by the resignation of Scott Polk. He also expressed Foxhall's intention to pursue, in conjunction with Colony Hill, the next phase of disposition of the Casey property on Foxhall Road.

**2.2** Caroline Quandt, of 5320 Macomb Street, expressed dismay and dissatisfaction with DCRA and BLRA and stated this dissatisfaction seems to be citywide. Her property is opposite a large construction site.

### **3.0 FEBRUARY ANC 3D-09 ELECTION**

**3.1** Chairman Finney announced that the election for the vacant SMD 09 seat covering Foxhall, Georgetown Reservoir and Colony Hill will have three candidates: Mary Ann Haas (1601 45th Street), Pete Ross (1712 Surrey Lane), and Peter Van Allen (4407 Hadfield Lane). Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to address the gathering, followed by the vote and a winner announced and sworn in by the Honorable Greg Mize.

### **4.0 WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT PLANNING, WATER TREATMENT DISPOSAL**

**4.1** Thomas Jacobus, General Manager of the Army Corps of Engineers operation of Washington Aqueduct, presented the steps and schedule for developing an "Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Analysis of the Project to Collect and Dispose of Water Treatment Solids from the Dalecarlia and Georgetown Reservoirs." A three-page handout illustrated the process for public comment and the factors to be considered. It also provided the official notice of intent to develop an "Environmental Impact Statement." This is required to bring the Aqueduct into compliance with its NPDES Permit 0000019 under the US EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Key dates include a public meeting on Wednesday, January 28th (7 pm) at St. Patrick's Episcopal School at 4700 Whitehaven Parkway, submission of proposed actions and alternatives to the EPA Region III by May 28, 2004, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the same party by December 20, 2004. A final Record of Decision is to be submitted to the EPA by June 3, 2005. All environmental media will be examined for adverse impact and all disposal options will be considered. The residents' concern about the residual "dewatered solids" being trucked through the community (whether Loughboro Road or MacArthur Boulevard) was acknowledged by Mr. Jacobus who noted that all costs must be recovered from the rates paid by residents and that this is a capital improvement project shared by three jurisdictions. The recent presence of Perchlorate in the groundwater at the sedimentation basin will be studied by the EPA to determine its source.

### **5.0 PROPOSAL FOR ""DO NOT ENTER"" SIGN, MACOMB & NEBRASKA IN WESLEY HEIGHTS**

**5.1** Commissioner Mullane introduced a proposal by the residents of the 4500 block of Macomb Street to modify the current "Do Not Enter" traffic sign at the intersection of Nebraska and Macomb to apply all the

time rather than only to the morning rush hours. Michael Kelley, of 4536 Macomb Street, presented the residents' case. The danger arises from cars making this turn (which at 45 degrees is more like an off-ramp from a highway) at excessive speeds and disregarding the current sign during the morning rush hours. He also testified to the lack of visibility for drivers exiting driveways or parking places. Commissioner Mullane reported that he had received one negative reaction from a resident on 45th street, who preferred a speed bump and an unrepaired road as deterrents. All agreed that police presence would help in some measure.

**5.2** The Commission deliberated at some length and voted to support a petition to be presented at the February ANC meeting by the residents for a DDOT study that would consider options and impacts. Commissioner Mullane will prepare a letter stating that the ANC understood the hazard and urged expedited consideration of the requested modification. The vote was 5-0-0.

**5.3** Commissioner Shapley proposed that the Commission request DDOT to present a review of outstanding requests for traffic calming measures that have been submitted by ANC 3D during the past year at the February meeting.

## **6.0 WARD THREE TASK FORCE REPORT ON PRIVATE SCHOOL ISSUES**

**6.1** There was a brief discussion of the recently released report of Councilmember Patterson's Task Force on Private School Expansion. The public meeting on this will be held at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4301 Albemarle Street, at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 20th. Several Commissioners opined that the report did not more fully address the adverse impacts by private schools on "quality of life," did not present a complete list and map of the schools, including pre-schools, and did not require long-range planning by private schools. The recommendation that schools be precluded from applying to the BZA if out of compliance with a current BZA Order should be strengthened to include their ability to apply for bond financing.

## **7.0 ELECTION OF ANC-3D OFFICERS FOR 2004**

**7.1** The following officers were elected for the coming year. All votes were 5-0-0.

**Chair:** Alma Gates

**Vice Chair:** Hugh Mullane

**Treasurer:** Ann Heuer

**Secretary:** Sarah Stowell Shapley

## **8.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**8.1** Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report in paper copy was given. The balance in our Bank of America checking account stands at \$9,404.62. The first quarterly allotment for FY04 (Oct. - Dec. 2003) still has not been received, due to a shortage of personnel in the DC Auditor's office as well as a delay in the approval of ANC funding by the DC City Council. The Auditor has assured us that the first quarter allotment letters were sent out on January 7 and there will be funds in our account within the next week. Additionally, the funds for the second quarter (Jan. - Mar. 2004) should be forthcoming shortly. Our quarterly reports have been approved by the auditor.

**8.2** Secretary's Minute. The minutes from the December meeting were approved and signed for the record.

**8.3** Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at the Ernst Auditorium of Sibley Hospital.

**8.4** Warm and heartfelt expressions of gratitude were made for the service of the retiring Chairman, John Finney as well as for his continuing as commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stowell Shapley,  
Secretary, ANC-3D