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Public Meeting – April 18, 2017
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008
Building 44, room A03

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 2008, Building 44, Room A03. 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. (NOTE: The meeting did not record properly this month.)

Commissioners Present: Molod
 Dickinson
 Jakopchek
 Brown
 Nugent
 Adelstein
 Rutenberg

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the grant application for \$850 to Iona Senior Services.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to table the grant application for Hearst Elementary autism program.	7-0-0	

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Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the amended resolution regarding the Steering Committee for Hearst Park & Pool Improvement Project.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to sign and send the Digital Signs Letter.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:31 pm
Adjournment: 10:45 pm

Announcements for meeting attendees:

- 1) ANC3F is streaming the meeting live. If you are watching online you can stream in questions. We do not share the local screen for livestream viewing, so please access the presentations at our web site, anc3f.com.
- 2) For those present at the meeting location: We do have a documents table at the back of the room with the agenda and materials from speakers. All documents for review are also online.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Regular agenda amendments:

1. Added the consideration of a letter to the Mayor about Digital Signs in the “Other Business” section.
2. Added the Hearst PTA Lego application in the grants section.
3. Removed the Linnean Avenue public space permit item because the applicant is revising it, so we will delay it to the next meeting

2. Commissioner Announcements / Updates

Nugent:

1. Avon Breast Cancer Walk will take place May 6-7. The route will cross into 3F on both days, but be all over city. Be aware of road closures.
2. Pepco and Casey Trees are doing Right Tree Right Place where they will give subsidized trees for \$50, up to 2 shade trees. Email mfrye@caseytrees.org for details.

Rutenberg: None

Dickinson: The UDC Community Task Force met on 4/12/2017 to discuss the 4250 Connecticut Ave project, UDC's budget for FY 18, and other community issues. UDC is still negotiating with Bernstein Development with regard to the 4250 Conn Ave property and will keep the ANC and the task force informed of any significant developments. At this point UDC is looking to place as many as 400 students in the apartment units in the building.

Jakopchek: None

Adelstein: Thanks to Barbara Klein for the city hosting fair housing symposium. 3-8 pm in the ballroom. Fliers are in the back with a registration link.

Brown: Forest Hills Playground - Friends of FH Playground held a successful cleanup last Saturday. DPR plans to replace the sand in the sandbox in the next 30 days. The chalkboard came in, but it was too small, so they need another new one. The spring maintenance has started. The bigger issue is the lights along the walkway coming on and off. DPR went to rectify it, but they now say it is a Pepco issue. They expect to have it resolved soon.

Molod: None

3. Committee Reports

- A. Parks & Trails: The committee continues to meet on the second Monday of each month at Forest Hills and met last week Monday April 10th. They discussed two items: (1) getting a survey of planting sites for trees (with Casey Trees) and (2) examining two sections of the DC plan related to parks and recreation and environmental protection.
- B. Streets & Sidewalks: Met on Wednesday April 12 and finalized plans for the ANC-wide survey of all streets and sidewalks. Call for volunteers to walk every block and fill in an online survey about the issues. Saturday, April 29 at noon at 4340 Connecticut Ave (VNMS office) they will have a meeting for volunteers. You can still volunteer if you can't attend, but they want responses before the next S&S meeting. www.anc3f.com/streets is the link to sign up.
- C. Grants: Will be voting on several grants today.

4. Community Open Forum

Sarah Fasbaugh of ABRA:

- 1. There is a Community Training on May 18th from 6:30-8:30 PM at 2000 14th St. NW (ABRA offices) for the license renewal process. Grocery stores and liquor stores will be coming up soon for renewal.
- 2. Residents should call the Enforcement Hotline 7pm-4am at 202-329-6347 if they see violations.
- 3. The omnibus bill just passed, it affects this ANC because the bill includes a provision to allow the sale of growlers, and this is relevant for Soapstone Market.

Tony Towns from the Attorney General's Office:

Working on community engagement through the OAG. He wants to introduce himself and tell us about OAG. Mr. Towns brought the 2-year report called "in the public interest" and also brought literature about what the OAG can do to help residents, which includes the bill about campaign finance reform, one about human trafficking and one also about the consumer protection hotline. He will send around a signup sheet for OAG's newsletter and will answer questions. www.oag.DC.gov

Commissioner Dickinson asked about the OAG's position on sanctuary city status. A: DC and all agencies don't consider a person's immigration status when dealing with them.

Commissioner Adelstein asked about OAG's efforts regarding digital signs. A: OAG filed suit against the companies who put up those signs without a permit. They are now in the discovery phase.

Commissioner Dickinson asked for their position on sentencing reform, i.e., mandatory sentencing. A: He does not know.

From Public: Question about the FCC's information release about telephone scams. Suggested that the OAG may want to update the consumer hotline. A: They are aware and will include it in the next edition of their pamphlet.

From Public: Question if the human trafficking issue is real? A: Human trafficking is real, whether it is connected to the missing children in DC is unknown. They have been educating the community about warning signs.

From Public: Wanted to discuss scams again, asked if OAG can post information about the current scams on the website? A: Yes, the pamphlet has a summary and the website has more information about specific scams. Phillip Zimmerman is the head of the consumer protection group but the public can also call the hotline to resolve issues with a specific company.

Commissioner Adelstein asked about getting the support of OAG for rent control abuses. A: Start with my office.

Theresa Cameron:

1. The annual meeting will be held April 29 at 1PM at Soapstone Market.
2. The Farmers Market will be starting May 20 and they are adding artisans/artists and having paid performers.
3. Other events at UDC include Jazz at VN.
4. They are working with embassy tours and they start on May 6.

Tonya Hedgepetch at DC Water:

Here to talk about the small diameter water pipe project in ANC3F. Ms. Hedgepetch brought some others from DC water for technical questions. The DC infrastructure is old

and needs work, so they will replace some 12 inch and smaller cast iron pipes on Brandywine. They want to improve water quality, reliability, and water pressure.

They will install 1150 feet of water main, replace the service lines and hydrants. The tentative dates are a start time of sometime in May with a completion date of July 2018. They will work mostly between 9am-5pm depending on the permits, with maybe some work on nights and weekends. The traffic plans include some street closures, no parking signs will be up with a 72 hour notification. Contact info sukchain.singh@DCwater.com.

Commissioner Nugent asked if it will really take a year. Answer from John Hamilton, "it won't take that long." Commissioner Nugent said that Brandywine St. NW was just repaired and now it will be torn up again. He implores them to coordinate with other agencies, so this does not keep happening.

Commissioner Rutenberg said that Brandywine St. NW is the alternate route for the Beach Drive traffic. They should coordinate with NPS and DDOT for traffic re-routing. A: They will speak to them.

Commissioner Dickinson asked if it is part of the communication plan to provide residents with notice, particularly to at-risk citizens. A: They will put out a 2 weeks' notice. There is nothing in particular in place for at-risk citizens, but they want our help to get the word out.

Commissioner Dickinson: Do lead pipes connect from the residences to the public pipes? Who can we speak to for lobbying about replacing them? The price quotes range quite a bit. A: They do have a water quality division. Call Marie Schmelling to discuss. They are going to have a lead service line replacement program and you can talk to Mike Walsh about it.

Commissioner Molod asked if the roots get into uneven joints as they do in sewer pipes. A: They will get information from the project engineer about it.

From Public: For Brandywine, will they repave the whole street or just that spot? A: They will talk to DDOT.

Hedgepetch: There is another project coming online soon. It is the water main cleaning/lining project in Cleveland Park. It was originally slated for August, but they are trying to move it forward to June. It is an 18 month project that includes Springland Lane, Tilden, Rodman, Reno, Idaho, but most of the work is on Reno/Springland.

Ian Maggerd - Ward 3 Liaison to Mayor's Office (ian.maggerd@DC.gov):

1. Thanks to the Friends of Forest Hills Playground cleanup participants.
2. mayor.DC.gov has the new 2018 budget.
3. Their office is partnering with Rock Creek Conservancy for cleanup on April 22 at Calvert/Shoreham Drive.

Michelle Pourceau from UDC:

1. Reported on the UDC board meeting.
2. This is Spring Fling week at UDC.
3. They have lots of upcoming concerts.
4. Department of Human Resources is having job fair at UDC this weekend.
5. Commencement is May 13th.
6. UDC is the safest campus in DC.

5. Police Report – Lt. Walter Fleming (walter.fleming@DC.gov)

Just took over PSA 203 after Lt. Corrine Hughes retired. He works from 9pm until 6 am.

7 day crime trend: There was 1 theft from auto, but no stolen autos, no theft, no robberies. The total crime has dropped from last year.

Commissioner Nugent said he likes to invite the police to report quarterly.

Commissioner Brown said that Forest Hills Playground (Brandywine off of Connecticut Ave) is having a problem with lack of lighting, asked if MPD can increase patrols until the lights are fixed? A: They will do that. Q: What do you suggest about residents being there after hours? A: Call 911 and say it is a non-emergency.

Commissioner Jakopchek said they are having traffic issues especially at Porter/Connecticut left turn. The light has already been lengthened during the Beach Drive closure. The cars are going through the red light. It is a serious pedestrian/auto conflict. Can you put a police presence there to monitor it? It is the worst during the evening rush. A: He will look into that.

Theresa Cameron said there is a problem with “Jake brakes” on Connecticut Ave. It is illegal, noisy, and lots of trucks are using them. A: He will look into it.

From Public: There is lots of speeding on Connecticut Ave, near Albemarle. The speed indicator is not working. (This is something DDOT handles). It is the 4500 block of Connecticut, in particular. A: He will look into it.

6. Grant Application: Iona Senior Services, \$850, for printing services

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the grant application for \$850 for Iona Senior Services. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Diane Greenspun from Iona: 25,000 brochures is the total print run: 5,000 each of 5 different brochures. The older trifold brochures that contain information about all that Iona does are not adequate to serve community needs. They need info about caregivers, aging alone, hunger, etc. They will have 5 different rack cards with information on the front and back. The content is queued up. The best bid is \$1700 and

they are asking for half of the cost from ANC3F. The rack cards will be distributed strategically around DC.

Commissioner Jakopchek said the ANC3F's guidelines ask applicants to not come back any earlier than every two years. He proposes that Iona be exempt from that. He also asked about whether the "where to find food" in Ward 3 brochure is going to be printed again.

Commissioner Dickinson said the Heart of Iona Tour was today and mentioned citizens should check it out if they can.

7. Grant Application: Hearst Elementary PTA, \$3,729 for autism class equipment

Commissioner Molod made a motion to table the grant application for Hearst Elementary autism program. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

8. Grant Application: Hearts Elementary PTA, robotics

Commissioner Molod made a motion to deny this grant to the Hearst PTA regarding robotics. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Discussion: Commissioner Dickinson said there are other priorities this year. Commissioner Rutenberg asked Commissioner Nugent to clarify what is this issue about grants every 2 years? Commissioner Nugent said the guideline is to ensure that we spread out our money. That was in part the reason to change to 2 grant cycles per year as well. It is not a hard and fast rule.

9. Resolution Calling for Divestiture of DC Funds from Wells Fargo Inc

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the "Sense of the Council resolution" urging reassessment of relationship with Wells Fargo Resolution of 2017. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 2 abstaining (5-0-2).

Commissioner Jakopchek said that the DC council proposed a resolution to divest from Wells Fargo based on discriminatory practices, investments in the Dakota pipeline, etc. It is called the Sense of Council resolution. Our resolution notes that cities across the country are considering divestitures. He read the active clauses from the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Dickinson mentioned the email discussion among the commissioners about the text of the resolution. He agrees with the "whereas" provisions related to direct consumer tactics of Wells Fargo, but sees Dakota pipeline and prison investment clauses as beside the point. He asked why they are there. Commissioner Jakopchek said they are in the Council's resolution. They are not only political, but against the DC policy for clean energy. The Dakota access pipeline goes against that.

Commissioner Rutenberg said the text of the proposed resolution has only been on the website for a few days for constituents to consider. What about tabling it until May? Commissioner Jakopchek said he would be against tabling it because the Council already introduced it.

Commissioner Brown said her concern about this resolution and bill is what happens when we move the money. Wells Fargo has checking accounts for DC employees with a bank that is local to many folks. Where will we move the money to, which bank? Does the new place have the same footprint in DC? Commissioner Jakopchek said it won't change where people can cash checks. Commissioner Brown said yes, it is a concern. They can only cash checks at banks where they were issued if they do not have a bank account. Commissioner Brown proposes a friendly amendment with the language ensuring that the Council includes another large bank. "Be it resolved that ANC3f urges the Council, in the event that the divestiture takes place, that the replacement banking establishment have an adequate footprint to serve needs of DC's unbanked population" Commissioner Jakopchek accepts as friendly amendment.

Commissioner Nugent said that his only concern, similar to Commissioner Dickinson's [support divesting from company with these customer practices, urge socially responsible investing], is about calling them out for the Dakota pipeline or prisons as investments but he is not going to oppose the amendment. Perhaps we should consider at another time to urge them about a policy of doing business with socially responsible companies.

Commissioner Dickinson said he wants to go on the record as saying he doesn't disagree with the resolution but he will abstain from voting.

10. Resolution re Hearst Park & Pool Improvement Project

Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the amended resolution regarding the Steering Committee for Hearst Park & Pool Improvement Project. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Commissioner Dickinson discussed the history of the project. He still has issues with the environmental hydrology/geology and they have not been addressed. He read operative clauses into record. He would support the pool if issues are resolved. He wants to ask the Council to put together a steering committee to address all of these issues. Commissioner Nugent asked can we be more explicit about what exactly we want in which year's budget?

Discussion: Commissioner Nugent said his comments are largely with the operative clauses. One whereas clause, "a variety of opportunities should be addressed" change to "could." As is, it is not a statement of fact or maybe just add it to the operative clauses. Commissioner Nugent continued to say that there is a lot in the operative clauses, and it is not clear what we are asking for. He doesn't like approving the pool if... is met. Instead proposes that we say we support a pool in principle and say that this and that needs to happen first. Either that or be explicit about what the consequences are if

conditions not met by a certain date. Commissioner Nugent suggested a friendly amendment that “supports a pool subject to the following conditions: then list them.”

Commissioner Adelstein said that she likes the language in other active clause calling for an evaluation of this in October of 2017 and that we will re-evaluate our support for a pool at that time based on what happened.

The new “resolved” clause will say that money goes into the 2019 budget (or wherever it goes). The final operative clause will be modified to say that Commissioners Dickinson and Jakopchek can speak on behalf of ANC3F on this, but not say to whom.

Commissioner Dickinson accepts all as a friendly amendments. Commissioner Jakopchek read the operative clauses as amended.

Sarah Brown from Neighbors for Hearst Park said she didn't see the draft that we were working on. They ask us to consider to add it all back in. Point: This budget is for Hearst Park, not the recreation center. She thinks that the steering committee is a great idea, but there are other issues we need reports on, not just hydrology, but risk to trees. They need to get assessments made public. The resolution says nothing about existing park uses, including the soccer field. The soccer field has to be addressed. They also have to make estimates of expected use and how many people this small pool can accommodate. They also have to talk about how this relates to Play DC in the DC Comprehensive plan.

Amy Shannon also on the board of Neighbors of Hearst Park lives on Quebec St. and wants us to address the issues of shading of Hearst cottage, i.e., disturbing Hearst Park as little as possible. The cottage needs a bathroom.

Bill Matselevic, resident of Cleveland Park, lives on Reno Rd. The Cleveland Park Citizens' Association voted on a resolution in February and the majority was in favor. How does our resolution reflect Cleveland Park Citizens' Association views? He would hate to see inconsistency between them and us.

Commissioner Dickinson said he has the Cleveland Park Citizens' Association resolution and took language from there and from Neighbors of Hearst Park recommendations as well. For the soccer field, the opinion is that there are sacrifices inherent in this project. The community has the right to voice their opinion. We don't recommend that we call out the need for a soccer field. Commissioner Dickinson said he likes the idea to ask for a report about the trees. Perhaps we could amend the active clause to include that. Dickinson suggested we change "hydrology, geology..." to "hydrology, geology, heritage tree studies..."

Commissioner Molod proposed to add on to other programmatic opportunities as well as additional improvements in the area of the cottage.

Commissioner Dickinson said he is willing to change the name to Hearst Recreation Center and Park, or call it Hearst Rec Center (Hearst Park).

11. Discussion of DC Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Nugent said it is a 20 year development plan for the city. It was adopted in 2006 as legislation, amended in 2011, and is being considered for amendment again this year. It is used as reference for planning. There are 12 citywide elements, 10 area elements. We are Rock Creek West.

The education element calls for coordination of modernization programs within the neighborhood. Rock Creek West also is looking to retain retail and preserve open spaces.

There is a public call for amendments to the plan from March 26 until May 26. He encourages all to look at the plan and propose amendments. At the next meeting we will approve the amendments we suggest (May 16th meeting). planDC.DC.gov has all the info and it also says how to participate. In late fall there will be another public comment period. Then late spring of next year the Council will have hearings.

Theresa Cameron said VNMS is also doing work on this related to the business community.

12. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to sign and send the Digital Signs Letter. The motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).
Commissioner Adelstein discussed the opposition to digital signs. The word is that the Mayor may intervene on behalf of the signs. We are writing a letter to the Mayor to advocate that she not intervene.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Update since February - \$90,461 in bank, expenditure is \$6,766.90 (internet, staff, taxes, and grant).
- C. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at UDC, Building 44 Room A03

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