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Public Meeting – May 17, 2016

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

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 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
 Dickinson
 Jakopchek
 Adelstein
 Gresham
 Nugent

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular April 2016 meeting.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a motion to approve the Forest Hills Playground Summer Concert Series	6-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Sushi Para Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal.	6-0-0	

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	6-0-0	
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Call to Order: 7:40 pm
 Adjournment: 10:26 pm
 Financial Status: \$107,742.17

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2016 Meeting (00:08:30)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular April 2016 meeting. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

2. Commissioner Announcements (00:09:02)

Jakopchek:

1. National Parks Bioblitz to occur on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21. This includes a tour of Soapstone Valley on May 20 from 10 a.m. to Noon.
2. Update on Tilden Hall Street project – work on Conn Ave will commence this Friday, May 19 and continue for about 5 weeks. This was discussed at last ANC meeting at length.

Adelstein:

1. ANC 3F02 quarterly community meeting to take place on June 28, 2016 at 7:30 pm at 3003 Van Ness Social Room
2. June 11, 2016 at 10 a.m. Housing Expo and Home Show at Convention Center
3. IONA Service event with DC Attorney General on June 14, 2016 at 4125 Albemarle St NW
4. There is a relatively recent influx of food trucks in the area. The ANC is addressing it at the next meeting. Please contact me if you want to discuss it.

Nugent:

None

Ray:

1. Last month CM Cheh re-submitted the former Polish Ambassador’s residence at 3101 Albemarle Street as a suggested site for the Ward 3 family homeless shelter. The Council has now changed the location to the Second District Police Station site on Idaho Avenue, near the Cathedral. That apparently means the ANC 3F3 site is no longer being considered. Here is the statement from CM Cheh: “Through the Council’s process, the location of the temporary family shelter in Ward 3 has been changed from 2619-2623 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, a privately-owned site, to a new location at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, a District-owned site. The Second District (2D) Police Station is also located at this site. The new location was primarily selected by the Council because it is both located on District-owned land and otherwise satisfies the criteria for the shelters originally put

forth by the Mayor. Frequently suggested by residents at community meetings, this site is also close to transportation, a grocery store and a park, and has sufficient space available for the structure. This also happens to be one of the locations that I included in an earlier, publically disclosed letter to the Executive requesting further analysis and evaluation for the suitability of a shelter. To clarify, building the temporary family homeless shelter on the Idaho Avenue lot will not intrude on the community garden located next to the property and, with the exception of reconfiguring the parking lot with stacked parking, is expected to cause little disruption to the operation of the 2D Police Station. “

2. DDOT Public Space Committee Meeting on April 28 unanimously rejected the Chick Fil A curb cut application, effectively rejecting the drive through. We reached out to CFA to find out whether they are still interested in Van Ness without a drive through, and to date we have not heard back from them. Next steps are unclear.
3. I would like to thank Kimberly Ross and her Girl Scout Troop 163 for the excellent Soapstone Valley Clean Up several weeks ago. They picked up about 20 bags of litter. Thanks also to Rock Creek Conservancy for their volunteer help and coordination. With all the recent rain, it might be time to put in more wood chips!
4. You might have noticed the abandoned house on Linnean, between Chesapeake and Davenport. A developer has bought the house and it appears to be planning to tear it down. The grass is waist high, and we are trying to reach the developer and ask them to mow ASAP.

Gresham:

1. Park Van Ness Update: Another 'BIG SHOUT OUT' for Saul and Clark Construction on meeting the targeted April Certificate of Occupancy date and continuing to complete the streetscape with the planting of large willow oak trees and lush plantings! The building is open and tenants have started to move in. 50 apartments out of 271 have been leased as of May. The rooftop pool and deck will open on Memorial Day weekend. Construction activities for May/June 2016:
 - a. Continuation and completion of site work installation which includes the remaining public space areas, the motor courtyard and soft landscaping both on Connecticut Ave and at Soapstone Valley parkland easement.
 - b. Continuation and completion of interiors and rooftop pool deck.
 - c. Two businesses, Sfoglina Restaurant and Soapstone Market are PVN's 2 commercial tenants. Sfoglina will be located in the southern retail space and Soapstone Market will be located in the northern retail space.
 - d. Sfoglina Restaurant is in the final phases of interior and exterior design drawings. Targeted opening date is late Fall 2016. As of today, the ANC received notification of their public space application permit. Sfoglina representatives and the design team will present the exterior public space design including both an enclosed entrance area and an enclosed & open canopied sidewalk café at our June 21st ANC meeting.
 - e. Soapstone Market has started the build out of their interior tenant fit-up spaces. Exterior public space drawings are in progress and being reviewed by Saul. Targeted opening date is early fall 2016 at this time.
2. Forest Hills Park and Playground Update:

- a. Capital City Little League is in full swing at the baseball field area. Representatives from DPR, DGS and CCLL are continuing to work on a list of improvements needed at the baseball field entry, bleachers, dug outs, storage sheds, trash collection, surrounding fencing and southern vegetation areas.
- b. Friends of Forest Hills Playground Annual Spring Clean-Up is this coming Saturday, May 21st from 10 AM - 11:30 AM. With all the recent wet weather, their Rain date is June 4th. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, trash bags, brooms and rakes, both adult- and child-sized. Little ones are welcome and can help sweep sand back into the sandbox and pick up trash. Donations of donuts and coffee for all our workers are welcome. PLEASE come help!
- c. As they so successfully hosted last summer, the Friends of Forest Hills Playground will again be hosting a 'Picnic in the Park' concert series at the Forest Hills Park amphitheater on the last Friday evenings of June, July and August. The first concert is Friday, June 24th from 5 to 7:30 PM with Spread Love Band, a brass combo that plays jazz and pop tunes. The remaining concerts will be on Friday July 29th with Big Hillbilly Bluegrass Band and on August 26th with Marsha and the Positrons a group led by Marsha Goodman-Wood, who performed last year from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Please check out the Friends of's listserv and postings at the park's bulletin board for further information.

Dickinson:

1. Last Tuesday, May 10 DGS-DPR held public meeting at Hearst Elementary to kick-off the park design phase.

3. Committee Reports (00:21:55)

Commissioner Jakopchek said that the Melvin Hazen/Soapstone Valley Parks and Trails Committee met last Monday, May 9th. A guest speaker from Anacostia Watershed spoke on RiverSmart committees program and the funds available for stormwater mitigation projects. Three subcommittees were agreed upon. The Committee meets the second Monday of each month.

4. Open Forum (00:23:27)

Valencia ????: Collecting signatures for Initiative 76 to increase the minimum wage to \$15 dollars for the November ballot.

Carol Rogers/Ambrose Lane: DC Democrats caucus meets Saturday 21st 10am-2pm 9-10:30pm. Agenda includes pre-qualifying the Hill-Yeah slate of 6 people to elect from the DC Statehood party.

Ruth Wattenberg, Board of Education delegate: In the upcoming 6-9 months there will be a total revision of school accountability and high school graduation requirements. The purpose of the Ward 3 Ed Net Ward Alliance Wilson Feeder Education Network is to work on the budget and share other school based issues.

Theresa Cameron:

- Jazz at VN at Bread Furst 5pm

- Arts all Night September 24th
- Park Van Ness May 31st planning meeting:

Courtney Carlson: Ellicott between Connecticut and 32nd St. NW lacks a catch basin and water jumps the curb and floods the property in the area. DDOT over paving of the street has caused the problem. DC Water and DDOT have done studies to confirm this.

5. Forest Hills Playground Summer Concert Series

Tracy Johnke, from Friends of Forest Hills Playground, spoke about the concert series. She said that there are contracts with 3 bands. Armand's Pizza Truck will be there on hand. They need DPR & ANC approval. She sent letters to the surrounding community (last Friday). Friends and neighbors picked up the trash after the first event (DPW didn't pick it up). Events are geared to young families. foresthillsplayground@gmail.com. They still need the permit number and will disseminate a flyer at the next ANC meeting.

Commissioner Gresham made a motion to approve the Forest Hills Playground Summer Concert Series and to send a letter in support of the Concert Series. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

6. Overview of the Hearst Park renovation project

Marshella Wallace and Jackie Stanley, from the Department of Parks and Recreation, spoke about the project. Ms. Stanley said there will be a Community Meeting to introduce the Hearst project team to the community. The project includes a park and a pool at Hearst. The architectural design firm was hired. The budget is \$2 million in 2016, \$5 million in 2017 and another \$5 million for the pool. The Community Meeting will be in early June. There are no outdoor pools in Ward 3 and Hearst was determined to be the best site because it has the space and funding and a new gym and other enhancements. The existing trailers at Hearst will be removed.

Dickinson: Can we see the budget that you spoke about? Answer: Will send it.

Dickinson: ANC3C also is a participant because it touches the park. Answer: ANC3C has been communicated with as well.

Ms. Stanley announced that communication from DGS/DPR is at DGS.DC.GOV. She also said that DDOT is involved in all of the projects. They usually aren't involved this early, because there is no design yet.

Jakopchek: DDOE has done a stormwater survey to determine that there's a stormwater retrofit to make sure it doesn't hurt Hazen.

Dickinson: Is there a strong community interest? What do we need to do to add things that aren't already on the list of things to do? Suggested an Advisory Board to help with the process. Answer: Looking at a SIT group, but it might not work for a Park project. She would be happy to hear about who would be involved.

Gresham: A problem we've had in the past is ongoing communication with DGS/DPR throughout the process. Preliminary process is always good, but when getting to the design part the stakeholders were not showed the designs regularly, even though they asked for it regularly. Really strongly recommend that the communication continues regularly. Answer: DPR & DGS did a large park project called Play DC and Forest Hills playground was included. There should be better communication this time around.

Gresham: Suggest to do a traffic control plan and hire someone to do a survey. Answer: Will do. And the website will be updated regularly.

7. Presentation: Sara Fashbaugh, Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration, about liquor license application, challenge, and appeal process (00:35:53)

Ms. Fashbaugh spoke about what can be done if the conditions of a settlement agreement are not being met. She said that from 7pm-3am anyone can call the hotline to report someone violating liquor license or settlement agreements. Either the ANC can file a protest or groups of 5 or more residents can protest. Ms. Fashbaugh also announced that there will be a community training on Thursday, July 28th 6-8pm, and information is available at ABRA.dc.gov.

8. Liquor License Settlement Agreement Renewals (00:43:29)

a. Sushi Para (00:43:29)

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Sushi Para Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Elvis ???? (manager): doesn't want to extend the hours or bring live music. They would be interested in having the Sidewalk Café.

b. Laliguras (00:43:29)

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Laliguras Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Mr. Tamung (owner): doesn't want to extend the hours, but he would be happy to bring live music.

c. Jake's American Grille (00:43:29)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the Jake's American Grille Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

d. Little Red Fox (00:43:29)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the Little Red Fox Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

9. Zoning Application: Renew Use of Zips Parking Lot (00:49:22)

Present at the ANC meeting are Kate Olson, the attorney representing Zips, and Joseph Borger, the property manager. They are asking for the renewal of a zoning exception for the accessory parking lot behind Zips. The current owner is John Klein. They are requesting a permanent renewal, last renewed in 2006 for 10 years.

Jakopchek: The community is in flux, and looking to a master plan. What are the benefits of doing a permanent renewal? Answer: The renewal application process is time consuming and expensive.

Adelstein: The community is evolving so rapidly she is reluctant to support a permanent renewal.

Nugent: Also concerned with a permanent renewal, and even thinks that 10 years may be too long. Wants to see permeable pavement over time.

Jakopchek : RiverSmart communities for commercial establishments may be able to help with funding for stormwater mitigation.

Ray: The parking lot is a nightmare! Is there a master plan for conditions? Answer: John Klein Jr is also the owner of the property right behind the Zips building.

Ray: How many parking spaces are ADA compliant? Answer: 1, but it is not marked.

Gresham: May need to have 2 ADA spots.

Ray: Is the owner in touch with any of the owners of any of the parking around? Answer: Just the Days Inn.

Ray: There is a quality of life investment in the property because Mr. Borger manages other properties in the area. The parking lot has all kinds of issues with cars, accidents, etc. Borger: Parking lot is required for Zips to continue the business and it was designed to maximize the 19 spots needed.

Gresham: Saturdays are the biggest nightmares. The back spot must be backed out of and takes too much time.

Nugent: The parking lot is a choke point because there is only room for one car.

Gresham: Here's a list of things we want to come to terms on: The number of spaces, sizes of spaces, clearance between parking spaces, turning/maneuvering ratios, ADA compliance (missing logo), the striping needs to be re-done, the dumpster position causes a hazard at times and there is lots of trash everywhere, pervious pavement using RiverSmart, trash in the actual parking lot (Burger King), would like the lot to be policed more, trash removed on the hillside, and would like landscaping (additional planting).

The BZA hearing is on July 19th. Invite Mr. Klein to spend some time in the parking lot to see the present conditions.

Mr. Bolger – if you receive complaints please forward them on to them. Brett Vego should be someone you reach out to with issues to the surrounding properties.

10. Public Space Application: Murch Elementary Modernization – Reno Road Curb Cut (01:09:00)

Nugent: Space for a large delivery truck to come in, turn around and go back out plus a parking lot for teachers. Revisions are required. Supportive in principle to a Reno Curb Cut, but will reserve support until we see an actual plan.

Gresham: Not in support of making any comment, except that we need additional information.
Dickinson: Any plan will be a Reno Curb Cut, but not knowing where DDOT stands on the traffic plan makes it hard to support.

Nugent: Ryan Westrum from DDOT supports it in principle. Will draft comments for TOPS and everyone can send him suggestions.

Gresham: Thinks that they should vote against this motion because they don't have any idea what will actually be done.

Nugent: DCPS declined to come and we object to this application.

Jakopchek: It's setting a bad precedent to support this "in principle"

Adelstein: We need to be treated as a partner in a good faith way.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to oppose the Reno Curb Cut and circulate specific comments. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

11. Other Business/Treasurer's Report (01:54:39)

Commissioner Adelstein announced that the printer/scanner will be at Rachel's home starting tonight.

Since the last meeting, the ANC has spent \$? on the wages, taxes, printer/scanner.

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