

**Minutes of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D  
January 10, 2007 Meeting  
Adopted on March 7, 2007**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC3D was called to order by Chair Alma Gates at 7:10 PM. Commissioners present: Ann Heuer, Rachel Thompson, Tom Smith. Commissioners Haas and Sandza arrived shortly thereafter. Commissioner Nan Wells was absent due to illness.

**Police Report**

Officer McElwee presented the crime report.. Over the past month, one robbery, two burglaries, nine thefts, six thefts from auto and one stolen auto were reported. There was suspicious activity around 47<sup>th</sup> and Tilden with men going house to house seeking work. Officer McElwee reported that with regard to traffic enforcement, there will be increased radar on Arizona, MacArthur, Canal and Massachusetts in the next few weeks.

**Community Concerns**

Linda Miller, 5065 Macomb asked that a stop sign be placed on her street to slow the speed of through traffic. People use Macomb Street as a cut-through between MacArthur and Loughboro. There are no sidewalks on the street and lots of children. Ms. Miller noted stop signs are still needed on Watson and Tilden Streets.

**Public Space -- Michael Banks, 4840 Dexter Street**

This address is located in Commissioner Sandza's Single Member District.

This marked Mr. Banks' fourth appearance before the commission for a driveway and curb cut. Revised plans for the Banks residence were reduced to a single driveway and curb cut, however the driveway was not uniform in width and would be wide enough in front of the residence to permit two cars to be parked side-by-side.

Mrs. Brown, the immediate neighbor, has concerns about this amount of impervious surface and the runoff associated with it.

After discussion, Commissioner Sandza made a motion to approve the driveway provided it is 12 feet wide at all points and pervious surface material is used. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The vote was 6-0-0.

**Public Space -- 2335 49<sup>th</sup> Street -- Rebuilding an existing retaining wall and gate.**

This address is located in Commissioner Heuer's district.

Mr. and Mrs. Turkus stated the reason they want to rebuild the retaining wall at the front of their property is to correct erosion and to bring their wall into uniform height with the existing neighboring walls. They have put in an extensive drainage system to catch water coming from properties located on King Place. They plan to backfill in area behind the wall. They are removing iron work from the gate to make it more uniform with the fence.

Commissioner Heuer motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Smith seconded. The vote was 5-1-0 with Commissioner Haas opposing.

### **Update from Sibley Hospital Concerning Zoning Commission Application 05-24**

The hospital is located in Commissioner Thompson's district.

Sibley Hospital – Jerry Price, COO of Sibley said they had had a meeting with DDOT and were prepared to report on DDOT's request for additional information. Lou Slade, traffic consultant, spoke about traffic issues. They will reduce the building by one floor. There will be a pedestrian walkway on Loughboro and Dalecarlia. Speed on Dalecarlia was discussed.

Buses at intersection – how they interact with each other and how it works going around the buses on MacArthur. In response to questions from Commissioner Thompson about a diagram Sibley shared with the ANC in Spring of 2006 which shows the helipad located on a parking lot behind the hospital – rather than on top of Little Falls Road -- Mr. Price agreed that at such time when the only barrier to a re-routing of WMATA buses onto Little Falls Road is the presence there of the hospital's helipad, he will arrange to have it moved as in the diagram.

There are four intersections near the hospital. Arizona and Loughboro, Arizona and MacArthur, Dalecarlia and Rockwood Parkway and Dalecarlia and Warren Street. Heavy truck traffic is expected with construction. Sibley is taking responsibility for the cost of both design and construction of the revised intersection.

The Zoning Commission hearing is slated for February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **American University – Special Exception for Renovation of McKinley Building**

The district in which the McKinley Building is located on the AU campus is in a Single Member District without representation on ANC 3D.

David Taylor, Chief of Staff in the Office of the President at American University informed the commission that the goal is to preserve the facade of the McKinley Building and to build out a small addition at the rear of the building which will allow the university to consolidate all programs related to the School of Communications. The renovation will entail adding 3,152 square feet of GFA and will not require a change in

enrollment or faculty. The renovation will provide the School of Communication with classroom space and a theater. The terrace floor will be below grade.

Commissioner Smith raised several issues with regard to compliance with the Campus Plan including the use of housing at a facility on Westbard Avenue in Bethesda being counted toward “on campus” housing.

AU will return in February with answers to some of the questions commissioners raised.

### **The Lab School – Public Space**

This address is in Commissioner Heuer’s district.

Allison Prince, attorney with Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman, presented the request of The Lab School of Washington to use Public Space for 43 back-in angled parking spaces. The BZA granted an increase in students and faculty contingent upon the school installing the parking spaces for a period of five years. The spaces will not be for the exclusive use of the school. At the end of five years the school must have found a permanent solution to their parking needs.

The Lab School currently has 328 students and 182 faculty and staff. If a permanent solution is not found by the end of the five year period, the school will return to its previous cap of 310 students and 95 faculty and staff. It was noted that Lab School parking in the CVS lot by Lab School staff and students must stop as there is no room for customers.

Commissioner Heuer presented a resolution and moved for approval of use of public space on Whitehaven Parkway by The Lab School of Washington for 43 back-in angled parking spaces for a period of five years with the understanding that the use of the spaces is not exclusive to the school. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-0-0.

### **Commission Business**

#### **Resolution to approve ANC Security Fund for Chairperson and Treasurer – 6-0-0**

#### **Election of Officers**

Chair Gates nominated Commissioner Thompson for Chair – Ann Haas seconded. The vote was 6-0-0. Commissioner Thompson nominated Commissioner Gates for vice chair. Commissioner Heuer seconded. The vote was 6-0-0. Commissioner Thompson nominated Commissioner Heuer for treasurer, with Commissioner Gates seconding. The vote was 6-0-0.

After extensive discussion, Commissioner Sandza agreed to be Secretary. Her nomination was approved 6-0-0.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from December meeting were read and approved with the correction of one street address by Commissioner Haas.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was read and approved. There is now \$29,353.74 in the Bank of America checking account. This includes a direct deposit for our quarterly allotment of \$6,388.20 made on January 8, 2007. The next quarterly report will be submitted for approval at the February meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel W. Thompson  
Secretary