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



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Public Meeting – January 16, 2018
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
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Building 44, room A03

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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.

Commissioners Present: Jakopchek
 Dickinson
 Molod
 Adelstein
 Rutenberg
 Brown
 Sittig

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the regular and modified consent agenda.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the slate of officers.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the list and membership of the ANC3F standing committees.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the BZA exception for the Burger King parking lot	7-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the Linnean Ave NW streetscape	7-0-0	

Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to adopt the resolution calling for monitoring of Hearst Park Stormwater mitigation plans	7-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the expenditure for the 2018 ANC security fund.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:33 pm
Adjournment: 9:18 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the regular and modified (now empty) consent agenda. The election of officers was moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

2. Election of Officers

Commissioner Jakopchek nominated the slate of officers:

- Chair – Patrick Jakopchek
- Vice Chair – David Dickinson
- Treasurer – Shirley Adelstein
- Secretary – Andrea Molod

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

3. ANC3F Standing Committees

Commissioner Jakopchek proposed the list of ANC3F standing committees and their membership and chairs:

- Parks and Trails: Naomi Rutenberg
- Street and Sidewalks – Bob Deyling
- Grants: Andrea Molod

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the list and membership of the ANC3F standing committees. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

4. Commissioner Announcements

- Molod - none
- Rutenberg - none

Jakopchek:

- a) ANC3F is ending the livestream broadcast of meetings in June. Meetings will continue to be recorded and posted
- b) Thanks to PEPCO and the Dept of Urban Forestry, for taking care of the felled tree and electrical wire. The tree came down on 29th St at 2:30 AM and by 8:30 PM the wire was fixed and the tree was gone

Adelstein: none

Dickinson:

- a) Several schools in our area are having fundraisers at Politics and Prose bookstore. See P&P website for information
- b) Hearst Park - DPR, DGS representative are not present this evening, information on status is available on the DGS website.

Sittig:

- a) Attended the Murch School SIT meeting where they spoke about the progress of building. They will have more meetings, but for now they reported that they are within budget and on time. The Murch school web site has detailed information.
- b) In early December there were a few break-ins on Yuma St. NW. Convened a meeting with District 2 MPD, where they gave tips on how to prevent break-ins.

5. Committee Reports:

- a) Streets and Sidewalks – Deyling: Continuing to get the survey reports into 311. They have done 250 reports and are working with DDOT to get a monthly report about the progress. DDOT is now doing pothole repairs. The committee is continuing to meet, and we are reminded that there are recommendations in the committee report that need action by the ANC. The next meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of Feb (Feb 14). They may consider some specific recommendations about getting ANC access to the progress of 311 issues.

Commissioner Rutenberg: Is there any prioritization of request related to safety?

A: We can flag the type of issue in the 311 system, i.e., roadway issues, sidewalk issues, etc. but there is no prioritization

Commissioner Dickinson: Where are we with the transportation study? A: Met with representatives from other ANCs along the Connecticut corridor. There was great interest. The ANCs should pursue it.

- b) Grants – Molod: The next grant cycle is in March-April. That is, grant requests are due before the March meeting although the recommendation is that a draft is sent beforehand. Grants will be voted on at the April meeting.
- c) Parks and Trails – Jakopchek: The committee met last Monday. 2018 officers were elected. Commissioner Rutenberg was elected as the committee Chair and Alex Sanders the Vice Chair. In addition, focus areas for the committee were discussed. The scope was expanded to include Broad Branch Stream. The

committee also discussed how to get more people to take advantage of Casey Trees offset. They also talked about stormwater mitigation at Hearst Park.

6. Open Forum

Juanita Grey, UDC:

- a) Retail Study – The committee will report their findings to the ANC in February.
- b) Current Enrollment – 4,502 students. Registration is still open until the end of the week. The next report will be available on January 19th. I'll update the Commissioners again in February with final numbers.
- c) 4225 Connecticut Ave. – Still in negotiations
- d) A series of updates about ongoing community programs at UDC
- e) Founders Day, Thursday, February 15th at 10A in the Theater, open to the public
- f) Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner – Friday, February 16th at 6pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Sponsorship is available.
- g) Black History Month Events – The University will be hosting many events during the month of February in honor of Black History month. See calendar on UDC webpage for a schedule of events.
- h) Presidents Equity Imperative Tour – Dates forthcoming
- i) University will be hosting DC Chamber of Commerce on Friday, January 19th for their annual retreat.
- j) Next Community-Campus Task Force meeting will be Thursday, February 15th at 6:30pm, we will update on a space once confirmed.

Ian Maggerd, Office of the Mayor:

- a) The 3-year accountability report was just released by the Mayor. The highlights include the "Safer Stronger DC" plan which resulted in an 11% reduction in crime, and a 14% reduction in violent crime. The report also includes some education statistics, and an update on the "Homeward DC" plan. "Homeward DC" is a plan to get homeless DC residents in a home for the holidays from late November through January. DHS partnered with landlords, and they surpassed the goal and housed 422 homeless families.
- b) There was an MLK day cleanup in Soapstone Valley, cleaning trash and recycling.

Commissioner Dickinson: There has been a lot of press about the absenteeism at Balou school, reporting lots of absenteeism and students are still graduating.

A: will talk more about this later

Theresa Cameron, VNMS:

- a) Retail study in Van Ness - report will be out next week.
- b) There was a holiday popup event, 3 days during the holiday season at a vacant space in UDC. Working with UDC to get another popup featuring one vendor
- c) Jazz at VN at Acacia
- d) Business to business breakfast, January 31 10AM at Soapstone Market. Includes discussion of common work/trainings with local businesses.
- e) See event calendar at the VNMS web site

Commissioner Rutenberg: Are the restaurants closings near Nebraska and Connecticut Avenues in the purview of VNMS? A: Have spoken with some owners, will meet with them again

7. DC College Savings Plan

Dave Rydzeski, david.rydzeski@ascensus.com spoke to the ANC about the DC college savings plan. The plan provides a way to help DC families save for college and/or vocational expenses. Residents can deduct up to \$4000 from their federal taxes (\$8000 for a couple filing jointly). The money is tax deferred, and all withdrawals for college are tax free. The account is called a 529 account (college savings plan) and may now include tuition for K-12 schools under the new tax plan.

8. DC Water Update

Representative of DC Water were present to update the ANC about ongoing projects that affected residents of our ANC. Present were Emanuel Briggs of the DC Water office of outreach, Nyika Roberson-Ramos, the project manager for the water main cleaning, lining, and replacement in Cleveland Park, Suk Chaing Singh, the project manager for the water main replacement project at Brandywine St. NW and 34th St NW, Ignatius Ajemba, who can answer technical questions about the 29th St/Albemarle/Audubon water main replacement project, Feda Hankic who is with the contractor, Sagris construction, and Maureen Schmelling, a DC Water water quality expert.

Nyika Roberson-Ramos – The Cleveland Park project began in June 2017, but they need warmer temperatures than what we have had to be able to clean and reline the pipes. As of now, 450 feet are completed, and they will complete the project some time this year. Work will resume later this month, and they are pushing for an August completion.

Commissioner Dickinson: When there will be a service interruption, how are notifications made? A: DC Water sends notification 2 days in advance, for this work there are no more than 8-hour shutdowns. Q: DDOT is working on the sidewalks and rain gutters at Rodman St., is there coordination between DC Water and DDOT and DOEE? A: no coordination, DC Water will communicate with the DDOT and DOEE liaisons. A: (Briggs) In general, there is a public space coordination team that entails a coordination with DDOT and DOEE, etc... in terms of construction and restoration. They usually try to coordinate.

Suk Chaing Singh – The Brandywine water main replacement project is just finished and the work is 100% done.

Emanuel Briggs – There is a new water main replacement project at 29th St/Albemarle/Audubon. 1400 ft of 18-inch water mains will be replaced in addition to hydrants and valves. The work will begin during February 2018 and be done by June 2018. The work will take place between 7AM-5PM Monday-Friday. Some work may be done into evenings or on weekends. When there are scheduled outages there will be 48-hour notification to those affected, and the outages will not be for more than 8 hours at a

time. DDOT requires 72-hour notice for no parking signs. Ignatius Adjemba and Feda Hankic are here to answer questions.

Commissioner Rutenberg: The work area is well used for walkers, dog walking, etc. How will those affected in this way be informed that the project will happen? A: Project information sheets are delivered door to door with description and schedule of individual elements of the project. Information is also posted to local listservs, and will be announced on twitter. Q: suggest a plywood board with information at the intersection of 29th and Albemarle, also one at the west end of Audubon Terrace. A: will do that. Q: will there be a sewer relining at the east end of Audubon Terrace and are there any impacts on Soapstone Valley or stream from this project? Is there coordination with a liaison from NPS? A: (Ajemba) The project still in the design phase, not in construction yet. Q: is there an environmental impact study of the project? A: will get information about this to the ANC. Commissioner Jakopchek: please also reach out to NPS

Commissioner Dickinson – Questions about the costs of residential lead pipe replacement. A: (Schmelling) This can be part of a public project, and homeowners will pay \$100 per foot of linear space plus \$500 for a breakthrough into a house. For many years contractors held to this fee schedule and would coordinate work as part of public part of lead pipe replacement. Now contractors typically charge \$120 per linear ft, and \$600 for a breakthrough. Dickinson: those rates are exorbitant.

9. 4422 Connecticut Avenue (Burger King) Permit Extension for Parking Lot

Commissioner Jakopchek: ANC3F is considering supporting a 9-year extension of the BZA permit for the Burger King parking lot. Our support is based on aligning the expiration with other permits related to the attached parking lots. We have also set some conditions for our support, most importantly is that the renovation takes place within 3 years and uses pervious pavers. There will be an attempt to get other owners to do that as well. Karina Sigar is with Troutman Sanders and is here representing Burger King.

Commissioner Jakopchek: At our last ANC meeting we flagged some conditions that were not being met, and Karen Sigar responded with an update on the status:

- a) Trash trucks are not allowed in back. A: keeping an eye on that
- b) Agreement required 2 trash cans. There is one and it is covered with graffiti. A: they have ordered two new trash cans.
- c) Landscaping must be maintained. A: status is improved, Commissioner Sittig walked through and saw improvements
- d) Contract with exterminators. A: Have seen the contracts with exterminators
- e) Annual report required. A: The annual report was posted on web site
- f) Care of existing signage – it needs repainting. A: will be done when weather permits

Commissioner Jakopchek: There are two additional items to cover:

- 1) ANC support is contingent on BK not seeking more than 9-year extension from BZA. Sigar: This is okay.

2) What is the approximate renovation timeline? A: There is no timeline yet. The meeting will be set soon where timeline will be set. Can let ANC know when.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the BZA exception for the Burger King parking lot. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

10. Linnean Ave NW Streetscape

Commissioner Jakopchek: In 2016 ANC3F passed a resolution about (i) repaving and (ii) infrastructure on Linnean Ave. NW. Since then, DDOT came to series of public meetings at Hillwood. It is now time to enter into the next stage of the plan. The community is asking for funding from CM Cheh's office for a study for the next section of the plan.

Karen Forite, Bob Miller are residents on Linnean Ave, NW. Want to thank Commissioner Jakopchek for his support. DDOT came out and repaved the street. They are asking now to continue with the next stages of the development. There is a recommendation from Paul Hoffman (DDOT special projects) that ANC passes a follow up resolution regarding the next steps. A draft resolution was circulated, and the comments were incorporated into the resolution text. The resolution calls for scoping the future plan, which should include building sidewalks on one side of Linnean only (Hillwood side). The resolution suggests that DOEE should be brought in early, that CM Cheh's office provide a budget for the study, and also calls for the identification of the public easements needed.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution calling for the study for the Linnean Ave. streetscape. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

11. Hearst Park Stormwater

Commissioner Dickinson: Hearst Park is subject to stormwater management regulations. The stormwater management regulations also include the Idaho Ave. right of way, Springland lane, and Melvin Hazen Park. DGS and DPR, who attend ANC meetings usually, are hiring a general contractor related to the Hearst Park project. ANC3F's Parks and Trails committee met a week ago, and there was a discussion about transparency and community input on stormwater issues. Proposes that ANC3F entertain passing new resolution to re-iterate our requests related to stormwater management that we made in a previous resolution.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Likes the provisions in the text of the proposed resolution. Increased and continued meetings are great. Also likes that it asks for funds for the evaluations, as well as the provisions to get some specific ideas about what could be done there on paper. This way we can get DGS and DPR to tell us what they are considering.

Questions/Comments from Public:

Alice Kelly - Cleveland Park Citizens Assn: There have been ANC resolutions before, have they been responded to? A (Dickinson): DGS and DPR have been good, coming to ANC meetings, and they also come to Parks and Trail committee meeting(s). The response to the previous resolution(s) hasn't been perfect. They are slow on releasing some of their reports. Q (Kelly): To what extent do we think that a commitment of funds for a stormwater runoff plan is needed? A (Dickinson): they know they are subject to stormwater regulations. Funding is needed to get the Idaho right of way included in stormwater mitigation plan. Q: is the language of the request strong enough? A: (Jakopchek) if we pass this resolution the request will have "Great weight". We will also see if ANC3C will pass something like also.

Sarah Brown - Neighbors for Hearst Park. Hopes we pass the resolution. Just got an email from Jackie Stanley about a community meeting regarding artificial turf, and advocates that ANC3F monitor the use of artificial turf.

Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the resolution calling for the study of stormwater mitigation issues in Hearst Park. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

12. 4250 Connecticut Avenue Development Plans

Fred Underwood, from Bernstein Management is here to give the ANC an update. The owner and UDC have mutually agreed not to move forward with a residential conversion project. The project would not meet the needs of either side in terms of timeline or budget.

The plan is to move forward with an office project, so there will be no change in use from the current. Plans are to upgrade/renovate the existing building. No additional density. They will be hiring an architect soon, and when they have concrete design ideas they will present them to the ANC and to the community.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Any idea when they will have some designs? A: they can bring people from the community in first, then make plans and iterate.

Commissioner Rutenberg: Any sense of future tenants? A: predicts several tenants with range of sizes/uses. There will probably be some retail, and some offices. They are thinking about one large tenant (1/3 of building...).

Commissioner Jakopchek: Are you envisioning the need for variances? A: There will be. They will need to change the existing PUD (from 1981).

Commissioner Dickinson: What is the timeline? A: As soon as possible - Fannie Mae is vacating soon. They want to submit the PUD modification in a few months. Proposes a meeting on Thursday January 25th at 8PM to discuss early ideas.

From public: Will there be restaurants? A: would like to encourage that.

13. Other Business

- a) Commissioner Adelstein gave the treasurers report, including the update on expenditures for December and January. \$2146.56 were spent on wages, taxes, and internet, and there is a current balance of \$86,471.
- b) Commissioner Adelstein made a motion that we approve the expenditure of \$25 for the 2018 ANC security fund. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).
- c) Commissioner Molod – Agree to table the approval of November and December minutes to the February meeting.

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