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Public Meeting – December 20, 2016

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

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 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
 Gresham
 Nugent
 Molod
 Adelstein

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to thank Mary Beth Ray for her hard work and dedication to ANC 3F.	6-0-1	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution to thank Sally Gresham for her hard work and dedication to ANC 3F.	6-0-1	
Commissioner Molod made a resolution to approve the Politics and Prose Settlement Agreement.	7-0-0	

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve \$2000 grant for t-shirts to the Tenley Tiger Run put on by Wilson PTSO.	7-0-0	
Commissioners Ray and Gresham made a resolution regarding Albemarle and 32nd Street repair and improvement.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a resolution thanking Forest Hills of DC for hosting the ANC for its monthly meetings.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:32 pm
Adjournment: 9:20 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Consent and Regular Agendas (00:00:57)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda (Gresham wanted to add a resolution for Albemarle and 32nd Street repair and improvements to replace item 7 because Frank Young was not able to make it. Rock Creek is off the agenda and other business section has no minutes). Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

2. Commissioner Announcements / Updates (00:04:25)

Dickinson:

- Hearst Park – The public survey has been completed. Ms. Jackie Stanley of DGS (the spokesperson for the Park project) had planned to attend this evening to provide an update. DGS/DPR are planning to provide a survey update and further information at public meeting to be planned for January 2017.
- Sidwell School – Ms. Kate Lindsey of Sidwell attended our November 2016 ANC meeting to provide an update on their physical plans. I believe Sidwell closed on the Washington Home in mid-December. Sidwell has also purchased 1 of the 3 Fannie Mae properties recently sold. The Sidwell purchase is located between its school and the US Post Office at Upton and Wisconsin Avenue (on the east side of Wisconsin).
- Fannie Mae purchases – The property located on the west side of Wisconsin Ave was recently purchased by a developer called Roadside Development, a local DC firm. Their website lists some interesting projects recently completed. Mr. Richard Lake is a point of contact at RLake@roadsideinc.com Mr. Lake and I recently attended an ANC3C monthly meeting where he only introduced himself and indicated the strong desire to work with the community on the project.
An additional Fannie Mae property recently sold which is near the UDC campus on the west side of Connecticut Ave – which more information is available I will provide that to our ANC.

4. UDC will be holding its quarterly meeting with the community on January 11th. The University of the District of Columbia Community-Campus Task Force will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Building 44 – Room A-03. Agenda items include the 2018 budget and community events.

Ray:

1. Kuwait Embassy -- BZA is rescheduling the hearing for this case from January 25, 2017, to February 8, 2017. They need to do so since they will not have a quorum of Board members on that date.

2. VNMS Pop-Up Market - thanks and kudos to organizers, volunteers, vendors and shoppers. Special thanks to Theresa Cameron, Stacey Price, Dipa Mehta, and UDC for letting us use the space. And to Chuck Schilke, who wore a fetching red and white suit. We had 2400 attendees over the two days, and vendors brought in over \$20,000, plus \$1200 raised for City Dogs and Cats Rescue.

3. Joint ANC/Van Ness Main Street Design Charette, Saturday Jan. 28th, 10 to 12 at VNMS office.

4. Ryan Hand has been promoted to Senior Economic Development Planner at the DC Office of Planning. Tracy Gabriel is our contact pending the appointment of Ryan's replacement.

5. And finally, thanks to all for a great four years!

6. PLUS: Frank Young was supposed to present proposal on Rock Creek Park Horse Center. There will be two public meetings. NPS is not able to fulfill the mission of education and introducing children to the park. More details can be found in the FHC article. The four choices are:

i) Do nothing. ii) Fix it. iii) Escape from city. iv) Green campus - each option is more complex. Birders are concerned about the size of footprint with options 3 and 4. Young and Bartolomeo are aware of this. The spot to view migration is by the maintenance center. There are also concerns about the removal of trees. The public can read the handout and find information on the website. The public comment period extended to January 31 with a site visit perhaps in January. <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocrdcp> for comments.

Gresham:

1. The Sfoglina Pasta House with Fabio and Maria has opened. Please go.

2. She's leaving the ANC - thanks to all! PLUS: Deirdre Brown is the new commissioner.

Adelstein: None

Molod: An assailant entered Comet Ping Pong on December 4 with an assault rifle, fired some shot, but no one was injured. The assault was connected to a fake news story circulating on social media involving the owners of Comet Ping Pong and many other restaurants and stores on Connecticut Ave NW between Fessenden St. NW and Nebraska Ave NW. A meeting took place On December 6 with the store owners, DC interim police chief Peter Newsham, Commander Melvin Gresham, representatives of the Mayor's office and Commissioners Molod and Nugent. Police chief Newsham assured the owners that there will be clear police presence in the area, and that MPD is committed to keeping the neighborhood safe. A meeting is scheduled to take place with the store owners (now formed into the Forest Hills Business

Association) and representatives of the US Attorney's office for the District of Columbia to clarify the relevant legal issues.

Jakopchek: None but thanks to Mary Beth and Sally.

Nugent:

1. The Murch public space application has been tabled (probably come up in February).
2. Wants to voice his thanks from the Commission to Mary Beth Ray and Sally Gresham.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve a resolution thanking Mary Beth Ray for her hard work and dedication to ANC 3F. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 1 abstaining (6-0-1).

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve a resolution thanking Sally Gresham for her hard work and dedication to ANC 3F. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 1 abstaining (6-0-1).

3. Committee Reports (00:07:43)

- A. Parks & Trails: They met December 8 and briefly discussed the update on SV sewer rehab. They are still evaluating the alternative, release draft DA in spring. They discussed a service event on MLK day. They will have an annual report. They meet on the second Monday of each month at Forest Hills of DC
- B. Streets & Sidewalks: None
- C. Grants: Nothing other than the current Tiger Run. They will recommend the grant for \$2K.

4. Community Open Forum (00:09:40)

David Krucoff: Moved here 39 years ago. His parents live on Upton. He formed a non-profit called Douglas County Maryland. He wants DC to become Douglas County, Maryland. He's a retrocessionist. The only way to regain rights is to be part of Maryland.

www.douglascountymd.org

Marlene Berlin: She's been a resident since '89. Her younger daughter went to Murch. She wants to thank to Mary Beth and Sally for their service. She's here to suggest that the ANC look into the issue of write-in candidates for Commissioner positions. This came up when Sally's district had no candidate and got a write-in, Deirdre Brown. There are certain issues in the process, such as a lack of transparency on the number of votes available. Under some circumstances the BOE doesn't know how many votes the write-ins get. The other issue is the residency requirement. The law is 60 days, but it is not clear what this really means. Ms. Berlin wants to ask the ANC to ask for more clarity on the write-in process. Commissioner Gresham said there also should be a requirement that the candidate is a registered voter. One idea is to recommend that write-ins that are unopposed not be allowed. Instead there should be a special election afterwards. Commissioner Nugent said if there are discrepancies, we should investigate, and propose legislation to modify them. The ANC will take a look and come back to this.

Ian Maggerd (Ward 3 liaison from the Mayor's office):

1. January 1 Mayor Bowser will be holding a 5k at East Potomac Park. You can register online at mayor.dc.gov.
2. He would also like to read into the record thank you letters for both Commissioners Ray and Gresham from Mayor Bowser.

Michelle Purceau from UDC:

1. January 11 Community Task Force Meeting is still looking for agenda items.
2. Events calendar on the website had a soft launch of the calendar. They are looking for comments. The full launch is in January.
3. Bernstein Group selected to purchase 4250 Connecticut Ave that fronts the campus. They are working to be a partner.
4. January events: MLK birthday at theater, details will be posted. Volunteer income tax assistance program at the school of business. January 22 – piano concert will take place at the theater. Women's and Men's basketball will play on January 4 and 11.
5. Council approved two new board members to the University.
6. Council approved the Dream Act: allow non-resident aliens to attend UDC.
7. Welcome the ANC to the University for their Meetings starting in January.

Theresa Cameron:

1. It's a great loss for Ray and Gresham to leave the ANC, but a gain for VNMS.
2. The popup was a great success. They had 2200 people and it demonstrates the need to have more retail in the area.
3. Small Business Saturday took place.
4. VNMS needs money so click on vannessdc.org to donate.

5. Resolution on Politics & Prose Settlement Agreement (revised) (00:32:47)

Jason Facci is the attorney for Politics and Prose. The questions are related to the expiration date, but there are no changes to anything of substance.

Gresham: Did you consider the option to include a clause for special hours for special events?
Facci: He will have to consult with the owners.

Nugent: At the next opportunity they would like to update Politics and Prose's Settlement Agreement. Now isn't the time, but they want to get the new boilerplate in effect. Facci: Send them the boilerplate and they will start to look it over for next time.

Commissioner Molod made a resolution to approve the Politics and Prose Settlement Agreement. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

6. Grant Request from Wilson High School PTSO for \$4,900 to support the Tenley Tiger Run (00:44:09)

Nugent said that the grants committee looked at the grant application. They decided that the \$4900 ask was too much, and not specific enough as to its use. The committee recommends that the ANC give a grant for \$2000 for T-shirts related to the Tenley Tiger Run.

Discussion: Commissioner Ray asked will the ANC logo be on the t-shirt. Answer: Yes, the running club will use them afterwards as well. Commissioner Dickinson asked will money be enough. Answer: They will have to give receipt and if the shirts are less than \$2000 will the ANC get some money back. Gresham: Are other ANC's contributing? Answer: They have gotten \$2000 from ANC3E last year for timing company.

Judy Corcillo from PTSO: They are happy to return money not spent on T-shirts, but they anticipate \$2500 cost for all t-shirts. The shirts become training shirts for the team.

The event is Sunday April 2, a 5k community race. The fundraiser is for Wilson track and they will do much more community outreach to other schools.

Commissioner Jakopchek said it would be great if they could run through 3F. Corcillo: The problem is having to cross Nebraska Ave. Commissioner Nugent: Even if they do not run in 3F, lots of Wilson families in 3F, so it helps 3F.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve \$2000 grant for T-shirts to the Tenley Tiger Run put on by Wilson PTSO. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

7. Resolution regarding Albemarle & 32nd Street Repair and Improvement (00:53:19)

Ray: There is an urgent need to repair and improve the Albemarle/32nd intersection and access to Rock Creek Park. This was attempted 4 years ago. This time around a group of interested parties tried to pull together all aspects of the project, not in piecemeal but all together. They worked with Ian Maggerd, Hoffman, Branyan, DOEE, NPS and got recommendations from all of them rather than one at a time, so they could deal with them all at once. The closed sidewalk is a safety issue because it is a very busy intersection and cars stack up. There is no left turn allowed if going west on Albemarle to go south on Connecticut Ave. Add to that the car wash, pizza trucks, and the school where parents are dropping off children. The lack of catch basins on Brandywine means lots of water sits there. Park Van Ness is close by. They want to build a viewing platform where school groups can look into Soapstone. Bardin and the Parks and Trails committee worked on environmental issues. There are bubbles in the creek with a strange odor. Part of the resolution is to get a response from DOEE and ensure ongoing maintenance and testing. They talked about a bike path because there are none on Albemarle. They also want to get DC Government to mow, weed and prune and provide access so we can clean out invasive species.

Gresham: Said they put in all the stuff we want DDOT to do. The sidewalk is the most important, the catch basin is next. They also want a stop sign on Albemarle at 32nd, a crosswalk and ADA ramp. There are many agencies within DDOT. They need 3 or 4 groups in there. The comprehensive resolution sends it up the chain at DDOT which is needed.

Dickinson: Confused about priority of items on the resolution. Is the bike path ready to go or just want to think about it? Gresham: The first 4 are high priority. 5 is maintenance.

Ray: DDOT won't do things without a study and they don't need to tell them to study it. The language should be this strong if we want them to move.

Jakopchek: Is there a place for wayfinding to Soapstone? There is only a small sign now.

Ray: There was something about signage but it was removed. DDOT said it was NPS job to make signs. We are worried about putting NPS in the mix related to this resolution.

Commissioners Ray and Gresham made a resolution regarding Albemarle and 32nd Street repair and improvement. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

8. Resolution Thanking Forest Hills of DC (01:19:12)

Commissioner Nugent made a resolution thanking Forest Hills of DC for hosting the ANC for its monthly meetings. Resolution was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

9. Other Business (01:23:26)

- A. Treasurer's Report: The expenditures since last meeting are \$40.01 to Verizon and \$1084 in staff wages so there is a \$102,116.41 current balance.
- B. Next Meeting: January 17, 2017 at UDC, Building 44 Room A03
- C. Nugent said a reminder that grants will be not be rolling. Instead the ANC will review them twice per year. March-April and September-October.

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