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3F02 – Shirley Adelstein, Treasurer
3F03 – Mary Beth Ray
3F04 – Sally Gresham
3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
3F06 – Malachy Nugent, Chair
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Public Meeting – June 21, 2016

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

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 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
 Molod

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the quarterly report.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion on the amendment to the conditions for the Zips Parking Lot BZA application.	1-6-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution in support of the Zips Parking Lot BZA application with conditions.	7-0-0	

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to approve the Tesoro Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a resolution to approve the Soapstone Market Liquor License Settlement Agreement.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Gresham made a resolution to approve Italian Pizza Kitchen Liquor License Settlement Agreement.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to disband the standing Committee on Education, ad hoc Technical Review and ad hoc Technology Committees.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to create a Streets and Sidewalks standing committee.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to amend the bylaws to change the name of ANC3F (Article 1) from "North Cleveland Park, Forest Hills and Tenleytown" to "Van Ness, North Cleveland Park, Wakefield and Forest Hills."	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:34 pm
Adjournment: 10:05 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements (00:00:15)

Jakopchek: Tilden Hall utility work: Construction in the street began (it was initially delayed for a few weeks). It will last 4-5 weeks.

Molod: None

Adelstein: The 3F02 quarterly meeting will be Tuesday June 28th at 3003 Van Ness St.

Nugent: Murals DC has produced 60 murals in all wards. 5501 Connecticut Ave (Jake's American Grill) has applied and has been approved. Nancy Lyons from DPW is present to speak to the community for guidance with a mural development guide. Ray asked if they can just make a green wall with plants. Nugent said yes, if there is a city program but that is not what has been approved at this location.

Gresham:

1. Park Van Ness Update: A big thank you to Saul for hosting a recent Grand Opening party for the design, construction, and ANC teams who worked so hard on making the building a reality. It is a lovely facility and addition to our 'hood'. The building is in the final punch list stage. 90

apartments out of 271 have been leased as last week (mid-June). The rooftop pool and deck opened on Memorial Day weekend. Tenant Construction activities for June/July 2016: 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. Sfoglina Restaurant is in the final phases of interior and exterior design drawings. Targeted opening date is November 2016. At our July 19th ANC meeting, the Gensler Design team will present the exterior public space design, which includes an enclosed glass entrance area and an enclosed and open glass canopied sidewalk café. Soapstone Market continues the build out of their interior tenant fit-up space. Exterior public space drawings are in progress and will be submitted to the TOPS online public space-permitting department shortly. Targeted opening date is late August 2016. At our July 19th ANC Meeting, Tracy Stannard, the Market's owner and her Design team will present the unenclosed sidewalk café design. Tracy Stannard, the Market's owner is here tonight for their Liquor License Settlement Agreement review.

2. Forest Hills Park and Playground Update:

a. Baseball field area. From maintenance requests by the ANC, DGS construction workers are currently replacing the concrete entrance pad to the baseball field's dugout area. New standard DPR trash receptacles have also been ordered.

b. Friends of Forest Hills Playground's Annual Spring Clean-Up happened on the Saturday June 4th rain date. A big thank you to the volunteers and even the kids who did a great clean-up job of the enclosed playground area. From additional maintenance requests by the ANC, DGS will be doing an overall belated spring clean-up of the entire park and the sloped hill along Brandywine Street in the next several weeks.

c. Friends of Forest Hills Playground will host the first 'Picnic in the Park' concert this coming Friday, June 24th from 5 to 7:30 PM at the Amphitheatre. Spread Love Band, a brass combo that plays jazz and pop tunes will be the lively performers. Fliers are on the entrance table for more info. Please come with your blanket, picnic dinner or buy pizza from the Armand's food truck and join the fun!

Ray:

1. UDC Farmers Market open on Saturdays.
2. Maker Fair at UDC was a success.
3. Art All Night will begin on Sat Sept 24th. Van Ness will be the new venue.
4. VNMS is working with the clean team to plant tree boxes along Connecticut Avenue. It is a slow process.
5. The Office of Planning received a \$50K Kreske Grant for Van Ness to develop a public art project. Tendani is the artist from Ward 8. The first meeting was held this week with the artist. Unfortunately it is only a temporary art project.
6. Fundraiser for VNMS is tomorrow evening. Michale Abrams and Sandy Stuart are hosting. The cost is \$50 per person.
7. VNMS has office space.
8. Food trucks – discussion will take place with community and restaurant owners
9. Courtney Carlson was here at the last ANC meeting talking about water problems in her yard. Mike Matthews got in touch with DDOT. DDOT went out and agrees that the road is over-paved.

Dickinson:

1. On July 12, UDC will hold their quarterly community campus task force at 6:30 PM in building 44, room A03. It will include discussion of Murch swing space, sidewalk issues on Van Ness, and getting better communication with community. Contact: Thomas Redmond tredmond@udc.edu
2. Hearst Park and Rec Center – DGS, DPR and the architect held a community meeting on June 10th. Also another meeting on July 18th (info will be announced) will be held to talk about issues of hydrology, runoff, and others. Hearst Rec Cottage - Dickinson hosts meetings every Wednesday evening to talk about the scope of the Hearst project (including the pool).
3. Dickinson's day job is looking at transportation planning/travel efficiencies and has been asked to look at metro safe track processes. Stay tuned for more information. The University of Maryland is collecting lots of data on traffic and impacts of metro delays. He also has an interest in what we can do to encourage people to bike or use other cleaner transportation.

2. Treasurer's Report / Approval of Quarterly Financial Report (00:23:23)

Gresham: Asked Adelstein to explain what is in the quarterly financial report. Adelstein: It includes every check we write. The budget is computed based on the expenses. Dickinson: Is there a line item for the grants we did this quarter? Adelstein: Yes, in her copy of the budget. The ANC allocated \$9K and to date has disbursed \$3K.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

3. Committee Reports (00:28:27)

Soapstone Committee: They will post the calendar of meetings for the rest of the year to the ANC3F website. They met last Monday and codified projects and partnerships. These include the Soapstone Sewer rehab, stormwater mitigation and other subcommittees. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 8th at the Forest Hills of DC and is open to the public.

4. Police Report (00:29:50)

Lt. Durand spoke to the ANC even though he is no longer 3F's PSA representative. Our new rep, Lt. Hughes (corrine.hughes@dc.gov), could not get to the ANC meeting due to the weather. The Bread Furst robbery case is still open. They know who they want to talk to, but did not get the DNA identification they had hoped for. The Beat Book is open, and no other robberies have occurred up there. The incident on Nebraska Avenue was an attempted robbery and it was connected to the one in Georgetown. That case is closed. The 2nd district leadership will probably leave soon, after next year or so.

They do have extra officers (overtime) related to safe track, but sometimes traffic aids are not sufficient. Dickinson: question about safe track - when will red line work occur? A: not sure Q: Where is most of the additional traffic? A: Connecticut Ave and DuPont Circle. He knows that the schedule is easy to find online.

Theft from autos is still the biggest issue. Jakopchek: Could you remind us what to do about theft from autos? A: it is a crime of opportunity, usually money, clothing, computers, cell

phones, and GPS devices are taken. People go to restaurants and put their valuables in the trunk. He's currently working in Georgetown and trying to get merchants (just lifted liquor moratorium in Georgetown) to put up signs to be smart and vigilant.

Ray: Follow up on Adelstein's question about homeless, what should we do? Do we call MPD if there is a homeless person? A: It's not really an MPD issue. MPD cannot just take down a tent. If the person is a danger to themselves or others then MPD can intervene if they see the behavior. There are organizations that will see if this is a person in crisis, so please call MPD and they can help connect you to those organizations. Giving these people money facilitates them not getting the help they need.

Ray: Traffic is an issue. People are using Brandywine as a raceway. We would like to have a policeman assigned there. You could also ask DPW to do a traffic study, perhaps speed bumps or traffic circle and get Officer Franchik more involved.

5. Open Forum (00:49:12)

Nancy Lyons from DPW and the Murals DC Program: 5018 Connecticut Ave NW has asked for a mural. They want to paint a mural, but want to incorporate themes from the neighborhood. Looking for ideas for the artist to consider this for the mural. This is meant for graffiti prevention because a mural on a wall usually doesn't get tagged.

Dickinson: What is the involvement with the project on Wisconsin Ave at Tenleytown? A: It is not a Murals DC Project. The one at 5018 Connecticut will be the second mural in Ward 3.

Molod: What is the process? A: In the spring there will be a call for artists, the Commission on Arts selects a list of artists and then the property owner will select the actual artist and see a draft of the design. It is possible for a member of the community to be part of the selection, but it is ultimately up to the owner to decide.

Thorne Rankin wanted to speak about traffic. She spoke with Officer Franchik about speeding on Garrison, 36th, Broad Branch and Brandywine. Officer Franchik suggested a sign saying "no thru traffic" for the neighborhood would help. Would the ANC be willing to follow-up on some of these measures?

Courtney Carlson wanted to weigh in on the same issue. 36th before Connecticut Ave is safe if Officer Franchik is there, and not safe if he is not. Ms. Carlson said that when she walks down Linnean Ave NW she sees people speeding at 50 mph. She also advocates for people to be able to walk the streets safely. Q: Isn't this where we passed a resolution for sidewalks? A: Yes, still no response and no sidewalk.

Nugent: We will create a Sidewalks committee to look at these issues specifically, use it as a vehicle to pull this together and pull in community members.

Gresham, lives on Davenport, and says there is lots more traffic over the years, also on Brandywine. Gresham wants to make sure the potholes issue is taken care of as well.

Marsha Piercy, lives on 30th St, also wanted to weigh in on the traffic issue. She cannot pull out of her driveway because of fast moving traffic.

Dickinson is looking into mitigation issues related to safe track, in particular near the schools to help alleviate this issue.

Theresa Cameron: Announcements for Van Ness Main Streets:

- a. UDC Farmer's Market has kicked off. They will be augmenting the market with performers and some local chefs.
- b. The Maker Fair was a beautiful event. They had almost 2000 people in the area. Pot Belly ran out of food and Starbucks had long lines.
- c. She is working with the clean team to have landscaping up and down the street.
- d. They hired a restaurant consultant to help local restaurants improve services and get more customers. They also have real estate consulting firm looking at parking in the area.
- e. VNMS now has office space, next to Acacia Bistro in building 52 of UDC.
- f. She is working with food trucks and trying to get them to activate the plaza. They have moved across the street. She is also talking to restaurants who are impacted by the food trucks.
- g. There is a Jazz at Van Ness event on June 30th at Bread Furst.

6. Grant Application: Iona Senior Services (01:12:21)

Diane Greenspun with Iona Senior Services was present to speak to the ANC about the grant request. Iona was founded in 1975 and helps seniors and caregivers. It is located at 4120 Albemarle St. They are a non-profit that addresses senior issues, such as problems of hunger and malnutrition.

DC Greens created a pamphlet called "Where to Find Food" in all wards except for Ward 3. They thought there was no hunger in Ward 3. However, people in Ward 3 get \$50K in home delivered meals. For that reason, Iona wants to create a Ward 3 pamphlet. They already have all of the information, such as emergency groceries, farmers markets that will share, instructions on how to enroll for benefits, etc. DC Greens will charge \$900 for the design and it will cost \$400 to print 100 copies. They are asking for \$325 from ANC3F. They are asking all of the other ANC's for money in Ward 3 as well.

Nugent explained ANC3F's grant process - the ANC will hear about the grant tonight and vote at next month's meeting. Molod mentioned a typo in the application. The amount should be \$1300. Jakopchek asked if they will own the design when they pay for it. A: No, it belongs to DC Greens. He also asked if Iona would have to pay for a second printing if they decide to do more. Greenspun said no, they pay for it only once. Jakopchek also asked if IONA can send us a digital copy to put on our web site and Ms. Greenspun said yes. Adelstein asked how DC Greens disseminates the pamphlet now and if they print copies. DC Greens does the dissemination but they won't do this for Ward 3. Iona will acknowledge the support from ANC3F on the pamphlet. Gresham pointed out that page 2 of the grant applications says that there was a previous ANC grant on May 19th of this year of \$10K, but that the grant did not actually occur this year. It was probably in 2010 in support of Kappa (for Marlene Berlin and others to determine pedestrian safety).

7. Zoning Application: Renew use of Zips Parking Lot (4418 Connecticut Ave) (01:25:46)

Nugent circulated a resolution supporting the Zips Parking Lot BZA application subject to conditions the ANC has negotiated.

Discussion: Jakopchek asked how long the previous exception was for. A: It has been 10 years for the last several times. Ray was surprised to see 10 years, as this was not her recollection of what was discussed. Gresham echoes the same sentiment about the 10 years stipulation. They are expecting development soon, so other agreements are 3 or 5 years.

Kate Olson representing applicant said that the only zoning exception that she knows of that is 3 years in duration is Burger King. Originally the owner asked for a permanent renewal. They agreed that they are comfortable with the same period as the present exception, 10 years. Specifically because other concessions have been made as well.

Nugent said he was thinking about the 10 year span, but does not support the permanent exception. The applicant promised to come back every year to certify that the other conditions are being met. He does not think that development will be constrained by giving a 10 year permit, as long as it remains a parking lot the conditions will be met and if they are not in compliance with the conditions then they are not in compliance with the BZA exception and there will be repercussions.

Ray said if they get 10 years, others will want 10 years. The ANC will lose all leverage. Nugent said if they do not meet the other conditions, they will be out of compliance. Gresham said that we need to have specific criteria for meeting the conditions, such as what they need to do each year to show us the progress towards meeting the conditions.

Dickinson said it will be hard to determine whether conditions are being met or not and suggests that we keep condition 11, but make condition 1 a shorter time period with a possible extension to 10 years if we see them in compliance.

Jakopchek asked if there is a way to guide our concerns but not have a second review process in the middle of the next 10 year period. A: If it expires in 3 years, there will be another expense to apply for the BZA exception again.

Dickinson said he wants to change the vocabulary in condition 3, "first opportunity" seems in conflict with the 7 year time span.

Joe Borger, from Borger Management, represents the applicant. He said they will fix the parking lot now, but they will not do a major repaving right away because the asphalt is fine. He has reached out to his neighbors about this. They have a good relationship with the Days Inn, but not with the car wash. He said he should not be penalized for his neighbors not responding to attempts to work together. He said that the guard rail fence is not theirs, that it belongs to Burger King. They have also addressed landscaping and trash removal. Lastly he is open to doing something on the side of the wall because it needs to get painted and he has no opposition to a mural.

Nugent proposed to amend the resolution: condition 1 will say 5 years, condition 3 amended as Dickinson suggests and amend to "first opportunity for repaving." Dickinson said it would be nice to make all the exceptions line up and expire together and tell all of the businesses to get renewals at the same time. Then there was a discussion about which one expires last. Bread Furst expires in 2020, so this exception should be for 4 years, and Burger King will be given 1 year so all will expire in 2020. Nugent proposed approval for 4 years, paving at first opportunity, if no opportunity should arise, no later than 7 years. Adelstein asked if BZA will let us say pervious pavers in 7 years when exception is for 4 years. A: Maybe not.

Nugent suggested another amendment. Ray says they need to repave in 4 years. Discussion about this amendment: Jakopchek said 7 years is ok because we have been sensitive to costs for business owners in the past. Ray mentioned that it is a property owner's cost. Borger said the contract says that the tenants will incur the costs.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion on the amendment to the conditions for the BZA application. Motion was denied with 1 voting in favor, 6 voting against, and 0 abstaining (1-6-0).

Any other amendments? Gresham asked what about condition 9, there is no attendant's shelter. This is old language. Amendment is to strike the "other than attendant's shelter" and the friendly amendment was accepted. The amended resolution would include the conditions and a 4 year exception, 7 year paving, and condition 9 amended.

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution in support of the Zips Parking Lot BZA application with conditions. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

8. Liquor License Settlement Agreements (02:08:16)

a. Tesoro (revision/renewal)

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to approve the Tesoro Liquor License Settlement Agreement renewal. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Tesoro's only change from the existing agreement is the chance to stay open later: 2:00 AM inside and midnight outside.

b. Soapstone Market (new)

Commissioner Gresham made a resolution to approve the Soapstone Market Liquor License Settlement Agreement. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

For Soapstone Market they had to modify the model SA because it is a full service market, so they can do tastings, sell growlers and they have also added no smoking in the outdoor space. Tracy Stannard and John Fielding, owners of Soapstone Market (and Broad Branch Market), wanted the liquor license to serve alcohol on the premises. They are very excited about the Soapstone Market and the change in their business model.

c. Italian Pizza Kitchen (new)

Commissioner Gresham made a resolution to approve Italian Pizza Kitchen Liquor License Settlement Agreement. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Italian Pizza Kitchen's agreement is exactly like Tesoro's, but they have added nonsmoking and noise ordinance regulations. Richard Henning from Italian Pizza Kitchen is glad to work with the community.

9. Other Business (02:18:43)

a. Motion to Disband the Standing Committee on Education, the Ad Hoc Technical Review Committee, and the Ad Hoc Technology Committee:

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to disband the standing Committee on Education, ad hoc Technical Review and ad hoc Technology Committees. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

b. Motion to Create a Standing Committee on Streets and Sidewalks:

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to create a Streets and Sidewalks standing committee. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Gresham suggested getting a person to help with safe routes to school and a member from DDOT to serve on the committee.

c. Motion to Amend the ANC 3F By-laws, Article 1 (Name):

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to amend the bylaws to change the name of ANC3F (Article 1) from "North Cleveland Park, Forest Hills and Tenleytown" to "Van Ness, North Cleveland Park, Wakefield and Forest Hills." Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Gresham: Can all commissioners be copied on the email that goes out to the agencies and can we ask that they be heard at the next possible ABRA meeting?

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).
