ANC-3B Minutes  
July 10, 2003

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All Commissioners were present.

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

PSA 205 Report. Officer Tony MacElwee from the Second District gave the police report for Patrol Service Area 205. Thefts from auto have increased in the last month. Two other thefts were reported as was one domestic incident.

OLD BUSINESS:

Follow-up on Austin Grill Trash Problem. Mike Kisner, a consultant for Austin Grill, reported that the trash area had been cleaned up and measures implemented to secure the area. Austin Grill will monitor the trash area to make sure it is not used for public dumping.

Faccia Luna and Heritage India Trash Problem. Jill Diskin, Ward 3 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, reported that Cleveland Ray from DPW is inspecting the Faccia Luna and Heritage India trash areas on a weekly basis. Some problems still exist because she thinks the trash is only being picked up once a week. Also, they have not enclosed the trash area yet even though it has been more than three months since they were required to do so.

Curb Cut Request for 2136 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. The property is zoned for mixed use. The developer is requesting a 10’ curb cut. If granted, this curb cut would eliminate parking spaces on Wisconsin Avenue. The developer says that this curb cut would not be used to put in a parking area in front of the property but that it is required by the Zoning Board. Many commissioners raised concerns that approving this curb cut would set a bad precedent. It would open up the possibility of driveways and parking lots exiting on to Wisconsin Avenue which could cause a potential safety problem. Also, since a permanent easement was established in the mid-eighties with Pier Associates at 2132 Wisconsin Avenue which allows parking behind the property for all residences in that block, the need for a curb cut was not necessary. Commissioner Halpin called for a motion to table the request for the curb cut until the developer worked with the Zoning Bureau regarding the existing Covenant. The motion passed 4-1 (Commissioner Orr opposed). Commissioner Orr called for a poll of the Commissioners. Commissioners Lively, Ritzenberg, Halpin, and Lane voted to table the request.
Chairman Orr Testimony to the Zoning Board Regarding St. Luke’s Development. Commissioner Orr introduced his testimony and a motion to accept it. The motion passed 5-0.

Proposed New PSA (Police Service Area) Structure. Amy Grant from the MPD Planning Office presented additional information on the proposed PSA realignment. In the 2nd District, the number of PSAs would decline from 9 to 7. Most of ANC 3B would be in the newly formed PSA 204 which would be a much larger PSA that would run east and west. The new PSA would have to be split into sub-districts because it is so large. A minimum of 21 officers would be assigned to the new PSA 204. The City Council will have to pass legislation to accept the new PSA structure before it can be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Formation of an Upper Georgetown/Glover Park Business Association. Commissioner Orr introduced a resolution to form an association of businesses from the commercial area of ANC 3B. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The resolution passed 5-0.

Proposed Change in Legislation on Liquor License Procedures. Councilmember Mendelsohn has introduced legislation to give ANCs “party status” in the liquor license process. The definition would be broadened to include the concept of “effected ANCs,” i.e., adjacent ANCs would also have party status. A motion was introduced and seconded to support this change in legislation. The motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of June 2003 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Halpin presented the June 2003 minutes for approval. A motion of accept the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Budget/Audit Update. Commissioner Halpin reported that bank charges had been refunded but that the ANC 3B checking account was still frozen.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Orr asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.