

**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
*Van Ness • North Cleveland Park • Wakefield • Forest Hills*

3F01 – David Dickinson  
3F02 – Shirley Adelstein, Treasurer  
3F03 – Naomi Rutenberg  
3F04 – Deirdre Brown  
3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary  
3F06 – Malachy Nugent, Chair  
3F07 – Patrick Jakopchek, Vice Chair



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**Public Meeting – July 18, 2017**  
University of the District of Columbia  
4200 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20008

**MINUTES**

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, July 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](http://www.anc3f.com). 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: Dickinson  
Adelstein  
Brown  
Rutenberg  
Molod  
Nugent  
Jakopchek

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 resolution to support the application to move the driveway at 3301 Fessenden St. NW	7-0-0	
Commissioner Rutenberg made a motion to approve the resolution to support the application to build a driveway at 4301 30th St. NW	7-0-0	

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to adopt the amended resolution in support of DC’s Death With Dignity Act.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to adopt the resolution outlining ANC3F’s Financial Reserve Policy	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to authorize Commissioners Nugent and Jakopchek to speak on behalf of ANC3F for potential public space issues during August	7-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the amended minutes from May and June	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	7-0-0	

**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).

The regular agenda was amended to add resolutions regarding TOPS applications for public space permits at 3301 Fessenden St. NW and 4501 30<sup>th</sup> St NW, and a discussion of Hearst Park if the discussants are present. The discussion of the ANC3F policy on Historic preservation was removed.

**2. Commissioner Announcements / Updates**

Nugent:

- a) Has been having a discussion with representatives of the Mayor’s office about coordination within ANC3F of different agencies. For example, DDOT doing paving of a roadway then later utility work takes place that tears up the new paving. Ian Maggerd will ask representatives from DDOT to speak to us about the coordination.
- b) Pocket Park letter - got acknowledgement from DDOT about receipt of the letter. We are expecting their answer.
- c) Murch renovation - work continues, steel work, concrete, electrical. Contact [patrick.davis@dc.gov](mailto:patrick.davis@dc.gov) with questions
- d) Sheridan School – There was a community liaison meeting on June 29, which is part of the BOZ agreement. The attendees spoke about relations with the neighborhood residents. There are trespassers playing basketball, and it is noisy. Please contact Melissa Lee to get on the mailing list. The playground renovation starts in July

e) Rachel Huhn was on the US team that won the IFAF women's world championship.

Rutenberg:

a) 3101 Albemarle St NW update – Gottfried has notified neighbors of his intent to file an application for a PUD.

b) Resolution related to the former Israeli ambassador's residence – The project moving, but slowly. They are working on getting bids and a contractor.

Jakopchek: none

Adelstein:

a) There will be delays on the red line over next 3 weekends, METRO is testing new waterproofing techniques.

b) Update on Paid Family Leave Act - we passed a resolution, and the DC Council passed the bill. It will begin in 2020, fully budgeted, but there are bills being considered by the Council to change the program.

Brown:

Friends of FH playground will have free concert, July 28, music at 6 PM - Crush Funk Brass

Molod:

DC government has an incentive program to help residents defer the cost of installing home security cameras. Go to [ovsjg@dc.gov](mailto:ovsjg@dc.gov) for more information.

Dickinson:

a) Sidwell School – The team from Sidwell is planning to brief ANC3F at its November 2017 meeting. Sidwell has purchased the Washington Home which is adjacent to its upper campus and presented ANC3F with its plans last year in terms of relocating its lower school in Bethesda to the Washington Home site. Sidwell is undergoing a significant comprehensive or master planning process and that is still on-going. During this process they made an initial (not yet a final) determination that it might relocate its upper school to the Washington Home site and move the lower school classrooms to its upper school site. Needless to say it is still evaluating all of these potential plans and how to sequence various moves and construction – nevertheless they remain committed to working with the ANC and the community and don't believe that any additional traffic would result from a possible upper school relocation and may in fact mitigate the lower school traffic that was envisioned if it were located at the Washington Home.

b) UDC/Community Task Force – updates and next meeting. I am pleased to announce and to welcome Ms. Juanita Gray to the task force as the representative from UDC. Ms Michele Pourceau has taken a transportation position with the city of Baltimore - Ms

Gray has been with UDC and also serves as head of its residential housing office. Our next meeting is on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> here at UDC (in this room) and the agenda includes an update on UDC's budget, the on-going location of Murch Elementary and its swing space location at UDC, and UDC's ongoing discussions with Bernstein the developer for the 4250 Conn Ave property where residential housing and commercial space development may occur.

c) Hearst Elementary – annual e-cycle event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

d) Bike lane planning - initial discussions have taken place for bike share lanes along Reno Ave between Tilden and VanNess – these are very preliminary scoping exercises and going forward a bike lane planner from DDOT may present tentative ideas to the ANC.

### **3. Committee Reports**

- A. Parks & Trails: The committee met last Monday and spoke about the Beach Drive closure, future projects in the park, and how the community can better partner with NPS. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7 pm at Forest Hills Home. They are currently in the nacent stages of a survey to identify sites for trees to get ready for Casey season.
- B. Streets & Sidewalks: Bob Deyling, committee chair reported that over 6-8 weeks the committee completed a block by block survey of streets. There were ~350-375 issues found. The committee's recommendations are: 1) most issues related to broken sidewalks can be entered into 311 2) think prioritizing needed. sidewalk repair, new sidewalks, street repair. 3) need liaison from ddot on the committee. meet second wed of month at 7 pm.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to formerly receive the report of the Streets and Sidewalks committee, and request that they proceed with their recommendations. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

C. Grants: nothing new to report

### **4. Community Open Forum**

Juanita Grey - UDC

- a) Thanks for warm welcome - serving as liaison to ANC
- b) UDC got \$7 million in new money, but \$5 million lost.
- c) Capital funds will be depleted by December 2018 based on current plans.
- d) Murch swing space – Will be gone by January.
- e) Fall enrollment (still accepting apps) - 2548, down 78 from last year.
- f) UDC has the highest enrollment in 2 years for DC UP scholars (90 students)

- g) There will be fair on campus, ANC can have table if we want. Sat Aug 19 11A-3P, Student Center
- h) Classes beginning on Monday August 24.
- i) Farmers market is open until November - 8A-2P on Saturdays
- j) The university started a food pantry with rations from a farm in MD, baked goods from Bread Furst, and other donations. Anyone interested in donating please contact Juanita Grey
- k) President Mason is holding a town hall 4-6P this Thursday, July 20

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

- a) A week and a half ago, they broke ground on ward 4 community housing. There has been a 10.5% reduction in homelessness overall since program began.
- b) Saturday 9A-4P The Lab at DC is holding formalpalooza - at ward circle location. The goal is to try to make DC forms easier
- c) treewatering.dc.gov – A new tree watering app

Theresa Cameron – Van Ness Main Street:

- a) Participating in retail study to look at vacant spaces in Van Ness. In partnership with UDC and Bernstein
- b) UDC has given the space to continue popups – VNMS is planning them now
- c) Next Thursday, Jazz and VN is at Laliguras - local musicians
- d) Farmers Market - Trying to elevate it more. Will host guest chefs and performers. Jonathan Barsdick, a chef, cooks and makes recipe cards. There is a big uptick in attendance
- e) Working on tree boxes in Van Ness. Asking property owners to take care of them, offering to put plants in them. Days Inn is the first participant.
- f) Have money available for businesses - DC started a trash compacting program for businesses.
- g) Doing the work of planning for next year.

Barbara Bates from Van Ness North.

Came to speak on the issue we removed from our agenda regarding the ANC3F policy on historic preservation. Recommends that we not call it historic preservation, its a red herring. We should call it architecture. Also recommends hiring someone like Traceries, and hire folks to walk street by street. Kalorama citizens association did 3 different surveys Commissioner Nugent said that we will discuss the formation of a committee in September.

## 5. Update on Beach Drive Rehabilitation Project

Julia Washburn, new superintendant of Rock Creek Park. Here to speak to ANC3F about the beach drive reconstruction project. There was a public meeting last month at Chevy Chase library, will provide a synopsis here. Mike McMann, head of project, also present.

Information about how to find out about project:

- a) Register by texting "beachdrive" to 888777
- b) website - [go.nps.gov/beachdrive](http://go.nps.gov/beachdrive) or [flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/dc/](http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/dc/)
- c) 202-895-6232 - pre-recorded info line

Project timeline:

- segment 1 - completed last week of August
- segment 2 - nov-dec 2017 - Tilden to Broadbranch
- segment 3 - summer 2018 - Broadbranch to Joyce Rd
- segment 4 - autumn 2019 - Joyce Rd to MD state line

The detour route for segment 2 has changed based on the email sent by ANC3F. The issues in the email were investigated and it was agreed that the ANC3F concerns about Brandywine St NW were well founded. The new detour is north to Tilden, to Connecticut Ave., to Nebraska Ave, to Military Rd, to Ross Drive. They will monitor the detour route for traffic. This detour will continue into segment 3 if it is working.

The rehabilitation includes pavement reconstruction, and new curbs/gutters.

Commissioner Nugent: Segments 1,2 affect us. Once segment 1 is completed, will that park of Beach Dr be completed? Will there be access from Broadbranch Rd?

A: no – they will do the road closures for segments 2 and 3 together. ie., the roads will be closed from Tilden to Joyce Rd throughout the work on segments 2 and 3. When segment 2 is completed, that part of road will open. This plan may lessen the time it will take for segment 3. The problem is that a major sewer line runs through segment 3 and this is sensitive work.

Commissioner Rutenberg: The closing of segment 3 will impact us also. People will use Broadbranch Rd. Are there any plans to discourage people from using Broadbranch Rd?

A: while segment 2 is closed they won't be able to do that. They are working with DDOT to monitor the traffic in the detour route. Signs will have designated routes.

Commissioner Rutenberg: Can DDOT post "local traffic only" signs? That would go into the traffic apps. Also - what about the use of the closed stretch of segment 3 for recreational use? A: no. for safety. Q; what about valley trail? Will there be parking areas for access to trails? A: There will be no impact on the trails, but perhaps on access to parking areas.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Will Blagden Rd be closing? And will traffic be routed to Piney Branch Rd? A: yes, Blagden will be closed because of bridge work in segment 2.

Commissioner Dickinson: What is being done to prevent people from driving in the park? A: not much, there will be a Beach Drive block party on Aug 20, segment 1 will be open to pedestrians, bicycles... 1-4pm

## **6. Update on Hearst Park**

Peter Nohrden with DPR, Jackie Stanley with DGS are here to discuss the Hearst Park project. There is not much happening, so not so many updates.

They received the email from Commissioner Dickinson and ANC3F regarding the five points inquired about in the ANC3F resolution. They read the answers into the record.

There is also a second resolution awaiting an answer. DPR wants community feedback before responding. They will look at 2 or 3 concepts for the lower part of Hearst Park. ie., options for a pool near the tennis courts. They will not go north of that because of environment concerns. The Urban Forestry administration met with an arborist that DPS hired, there was also a Friends of Hearst Park arborist. Both say that as long as there is no disturbance within 30 feet of a tree it is ok to build nearby.

There were two meetings: one meeting with Friends of Hearst Pool, who asked to move the planned pool to the west, and one meeting with Neighbors of Hearst Park, who want to consider Fort Reno as alternative. NPS did a review - they denied a project at Ft. Reno.

Commissioner Dickinson: when is next community meeting? A: September  
Commissioner Dickinson also asked for an update at every ANC meeting, and invited DPS to talk about things other than the pool. ie., the soccer field that is not a year round field. A: The work on the soccer field is what it can be. Q: Our ANC took the pool seriously - there has been a communication gap with ANC. A steering committee is a way to do this better. ie., let ANC be in an advisory role. A: so far there is no steering committee. They will talk to upper management about this again. There was also a question about funding - is it 2019 funding? A: funding is 2020 dollars.

Commissioner Jakopchek: echoes the thought about a steering committee. It would be a good way to communicate with community.

Questions from Bill Mancevich, a resident of Cleveland Park. Is it correct that there is no steering committee? Also – the resolution called for monthly updates on DPR web site. There is no update posted since February, please update more frequently. A: will do

more updates as project progresses. A question about Fort Reno - about the 10 acre area of the park – is it correct that NPS said that there could be no major change in that part of Ft Reno park? And does Hearst Park encompass any historic preservation areas? DPR has to go through historic preservation to look at archeology even if not historic.

#### **7. TOPS application regarding 3301 Fessenden St. NW**

The resolution to support the application to move the driveway was approved, with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

#### **8. TOPS application regarding 4301 30th St. NW**

The resolution to support the application to build a new driveway was approved, with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

#### **9. Resolution regarding Death with Dignity Act**

The issue is one of Federal intrusion into DC affairs. Dan Diaz was here last year, and spoke about death with dignity bill in CA. A DWD act passed in DC, became applicable June of this year. DC department of health more fully implemented law, and put forms on the web for doctors and patients.

The House appropriation committee attached a rider to the DC appropriation bill to not fund DC's law. Now they want to repeal DC's death with dignity act.

The text of our resolution to be considered is to encourage Congress to “lay off”, and reject the idea of repealing DC's Death with Dignity act. We also ask Congresswoman Norton to encourage Congress to do this as well.

The active language of the resolution was read into record, and it also said that other ANCs are doing the same.

Nugent: Strongly supports the resolution with an amendment saying that we also ask Congress not to repeal DWD act.

Motion was approved 7-0-0 with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

#### **10. Resolution regarding ANC3F Financial Reserve**

Commissioner Adelstein: The background is that ANC3F has had a large bank balance, and has been reducing the balance to use public funds to benefit community. Now there is a more reasonable balance, and we have been thinking about how much to maintain a reserve. We would want a liquidity reserve (X months of operating expenses) and an emergency reserve. The resolution states that to account for this when planning the budget we should set the numbers for both funds. The numbers will be revisited each year.

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the resolution, the motion was approved, with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

### **11. Authorize Nugent/Jakopchek to speak on behalf of ANC3F in August**

Since ANC3F will not hold a public meeting during August of 2017, Commissioner Nugent made a motion to authorize Commissioners Nugent and Jakpcheck to speak on behalf of ANC3F if public space issues come up. There are pending issues regarding 4024 Linnean St. NW, 4810 36th St NW and issues regarding Jakes American Grill.

Motion was approved 7-0-0 with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

### **12. Other Business**

- A. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Adelstein reported that since June we spent \$1006.72 – on personnel and taxes. There is a \$77185 bank balance. The current disbursements are higher than planned, mostly due to personnel and grants. One or two grants from last year got paid out this year, and we also got caught up on tax situation. We are looking at trends over time.
- B. Minutes – Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the May and June minutes, contingent on adding Commissioner announcements to the May minutes. Motion was approved 7-0-0 with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).
- C. ANC3F is not meeting in August, the next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 19, 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).