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Public Meeting – March 15, 2016

Forest Hills of DC
4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 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 Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the minutes of the special March 10, 2016 meeting.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein offered a resolution in support of the stipulated liquor license for First Vine LLC.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to fill out Zoning Board Form 159 in support of variances being requested for 3522 Davenport St. NW	6-0-0	

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to table consideration of the resolution regarding the Universal Paid Family Leave Act this until the fiscal impact study is completed.	3-3-0	
Commissioner Adelstein proposed a resolution to support the Universal Paid Family Leave Act.	4-2-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	6-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:30 pm
 Adjournment: 11:47 pm
 Financial Status: \$114,000.00

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from Special March 10, 2016 Meeting (00:04:08)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the minutes of the special ANC3F meeting held on March 10, 2016. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

2. Commissioner Announcements (00:04:38)

Jakopchek:

1. The neighborhood north of Tilden, which includes the homes along Linnean, Lenore, Tilden Place, are asking about getting the road repaired. It needs curbs, stormwater management, paving and regrading. DDOT is responsive and some of the work has been put into a construction schedule. There is a meeting in April with DDOT.
2. Home and building owners near the Kuwaiti Embassy are considering different options for the field nearby which has been recently purchased. They would like to know if the land be used for recreation, and are preparing a letter to inquire.

Molod:

1. Neighbors are continuing to complain about noise levels coming from Comet Restaurant. MPD Captain Scott said that if we call MPD they will get in touch with the ABRA inspectors. MPD can also write a fact finding letter to ABRA if the commission requests it.
2. The ANC3F05 facebook web page has been established.

Adelstein:

1. The next ANC3F02 meeting will be on March 22, 7:30 PM, in the social room of Van Ness South (3003 Van Ness Street, NW). After that meeting, ANC3F02 be moving to quarterly meetings tentatively scheduled for: June 28, September 27, and December 6.

Ray:

1. Van Ness Main Street is hosting a ribbon cutting featuring comments by CM Mary Cheh, welcoming our Executive Director Theresa Cameron and honoring Acacia Bistro's successful bid for a Great Streets Grant. Please join us for coffee and treats from Bread Furst at Acacia Bistro, Monday March 21 from 8:30 to 10 am.

2. On Saturday April 23 Van Ness Main Street and Levine School of Music will co-host an arts conference to hear from all arts stakeholders in our area how we can best support them. There will be two guest speakers, and break out groups to discuss next steps. If you know of artists, musicians, art and music teachers, or others who might be interested, please let me know and we will make sure to invite them.

3. Jazz at VN kicks off Saturday April 30 from 5 to 7 pm. Details to follow!

4. We were contacted by Eve Berman, a former Forest Hills resident whose father recently passed away. Ms. Berman and her family are interested in donating a bench and a tree in honor of her father. Commissioner Gresham and I have been exchanging numerous emails with Ms. Berman and her mother, and they are very interested in underwriting the cost of a bench and tree in the minipark behind WAMU at Windom entrance to Soapstone Valley Park. Lots of details to iron out, but will keep everyone posted.

Gresham:

1. Park Van Ness Construction Project Update:

- A 'BIG SHOUT OUT' for Saul and Clark Construction on meeting the targeted March 4th sidewalk opening date!!! Everyone loves the new awesome London paver walkway!
- Construction activities for March/April 2016: Continuation and completion of site work installation which includes the remaining sidewalk areas, public space areas, the motor courtyard and soft landscaping.
- Continuation and completion of interiors
- Other News: The southern public alley was repaved this past weekend. Thank you Saul and Clark yet again!
- DDOT and Capital Bike Share are moving ahead with a station being planned at the north end of the sidewalk area. There is no scheduled date for installation at this time.
- Plans for the public space south end where the bus shelter is no longer going are being worked out between Saul and DDOT.
- Saul is targeting mid-April/early-May for initial apartment move-ins and the 3rd quarter of this year for retail openings.

2. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Renewal Licenses for ANC3F Businesses Update: A record number of alcoholic beverage licenses are due to be renewed with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) this year. Approximately 16 of the 1,500 licenses that are due for renewal are in our ANC. First up is Thai Pad Restaurant which is up for its one year renewal. The Hours of Operation and Hours of Sales/Service are exactly the same as per the approved March 2015 ANC and April 2015 ABRA Board Settlement Agreement. The hours for serving alcoholic beverages along with food are:

Monday to Thursday - 11 AM to 10 PM

Friday - 11 AM to 11 PM

Saturday - 11:30 AM to 11 PM and

Sunday - 11:30 AM to 10 PM.

Since there has been positive feedback from the community on this restaurant's operation procedures throughout their first year, the ANC will continue to honor the Settlement Agreement as it currently stands. However, if there is any additional feedback from the community, please let us know at tonight's ANC meeting so we can respond in a timely fashion to ABRA. Most of the other 15 renewal license notices will be forthcoming after March 31st

which is the renewal application deadline for all businesses. An ABRA representative will be happy to attend one of our ANC or community meetings to discuss the upcoming renewal season in more detail.

Nugent:

1. There was a special meeting on March 10 with one agenda item regarding the expenditure of up to \$3500 to hire a consultant to assist the ANC regarding the Chik-fil-a agenda before the March 24 Public Space meeting.
2. ANC3F will hold a special election for the 3F01 vacancy on Tuesday April 5 from 6:05 to 7:30pm in the library at Hearst Elementary. Evelyn Chapin Quinn and David Dickinson are certified. Anyone interested in the rules can obtain them from ANC3F. Commissioner Adelstein picked Mr. Dickinson's name out of a hat as the first name on the ballot.

3. Committee Reports (00:28:16)

Commissioner Jakopchek said Soapstone Committee did not meet and has been postponed until April.

4. Police Report (00:28:37)

Lt Durand and Captain Scott spoke to ANC3F about the attempted armed robbery in January and the subsequent armed robbery in February of Bread Furst. They did not meet with Mark Furstenberg, the owner of Bread Furst, after the first incident, but Durand and other officers met with Mr. Furstenberg after the second. They are trying to increase MPD visibility. Bread Furst did some internal upgrades to their security systems. Captain Scott discussed target hardening, making oneself less a chance of being a victim of a crime. Going forward, Bread Furst will make sure that the back door is not open after a certain hour, and will also put surveillance cameras in back. The person of interest in both incidents was tracked with GPS tracking (Veritech). They arrested the person of interest for something else and they are currently trying to see if this person did this robbery as well. MPD is also starting a "beat book" policy at Bread Furst. Under this policy, the local patrol officer gets out of his/her patrol car and signs in in the store, and beat book is visible in the store. This gives beat integrity and encourages the officer to stay in the assigned area and to chat with local people. Officers are more confident to deliver service and people get confident that MPD will be there. They will start with Bread Furst as a way to change the officers' behavior.

Commissioner Ray said that MPD spoke about Bread Furst as an isolated incident, but there was an armed robbery at Burger King and one at Wells Fargo. Captain Scott said that the Burger King case is closed and the assailant was a former employee. The Wells Fargo robbery predates Lt. Durand's tenure so Captain Scott said that the bank robbery unit works with the FBI, but he does not have any information regarding that incident.

Commissioner Nugent said the businesses on the 5000 block of Connecticut Avenue should have a beat book as well.

Lt. Durand said there are thefts from autos all over the PSA including laptops and pocketbooks. MPD is putting notices on cars recommending them to secure their valuables. Some car thefts occur from unlocked cars. Captain Scott noticed that people come to businesses in the area, take valuables from their car and put them in their trunk in plain sight. Someone watching them breaks into the trunk and steals it. Thieves will take advantage of opportunities.

Commissioner Adelstein said lots of apartment buildings have problems with people breaking into cars in the garages. She asked if that was the same problem because they are breaking into the building first, and asked what can be done. She also asked if MPD is talking to building managers about how to better protect the building's parking lot. Captain Scott said that there is a "bad guy grapevine" with very quick communication. Lt. Durand said if there is a specific building he will come down and meet with the manager and if a building is targeted bring it to his attention. There are some issues of unwillingness to spend money to add protection. Lt. Durand said that it is common, for instance, for closed circuit television not to be recording. He said that most modern systems go to a hard drive so it is getting better. Also that often older owners rely on fake cameras.

Lt. Durand said that there is a proliferation of graffiti in the area, probably from one person. That person seems to be making their way down Connecticut Avenue. When asked what is the crime associated with graffiti, Captain Scott said they can be charged with tagging. Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has a unit for graffiti. Lt. Durand asked that people send him an email if they see the graffiti or see it happening. Mike Matthews said it is now DPW that has a graffiti removal unit and they are good at taking care of it.

5. Announcements / Open Forum (00:52:45)

David Bardin: Wanted to report to us what he learned from a conversation with Matt Marcou, who chairs the public space permit committee (different from building permits). Mr. Bardin also looked at the mayor's order about public space permits, and told the ANC that it characterized public space permits as temporary. The act of Congress cited by former Mayor Fenty's order related to public space permits confirmed this, so public space can be taken back. The second thing Mr. Bardin learned is that permits are issued to the property, for example to the owner, not to the tenant, or developer. So, for example, curb cuts are issued to the landlord, so he was curious about why the permits are being considered to be given to Chik-fil-a. He learned that in this case the tenant is an agent for the landlord. Mr. Bardin said that he had a thought for the commission about the many complaints about the car wash interfering with the needs of public space - can we initiate a procedure to revoke/modify the rights of the carwash to use public space? The car wash is the owner of the land and the business. Mr. Bardin also added that he is annoyed by continued flooding from Burger King after the storm. He asked if we can get the owner of the land to deal with the stormwater by revising/revoking the public space permit.

6. Murch Elementary School Modernization Project update (00:59:30)

Lisa Burke was present to speak to the Commission. Ms. Burke is on the school improvement team (SIT) and is also resident of the envelope of the school. SIT meetings with DCPS are discussing the fourth version of the design. They had a meeting with envelope homeowners, then had a community meeting open to the public. The DC Auditor put the Murch project on their list. They will be there at all of the meetings to make sure it stays on the rails. One more design has happened to try to change/fix it in response to the homeowners, but it still does not work because it does not satisfy the requirements of the commission regarding: safety, the curb cut (still in a place all think is dangerous) and traffic. The SIT asked for a slow-down in the permitting since there is still no approved design. The next permit is the public space permit for the curb cut on Reno Rd. A recent design has brought back almost all issues that were originally on the table but resolved.

Commissioners Gresham and Nugent are on the SIT committee. Commissioner Gresham asked if SIT has made a conscious decision to say that they don't like the current design and are willing to forego the start of construction this year to have enough time to sort all of this out. Lisa Burke said that so far they have not made this clear. There are questions about how long the project will take given that there is no underground digging anymore. Swing space has started to be built. They cannot delay too long otherwise they won't be ready to open the school in August of 2016.

7. Forest Hills Connection Grant Application (01:06:05)

Marlene Berlin is applying for \$3000 to design and implement a 5-year strategic funding plan. The grant application was submitted to the ANC. They want to make sure the FHC lives in the community after Ms. Berlin leaves. FHC started in 2012 with Marlene Berlin and Tracy Johnke, who does the technology. They started at 500 emails with startup funding from the Forest Hills Alliance and CM Cheh's constituent fund. They have an ad from Photo Safari that mostly covers their costs, which are near \$6000 per year, including a stipend for Tracy Johnke. They currently have about 1000 subscribers and 4000 readers per month.

8. Stipulated Liquor License for First Vine, LLC, 4221 Connecticut Avenue (01:19:40)

Tom Natan is one of the owners. First Vine LLC gets 4 deliveries per year, 2 from France, 1 each from Italy and Spain. They will increase the wine delivered over time, but not the number of deliveries. First Vine LLC gets orders on the Internet twice a week. Currently Mr. Natan goes to the store, packs up the wine and delivers it. He used to keep the wine at Security Storage but they are closing. Mr. Natan reported that he moves about 50 cases of wine per month (fits 16 in his Prius). Other deliveries are made by UPS, and Domain Wine will also act as UPS shippers. Domain really is just a wine storage business, and they have better environment and conditions for the wine. [Name of the place is Domain Wine Storage and Appreciation, it is in the basement of 4221 Connecticut Avenue, great climate control, capability for storing 500 cases.]

Commissioner Adelstein said that First Vine LLC requested a stipulated license. This would let him start to ship before the official and full license is done. The potential issue was related to traffic, but Commissioner Adelstein is satisfied that there is no issue. The business hours are 9am - 9pm, usually only two days per week.

Commissioner Jakopchek said that the website says that the store has the option for free will call. He asked if that be happening at this location. Mr. Natan said not at this site. Will call will happen at another location, perhaps in Glover Park.

Commissioner Ray said that Mr. Natan mentioned that he distributes wine not otherwise available by retailers in DC. He said that he is the sole distributor of wines he sells. There is no overlap with Calvert Woodley. Commissioner Ray also asked how many comparable businesses have space at Domain. Mr. Natan responded that there is one other that does shipping, also a couple of companies with wholesale licenses, mostly based in Virginia because it is easier to get wine to DC customers. He's not sure of the exact number, but somewhere near 4. Commissioners said it is actually 9.

Commissioner Adelstein proposed a resolution in support of the stipulated liquor license for First Vine. The resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

9. Zoning Variance 3522 Davenport (01:34:08)

Alejandro Rosenberg, the owner of 3522 Davenport St. NW, needs 5 variances to build a rear deck for his property. The deck won't change the property footprint and all of his neighbors approve of the construction. The permit was denied because of: (i) lot coverage - it is zoned R1b and the house pre-dates the rule about lot coverage. The rule states that It can occupy 40% of the lot, but the house now occupies 45%, so ANY change will be denied. The present brick wall/planter is less than 4 feet high so it does not count as an existing structure; (ii) the permit denial said that they lose 2 feet of parking, but they have been parking 2 cars there now; (iii) the open court is required to be 6 feet wide, but it is 4 feet wide now and that will not change.

The deck will cover the entirety of the brick planter. Mr. Rosenberg said that he started this process last June, the permit was denied in July, and no formal letter was sent to make the appeal. The appeal was postponed, they received no letter, and finally were told that a 6 inch reduction in deck length would allow the permit to be granted without the need for a variance. They redid the plans, but then were told that the permit would still not be granted. It got delayed again until February, but they now have the rejection letter, so are filing for appeal.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to fill out Zoning Form 129 in support of the zoning variances being requested at 3522 Davenport St. NW. The motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

10. Zoning Modification to Ban Drive-Thru Businesses in Van Ness (01:53:11)

Gary Malasky from Van Ness Vision Committee (VNVC): The ANC should request a change to zoning to ban drive-thrus in the neighborhood. The suburban style drive thru is not in keeping with the main street environment. The DC Office of Planning issued a vision statement along the same lines. The opposition to Chick Fil-A (CFA) underlines the opposition to drive thrus. If the code is changed it prevents the CFA fight from happening again. Commissioner Nugent asked if there is precedent for this sort of change and what would it require, administrative or act of the Council? Mr. Malasky said it can be initiated by the Zoning Commission. There ARE overlays that would be great for this case. How to do this would be up to them; change in zoning class, overlay, or whatever.

Commissioner Adelstein asked if there could be a place in our ANC where a drive thru would be appropriate.

Commissioner Jakopcsek said we got a note from a handicapped person who needs a drive thru. Mr. Malasky said that curb cuts associated with a drive thru are not appropriate for a pedestrian area.

Commissioner Jakopcsek asked if the modification to zoning is for Van Ness only. Mr. Malasku said that he was addressing the Van Ness area only, but if the ANC wants to expand it would be ok.

Commissioner Gresham asked if they are targeting the car wash as well. Mr. Malasky said the code change would not affect the carwash or even CFA (application is in already), only future businesses. He also said there should be no drive-thrus of any kind because there are different ways of accommodating car service.

Marlene Berlin made the observation that there is no regulatory framework within public space venue to consider pedestrian safety. It was an afterthought to ask CFA to address this in the traffic safety plan. She asks for advice on the best way to have a heightened awareness of pedestrian safety in public space matters by asking the consultant being hired by the ANC.

11. Updates to the Tree and Slope Overlay (02:05:52)

Jane and Daniel Solomon spoke to ANC3F about suggested modifications to the current Tree and Slope Overlay rules. Jane Solomon is now the president of the Forest Hills Citizens Association and the Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance. She and Daniel Solomon have taken up the tree and slope overlay to try to make it better. Ms. Solomon wanted to give an introduction to tree and slope overlay provisions. She said that it begins with the mandate to protect the park from erosion, etc. She said that we need to think about what is near the park, and how to build houses on the slopes in wooded environments to complement the aesthetic and protect the park. The tree roots on the slopes help keep the hillside intact. When replaced with houses, the hillside can erode.

The zoning overlay, primarily residential zone R1A, R1B, R2, overlays the zoning classification with additional provisions. Regulations in the Forest Hills overlay: (i) restrict removal of trees, (ii) decrease what percent of lot to use, (iii) decrease coverage of impervious surfaces, and (iv) increases size of the lot.

The final set-down in 2007 for the Tree and Slope Overlay regulations are bifurcated: for all of Forest Hills, there are some provisions (impervious surface, how much to cover with building, side lots) related to the construction. A subset of Forest Hills near the park is also subject to further restriction of tree cutting and minimum lot size. Question for the Zoning Commission: what goes in each category? The Office of Planning made a map (shown to ANC3F as part of the presentation). The steepest slopes near streams and the park are in the subset, but Ms. Solomon said that the minimum lot size was meant to apply to all, not only to the subset. The Zoning Commission moved the lines so as not to have next door neighbors subject to different rules. Ms. Solomon said that some of this line moving was left out. Some squares are left out of the subset even though they surround the park. Some are omitted because they are near DC park areas (not National Park Service land). An example is Linnean Park. The Forest Hills Alliance are original petitioners and will go to the Zoning Commission to say this is what was originally intended, and request a change.

Commissioner Jakopchek asked how Ms. Solomon knows about the original intent of the zoning overlay. He also asked about the distinction between NPS land and DC park land? For example, why was Linnean Park left out? Ms. Solomon said that the zoning commissioner was an NPS person and it was just an oversight.

Question from the Public:

This impacts what people can do with their homes. What have you done to poll the neighborhood? What have you done to reduce the contentiousness of this plan? Ms. Solomon said they are just starting. They want to see how the zoning commission responds before going out into the community.

Lisa Burke asked how far the overlay extends. Ms. Solomon replied that it does not cross Connecticut Avenue and does not even get all the way to Connecticut Avenue.

Marjorie Share said that she has spoken to neighbors and there is confusion about who is covered and what it means. Commissioner Nugent said the FHNA could apply to us for a grant to send a mailing to the community with information.

12. Universal Paid Family Leave Act of 2015 (02:39:16)

Speakers: Joanna Blotner, Jews United for Justice (JUFJ), part of the coalition supporting the bill, and Erica Wadlington, DC Chamber of Commerce, part of the coalition against the bill.

Commissioner Adelstein introduced the speakers and said that it is important for ANC3F to weigh in now, so we can have something to say about the final legislation that the Council drafts.

Joanna Blotner is a Ward 1 resident and grew up in Chevy Chase. She said the paid family leave is effectively an insurance program, for things such as maternity/paternity leave and care for someone ill. Ms. Blotner said that in the US, only 13% of workers have access to paid family leave, and only 40% have access to paid medical leave. She said that if there is no paid leave, it has an impact on the entire community. It is quite likely that they will leave their jobs when they need extended leave and get money from public programs. This results in businesses losing talent. Ms. Blotner said that other states have programs like this, working like an insurance program. The current bill is only for people who work in DC. Some sample numbers: JUFJ will contribute \$7K per year for 12 employees. The cost for one person on maternity leave would be about \$13K.

Erica Wadlington is the Director of Government Relations at the DC Chamber of Congress. She is a Ward 4 resident and graduate of Howard University. She said three other jurisdictions have similar programs. Their structure is more like an insurance program. The bill before the Council is not an insurance program because it is not dually funded, it is only funded by employers. She testified before the Council about how this bill will effect DCs competitiveness. Ms. Wadlington said that the original proposal was for some to be employee funded up to a certain extent and have the rest funded by a tax on employees. The idea was for DC residents who work outside the District to pay in. Maryland residents who work in DC would be covered as well. The present version says those eligible are private sector workers. This means that there will be a percent of DC residents who cannot access this benefit because federal and DC government workers are not included. She says that more questions need to be answered before the ANC should decide. We should ask about the impact on ANC3F businesses. The Council wants to keep the cost manageable. They have not yet received a report on the fiscal impact from the Council budget office. The Chamber of Commerce says that as drafted they cannot support the bill.

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Jakopchek asked about the 1% employer contribution, i.e., how does it apply to tipped workers? Ms. Blotner said that both the contribution and the benefits would apply to the average of their earnings, not only to wages. i.e., it would apply to wages and tips. The “look back” to determine the contribution and benefit is based on the past year's earnings. Ms. Wadlington said this should not be compared to unemployment insurance, and Ms. Blotner said this is analogous to unemployment insurance and written in the bill that way.

Commissioner Molod asked Ms. Wadlington what would be needed in the Council's bill to have it approved by the Chamber. Erica Wadlington replied that the bill is still changing.

Commissioner Adelstein followed up and asked if there ANY paid family leave plan that the Chamber would endorse. Ms. Wadlington replied that this is first time a bill of this sort is up in DC. Eric Jones, part of the coalition opposing the unpaid family leave act, represents over 600 businesses in the DC area. He said there has never been a bill like the DC bill anywhere in the country. No other bill has no employee contribution. He also said that California has a problem with their bill because they are trying a one-size fits all condition. Mr. Jones said that the federal unpaid leave laws exist but allows businesses to tailor some of the provisions. The DC bill would not allow for this. He (and other speakers) explained that the issue of who pays for the program in DC is complicated by the fact that they cannot collect revenue from people who commute to DC. The only source of payment is therefore from employers. Reverse commuters were taken out of the bill because business owners in Virginia and Maryland said they would not hire DC residents if they would have to pay into family leave. Commissioner Nugent asked if there is a way to figure out a compromise. Mr. Jones said yes, there is a way, but had no specific suggestions about what they would approve of.

Commissioner Ray asked Ms. Blotner if it is her understanding that a fiscal study will be done by the DC Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Ms. Blotner said that yes, a study will be done soon. The CFO is basing the study on the assumption that all 16 weeks would be claimed as soon as the bill is introduced. Commissioner Ray asked when we will have more information in terms of the economic impact, how will it affect employees, and what are the costs of implementation. Ms. Wadlington said that no funds are currently appropriated in the budget for setup and administration. This will have to be a new allocation. Once the bill gets closer to the Council Chairman's mark, a fiscal assessment will be done. Ms. Blotner said other economic assessments have been done for other states, like Connecticut. Lots of commuters go to New York, so it is an analogous region.

Commissioner Ray asked if any other agencies have weighed in. Ms. Blotner said that one ANC in Ward 7 has supported and they are reaching out to other ANC's. No other ANC in Ward 3 has weighted in as yet.

Commissioner Ray said that there are other things are bothersome about this. She said that we have never been asked to vote on something when we didn't have the final language of the legislation. No one knows the costs of the program, the impact on employers, etc. She has read a lot about it and still does not know what she is voting on.

Commissioner Jakopchek said that sometimes we weigh in on things not in the final steps, Pepco/Exelon, Soapstone, etc. This resolution does not specify support for the existing City Council bill, it supports goals and maybe gives us a say in what the final bill will look like.

Commissioner Gresham said that there is so much on the table that cannot be answered at this time. This will effect a lot of small and large businesses on Connecticut Avenue. The major concern is that DC would have different policies from other jurisdictions in the region.

Other Discussion:

Dan Turner, owner of a company called DCG, has been in DC for 20 years, and his company does information technology contracting for the government. He said that the average salary of his employees is \$108K. They have positions that they would pay more for, but they can't fill them. People don't want to live in DC and it's hard to incentivize. He wants to increase the labor pool. People are going to Virginia to work for high tech companies and he can't afford to pay paid leave for everyone, so he would prefer an insurance policy. Paid leave is a big advantage for his company. Commissioner Gresham said that the bill needs to look at all types of businesses.

Eric Jones said the myth about the bill is that it benefits low income wage earners. He said that those people are not deciding whether or not to take a job based on benefits and claims that businesses are leaving DC because of types of legislation like this. Commissioner Adelstein said that for employees who can't control who they work for, how does it hurt them to have this benefit? She also said that it has been determined that this bill would not make businesses leave DC.

Uzay Turker, owner of Acacia Bistro, said that many things are up in the air that need to be answered. For instance, why not just have this bill apply to businesses with 50 employees and more? Ms. Blotner said that most businesses supporting the bill are small businesses. There is no private insurance market that applies to them for this type of temporary disability insurance. Universal paid leave at 1% is less expensive for them. Larger businesses can get the insurance more cheaply. Self-employed people need this too and can opt in.

Theresa Cameron said that the Van Ness Main Streets businesses in general are not supportive and that ANC3F should represent those local businesses. This has a big impact on businesses that have to pay into a pool and then replace the employee. Commissioner Ray said Van Ness Main Streets passed a resolution that says they recommend that ANC3F defer a resolution until we have more info.

Commissioner Adelstein said there is a lot that we don't know about the final bill and economic impact because it is being debated, but there is a lot we do know. Existing programs show us what happens in other states with this.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to table the vote until we have more studies about the fiscal impact. Motion was defeated with 3 voting in favor, 3 voting against, and 0 abstaining (3-3-0).

Commissioner Adelstein made a resolution to support the Universal Paid Family Leave Act. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 2 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-2-0).

13. Treasurer's Report (04:14:55)

Commissioner Adelstein paid the Verizon bill that had not been paid it in a while, also paid for the mailbox that was overdue.

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