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3F01 – Vacant
3F02 – Shirley Adelstein, Treasurer
3F03 – Mary Beth Ray
3F04 – Sally Gresham, Vice Chair
3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
3F06 – Malachy Nugent, Chair
3F07 – Patrick Jakopchek, Vice Chair



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Public Meeting – January 27, 2016

Forest Hills of DC
4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Forest Hills of DC, 4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public.

Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com, and the livestream recording of the meeting is available at <http://new.livestream.com/anc-3f>. Times listed in parentheses indicate the point in the recording at which that item is discussed.

Commissioners Present: Ray
 Gresham
 Jakopchek
 Adelstein
 Molod
 Nugent

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Gresham made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Nugent as the Chair.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Jakopchek as the Vice Chair.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Molod as the Secretary.	6-0-0	

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Adelstein as the Treasurer.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to participate in the yearly ANC Security Fund.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to approve the ANC3F Meeting schedule for 2016.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the minutes of the November and December 2015 meetings.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	6-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:35 pm
 Adjournment: 10:25 pm
 Financial Status: \$116,000.00

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements (00:00:35)

Molod: None

Jakopchek: None

Adelstein:

1. ANC3F02 January monthly meeting was cancelled due to the storm and the details of the February meeting will be announced soon at: <http://www.shirleyadelstein.com>.

2. DDOT Connecticut Ave. NW lighting study: In response to Commissioner Adelstein's request, the DDOT Streetlight Division investigated the lights on Connecticut Avenue NW from Van Ness Street NW to Chevy Chase Circle. DDOT conducted a lighting survey of the roadway and sidewalks, identifying eight sample segments of Connecticut Ave. NW as exhibiting marginal to low lighting levels. The investigation also revealed that the light fixtures in the segments that fell below the recommended lighting levels were very old and/or dirty and therefore not giving off the recommended illumination. DDOT issued work orders to District's streetlight contractor to replace the old fixtures for the following eight blocks with new fixtures.

- Davenport St to Ellicott St N.W.
- Brandywine St to Chesapeake St N.W.
- Nebraska Ave to Chevy Chase Pkwy N.W.
- Jocelyn St to Kanawha St N.W.
- Military Rd to Legation St N.W.
- Legation St to Livingston St N.W.

Morrison St to Northampton St N.W.
Northampton St to Oliver St N.W.

Work has been completed. The contractor has installed new lamps and cleaned all lenses in each light on the street blocks listed. DDOT is planning to conduct a night inspection as soon as the weather permits but would also like community feedback. Please send email to 3f02@anc.dc.gov with any concerns about any of these areas.

3. Congratulations to UDC on the opening of their new Student Center on January 20th.

Nugent:

1. ANC3F has a vacancy in SMD 3F01 after the departure of Adam Tope. The Board of Elections will announce the vacancy, and signature petitions will be available on February 8th. The candidates will then have 3 weeks to gather 25 signatures of residents in their single member district. At the March Meeting we will make arrangements for the election.

2. Murch Elementary school officials have made a decision regarding the locations of classrooms during their 2 year renovation – they decided to move students to trailer space for one year at UDC and then during the second year to trailers on the Murch property. This decision was widely unpopular. The objections are because there is no safety or traffic plan, it limits play space, it requires multiple moves, and increases the cost and duration of the process.

Ray:

1. Van Ness Main Street hired Theresa Cameron as the first Executive Director. Theresa brings a wealth of experience in the arts and in economic development. She previously taught Main Street seminars on establishing cultural districts. There were 22 candidates, which were narrowed to 7. Those 7 were interviewed, and narrowed to 3 finalists, who were interviewed a second time. Theresa started work on January 11th, and has been alternating work location between Starbucks and Bread Furst. Van Ness Main Street is still looking for office space, so please send email to 3f03.anc.dc.gov or to mbray4526@gmail.com with any leads.

2. As announced last month, developer Juan Murrillo and the MMG group have a contract to buy the former Polish Ambassador's residence at 3101 Albemarle Street NW. They are hoping to tear down the embassy and build four to six homes on the site. These are the developers who built the two, soon to be three, large houses at Albemarle and 36th Streets. Marjorie Share and Jane Solomon have invited interested neighbors to discuss how we might work with the developer to build something appropriate to the site, which overlooks the entrance to Soapstone Valley Park. The meeting will be on Monday, February 1 at 6:30 at 3051 Albemarle St. NW.

3. Thanks to Rock Creek Conservancy for mobilizing 45 volunteers to clean up and mulch the Soapstone Valley Park Trail between Albemarle St. NW and Audubon Terrace NW. Special thanks also to Vera Ertem of UFA, Commissioner Pat Jakopchek, neighbors and volunteers.

4. Kudos to all Van Ness St. NW merchants who stayed open during the snow storm. Special kudos to the owners and employees of Bread Furst, who also weathered an armed robbery. ANC3F is delighted that Jesse is back to work after being struck by the gunman.

5. Congratulations to the Forest Hills Citizens Association and the Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance for a well-attended and informative meeting on Thursday, January 21. Thanks to Denise Warner for her years of service as president, and Jane Solomon as vice president. Both are stepping down, and anyone interested in leading these organizations should please contact them.

Gresham:

1. Park Van Ness Construction Project Update: At the December ANC meeting, representatives from Saul and Clark presented the sidewalk opening time line resulting in the long awaited opening on February 26, 2016. Due to unanticipated major repair work on Pepco infrastructure at the north end of the site, extreme cold weather and Winter Storm Jonas, the sidewalk's re-opening target date is now in jeopardy. As of early January, a new DDOT approved Traffic Control Plan is in effect. Saul and Clark representatives are providing weekly public space 'Streetscape' progress reports and an activities completion chart to the ANC.

DDOT and WMATA reported that the bus stop/shelter previously located at the south end of the Park Van Ness site will not be re-installed. A Capital Bikeshare station is being planned at this location. This is very good news and dovetails with DDOT's recommendations in the forthcoming Connecticut Avenue Corridor Crosswalk Safety Project.

2. WMATA Van Ness Metro Station Update: Due to Winter Storm Jonas, Ann Chisholm reported to the ANC that a progress status report could not be provided. The projected date of re-closing the west stairs in late February or early March stands as previously reported. WMATA staff will attend our February ANC meeting to present the quarterly status report on the Van Ness escalator project.

3. Murch Elementary School Modernization Update: DCPS and DGS have narrowed the previous 4 possible swing space sites under consideration down to the UDC Soccer Field scenario. The parties involved are working on logistical issues concerning the renovation of UDC's athletic fields' construction time line. There is the possibility that Murch students will either be on the UDC site for 2 years or be at the UDC swing 'trailer park campus' for one year and move back to on-site swing space consisting of trailers and major portions of the existing renovated Murch building for the second year of construction. The selected contractor is working with DCPS/DGS and UDC to find a feasible UDC/Murch sites solution for the Murch Community.

4. Thank you to Adam Tope for his ANC3F Service: Sadly as of January 27th, Adam Tope resigned as Commissioner of ANC3F01 and his current Chairmanship of ANC3F. I thank Adam for his 5 years of representation, 2 years as Secretary and 2 years as Chair, and wish him the best in his new endeavors. Adam has been a terrific leader and champion for our ANC and community through the representation of his constituents, working closely with the many DC agencies and bringing consensus to many neighborhood issues during his tenure. A big shout out for Adam! With Adam's resignation, a special election will be held for his vacant 3F01 seat. Candidate information is available on DC's Board of Elections ANC website or from Voter Services Office at 202-727-2525.

2. Introduction of Theresa Cameron, Van Ness Main Street Executive Director (00:18:19)

Theresa expressed thanks to everyone for welcoming her. Her background includes working with the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Council in Montgomery County and she was a previous ANC Commissioner. She has also done work on creating cultural districts, getting legislation passed and worked with the National Main Streets on community development. She's very excited about the positive Van Ness community and how collaborative it is.

3. Police Report (00:22:01)

Sgt. Johnson said that overall crime, year-to-date is down. Total property crime is down by 8% and down by 12% in the last 30 days compared to last year. The main problem is theft from autos. He suggested not to leave valuables in view in unattended cars. Commissioner Ray asked about several armed robberies that have occurred recently (Bread Furst, Wells Fargo, Burger King), and Sgt. Johnson replied that they are all open cases so he cannot discuss them. Commissioner Ray asked about tires have been slashed in the area. Sgt. Johnson did not have destruction of property reports, but recommended that if something like that occurs the victim should make sure to file a police report. In response to a request that the Commission be provided with last year's crime information, Sgt. Johnson replied that it could be obtained from Lt. Durand. Todd Willins asked about the stabbing at Wilson High School. Sgt. Johnson replied that they have 2 suspects, not minors but it is also an open case so he could not comment any further. Nancy Starr asked what has been done to make Bread Furst safer. Sgt. Johnson said that MPD has increased patrols.

4. Announcements / Open Forum (00:34:43)

Barbara Bates is interested in 3101 Albemarle and the developer who is planning 4-6 houses. She inquired about whether there are zoning issues. Commissioner Ray said the tree and slope overlay relating to lot size does not apply. Commissioner Gresham added that most of the "carved out" blocks that tree and slope overlay rules do not apply are off Connecticut Avenue. Barbara Bates suggested that the tree and slope overlay restrictions could be extended. Commissioner Gresham added the reminder that new zoning regulations will go into effect this September.

5. Presentation on New ANC3F Website (00:38:05)

ANC3F's new website will go live tomorrow. It is much more user-friendly, efficient, and easier to update and keep current. The URL is: www.anc3f.com , and www.anc3f.us will be redirected to the new website. The Commission spent six months working on design and development.

6. Technical Review Committee-Update on Discussion regarding Chick-Fil-A at 4422 Connecticut Ave. NW (00:39:59)

The Committee had a meeting on January 21, 2016. The Commission had asked Chick-fil-A representatives to explore alternatives to accommodate the potential overflow of patrons from the drive-thru. The alternative presented is to build one lane for cars in the drive-thru queue and one pass-through lane (like the current setup) rather than the two lanes that were originally proposed. In addition, Chick-fil-A employees will approach vehicles in both lanes of the driveway to take orders on tablets, and also be present at the edge of the driveway to direct any traffic backups through the pass-through lane. The Commission had also asked for estimates of possible drive-thru traffic. Estimates were provided from Chick-fil-A representatives, however, based on

information from Burger King and generic information about volume at this type of fast food establishment. The Technical Review Committee asked for refined plans and a more detailed traffic report. They will submit everything by Friday, February 5 and then will submit it to the city and to the Commission. The timetable calls for ANC3F to review the plans and give their position at the next meeting on February 23rd, and the Public Space Meeting is on February 25th. Chick-Fil-A representatives will also meet with other DC agencies over the next week or two (DDOT planning and policy). ANC3F commissioners stated that they are still very concerned about traffic (pedestrians and the car wash).

Comments: Commissioner Molod added that the solar panel option with the green roof (on top of the two traffic lanes) may be do-able. Commissioner Gresham noted that two lane stacking was what Chick-Fil-A planners wanted and they were willing to accommodate our concerns about the traffic and amend their plans.

7. Presentation about proposed legislation on FMLA - Linda Bennish DC Paid Leave Campaign (00:49:57)

Linda Bennish, of the nonprofit DC Paid Leave Coalition (DCpaidfamilyleave.org) was introduced by Commissioner Adelstein to ask for Commission support for the proposed DC Universal Paid Leave Act. The District Council is currently revising the proposed Universal Paid Leave Act and will bring it up for a vote in the near future. Current DC law allows for 16 weeks unpaid leave for personal/family hardship, and the Universal Paid Leave Act would allow up to 16 weeks of paid leave. The funding for the paid leave would be from employer contributions, similar to existing programs in NJ, CA and elsewhere. Ms. Bennish reported that studies show that local businesses approve of the program and that it was a net positive impact on them. ANC3F is requested to show their support for the Act and also to advocate for the retention of the 16-week term of paid leave at full salary and the provision for including hardships related to blood relatives and anyone the employee resides with. The Coalition would be willing to support the gradual ramp-up to the full program being considered by the Council.

Discussion:

In response to questions from Commissioners, Ms. Bennish added some more detail about the funding structure and about communication with the DC business community. Each employer would contribute a payroll tax of 0.6-1%. In addition, federal employees and anyone who lives in the District and works outside would have to pay in, and those who are self-employed could opt in. The contribution would be based on the previous year's salary, so it would include part time and hourly wage employees. There would be no minimum number of employees required for a business to have to contribute, but the obligation to hold an employee's job for 16 weeks would still only apply to businesses with more than 20 employees. Ms. Bennish also stated that representatives of the DC Family Leave Coalition have reached out to local business owners and that the response was mixed. She said that there were ongoing discussions with some local trade associations and the Chamber of Commerce.

Uzay Turker, owner of Acacia Bistro, voiced his objections to the proposed Act and said that it would be quite bad for the food industry in the Van Ness neighborhood. He said that there is already unemployment insurance, and asked why, for a business with fewer than 20 employees, paid leave would be required when the employer is not required to hold the position open. Commissioner Jakopchek advised that the DC Paid Family Leave Coalition should contact Van

Ness Main Streets' executive director (Theresa Cameron) to open a dialogue with local business owners to discuss the Paid Family Leave Act, and Commissioner Ray asked if a representative of the DC Chamber of Commerce could be asked to speak to ANC3F to express their view of the proposed legislation.

8. Officer Elections (01:17:38)

The current slate of officers is:

Chair -Adam Tope
Vice Chair - Sally Gresham
Secretary -Andrea Molod
Treasurer - Malachy Nugent.

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Nugent as the Chair. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Jakopchek as the Vice Chair. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Molod as the Secretary. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Adelstein as the Treasurer. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

The new slate of officers is:

Chair – Malachy Nugent
Vice Chair – Pat Jakopchek
Secretary - Andrea Molod
Treasurer – Shirley Adelstein

9. Resolution to Participate in the ANC Security Fund (01:20:18)

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to participate in the yearly ANC Security Fund. The treasurer pays \$25 fee to participate. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

10. Resolution to Approve Meeting Schedule for 2016 (01:21:13)

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to approve the ANC3F Meeting schedule for 2016. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0). Discussion: They are required to have 9 meetings, generally meet the third Tuesday of every month, except August and December. Commissioner Gresham suggested August and December as optional.

11. Miscellaneous (01:23:58)

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Nugent said that \$6235 was spent in November and December, the majority was for the Peirce Mill Grant and the website. Halfway through the fiscal year they have spent \$12,052 of the total estimated \$40,000. ANC3F has \$116,000 in bank. The DC Auditor changed the way expenses are grouped from 25 categories down to 9.

Approval of Minutes from November & December 2015 Meeting

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the minutes of the November and December 2015 meeting as amended. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Commissioner Gresham conveyed the thanks of Forest Hills of DC staff and director for the payment in lieu of rent, and relayed that the new tables would arrive shortly.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).
