



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

**TENLEYTOWN
CHEVY CHASE**

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK
WAKEFIELD**

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
FORT GAINES**

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Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024, 7:30 pm

The meeting convened via Zoom at 7:35 PM with Commissioners Bender, Cohen, Denny, Ghosh and Gianinno in attendance. Commissioner Quinn joined later.

Announcements / Open Forum– opportunity for members of the community to raise issues of concern or importance to the 3E neighborhood

Elizabeth Vaden announced the Undesign the Redline exhibit will be at the Cleveland Park Library through July 11. The exhibit looks at the history of how discrimination and the creation of segregated neighborhoods played out in Ward 3 and how those laws and policies affect the Ward 3 today.

Leigh Catherine Miles, Chief of Staff with Councilmember Frumin's Office stated the council began the budget markups this week and the first vote on the budget will take place on May 29. The next Workday in the Ward will take place on May 23 at the Den at Politics and Prose. Senior Fest will take place at UDC on May 29.

Noah Getz, Executive Director of Tenleytown Main Street, announced that TenleyFest will take place on June 1 and is asking for a letter of support for the event. Commissioner Bender asked if they would be blocking traffic (they would not) and if amplified music will be played (no). There were no other questions or comments. Commissioner Bender moved, and Commissioner Gianinno seconded a motion to authorize Commissioner Cohen to write a letter in support of the event. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 with Commissioner Quinn was not present at the time of the vote.

Presentation by 2nd District Police

Lt Murphy stated that over the last 30 days in PSA 202 there were no violent crimes and two motor vehicle thefts. One vehicle was recovered and the one stolen from Upton St has not been recovered yet.

An attendee asked for stop sign enforcement at Van Ness and 45th and for police patrols during Mayfair on May 11. An attendee, Jimmie Hamilton, introduced himself and stated they work with a substance abuse prevention program in Wards 3 and 4 and asked if MPD or any Commissioners would like to join him at Glover Park day.

Commissioners:

- Asked how MPD tracks altercations around Deal and Jackson-Reed if there are no arrests. Murphy stated police track all reports even if they do not result in charges or arrests and that they have a lot of police and school resource officers in the area and especially during school events.

- Asked for details about a lockdown at Deal due to children having gel shooters. Murphy asked for more details about the incident so he could research what happened.
- Asked if fewer MPD are being detailed to Wisconsin Ave before school. Murphy stated that resources have been deployed differently due to staff shortages and to staff being pulled for protests downtown.

Discussion and possible vote on resolution regarding liquor license renewal for Wagshal's and Verified Wines

Commissioner Bender informed those in attendance that the ANC does not normally take action for liquor license renewals (as opposed to initial applications) unless there are complaints about the establishment. There were no concerns raised by those in attendance or sent to the Commissioners ahead of the meeting, therefore the Commission took no action on Rodman's liquor license renewal.

Discussion of and possible vote on resolution regarding liquor license application for Mayflower Chinese Restaurant

Commissioner Denny stated Mayflower Chinese Restaurant is seeking a liquor license. The owner, Steven Cheng and his translator stated it is a 12-seat restaurant and want to serve alcohol and allow for takeout. Denny stated the restaurant would not be serving using outdoor seating and he's heard no objections to the application from community members.

Attendees had no questions or comments. Commissioners asked if most of the business is take out and delivery. Mr Cheng, through his translator, stated that most of the alcohol sold would be for takeout and delivery.

Commissioner Denny moved, and Commissioner Gianinno seconded a motion to approve a letter in support of Mayflower's liquor license application. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 with Commissioner Quinn was not present at the time of the vote.

Discussion of and possible vote on resolution regarding special exception application for relief from rear yard and lot occupancy requirements for addition at 4425 Warren Street, NW

Cindy McClure representing the owners of 4425 Warren Street stated they would like to remove their deck and replace it with a one-story screened porch. They are seeking relief from lot occupancy (1.1%) and rear yard setbacks between the house and the detached garage. They have letters of support from both adjacent neighbors. They will be increasing their non-permeable space and have agreed to install a rain barrel.

Attendees and Commissioners had no questions or comments.

Commissioner Gianinno moved, and Commissioner Carny seconded a motion to approve a letter in support of the special exception for 4425 Warren St. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 with Commissioner Quinn was not present at the time of the vote.

Discussion of and possible vote on DDOT notice of intent to install an all-way stop sign at Belt Road and Garrison Street

Commissioner Bender stated that Commissioner Quinn authored a resolution in support of the all-way stop sign and asked for the removal of some landscaping that blocks sight lines at the intersection.

Attendees and Commissioners had no questions or comments.

Commissioner Bender moved, and Commissioner Denny seconded a motion to approve a letter in support of the all-way stop sign at Belt Road and Garrison Street. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 with Commissioner Quinn was not present at the time of the vote.

Discussion of and possible vote on letter in support of TenleyFest event sponsored by Tenleytown Main Street

This item was addressed during open forum.

Presentation by Department of General Services Director Delano Hunter on FY 25 budget

Delano Hunter, Director of DGS provided a summary of the Mayor's budget. He stated the city is recovering from Covid, crime is trending down and enrolment in school in trending up. Unfortunately, the city is facing increasing costs for WMATA and slowing growth in revenue (it was 6% and now is 2%). The budget the Mayor released seeks to maintain core services and prioritize programs with a track record of success.

Attendees:

- Stated that there is a failed office building at the corner of Wisconsin Ave and Jenifer St that will be going to tax auction. The attendee noted that the city has programs to help convert office buildings to apartments and asked if that help is available outside of downtown DC and noted that we need more affordable housing in Ward 3.
- Asked the city to reconsider installing bike lanes along Connecticut Ave.

Commissioners:

- Asked about police staffing. Delano stated that they are creating 40 community safety officers, a civilian position, to relieve some duties so police can do more crime fighting tasks.
- Asked for details about funding for office building to residential conversions. Delano stated that there are some grants but mostly offers tax breaks, some technical assistance and an expedited permitting process.
- Stated that while spending per pupil is increased, there will be 200 positions lost at Janney, Deal and Jackson-Reed. They asked how the city is putting education first when these cuts will have adverse effects on our children. Delano replied that there are pressures from labor agreements, increasing costs, and a slowing in growth of revenue that does not allow the city to sustain the level of continued growth that we have seen over the last 16 years.
- Stated that our neighborhood does not have a safe, direct bike route from our ANC to downtown and their constituents do not have cars and want protected bike lanes.

Presentation by Mill Creek regarding plans for redevelopment of Superfresh Site

Commissioner Bender stated that the developers submitted a PUD that was approved by the ZC in December 2019 and the Appeals Court rejected the final appeal in March of this year. Peter Braunohler, Managing Director of Development for Mill Creek, stated they are happy to finally be moving forward on the project. Site preparation and the removal of hazardous materials will take place this summer and they anticipate the groundbreaking/razing of the existing building to take place in October. Construction is expected to take about three years in total. Scott Anderson, with Berg Demo, the abatement subcontractor, stated that there is asbestos on the site and described the removal. He expects the abatement work will start in June and last two months.

Attendees:

- Asked if they were willing to have regular monthly meetings with the 200-foot neighbors.
- Asked for more information about the contaminated water and the disposal of it. The Mill Creek team stated that all ground water in DC is considered contaminated but there is very little ground water at this site. What is there will be removed from the ground and treated onsite via carbon filtration.
- Also asked if updated environmental tests will be conducted.
- Asked for a medium for regular communication. Shane Dettman, Zoning Attorney for Mill Creek, stated that they have some requirements listed in the MOU. They will be reviewing the document to see what they are required to do and will then arrange an SMD meeting through Commissioner Gianinno.
- Stated they would like to work collaboratively with Mill Creek throughout the construction process.

Commissioners:

- Asked what would happen to the buried water tanks and any hazardous materials in the tanks. The removal of the tanks would take place during the building demolition phase.
- Asked when the plans for the protection of the heritage trees and neighbors' homes would take place. The plans will be put into place before the main construction activities begin.
- Stated they want this project to be a success and they would like to keep an open dialog and avoid the issues that arose during the City Ridge construction.

ANC Business

- Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Bender moved, and Commissioner Denny seconded a motion to approve the April 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.
- Approval of expenditures – Commissioner Quinn moved, and Commissioner Bender seconded a motion to approve payments of \$432.50 to Sherry Cohen for administrative services. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.
- Approval of 2024 Q2 Financial Report - Commissioner Quinn moved, and Commissioner Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Q2 Financial Report. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0. Commissioners Cohen and Carney did not vote.

There was a discussion about giving grants and ideas for direct funding of projects in the community such as updating restaurant ventilation units or supporting Tenleytown Main Street.

The meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 9:30 PM.