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Public Meeting – March 20, 2018
 University of the District of Columbia
 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
 Washington, DC 20008
 Building 44, room A03

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008, 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
 Sittig

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to support the request for zoning exceptions at 3416 Garrison St. NW	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the DC Council Bill on leafblower regulation	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding a DDOT traffic study of Connecticut Ave NW.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to adopt the resolution opposing the OP amendments to the Framework Element as amended.	6-0-0	

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn	6-0-0	
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Call to Order: 7:32 pm
 Adjournment: 11:58 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda. Modifications were made to the order of items; the DC Water presentation was moved up to the third item, discussion of grants was moved to after the open forum, Connecticut Avenue traffic discussion was moved to after the discussion of the leafblower legislation. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

2. Report from MPD

Lt Valerie Steward, valerie.steward@dc.gov

Lt. Steward reported on crime statistics for the 2nd District:

- Felony crimes are down
- Theft from auto, motor vehicle theft is up by 1 stolen car, and by 3 thefts from auto.

The issue with theft from cars is that thieves are going around looking into cars, watching, stealing vehicles. The most common locations for theft from autos are the 4300 block of Connecticut Ave NW, the 5300 block of Wisconsin Ave NW, the 5500 block of Connecticut Ave NW, the 3300 block of Connecticut Ave NW, and the 4500 block of Fort Drive NW. MPD did lock up 2 subjects who stole a car and a motorcycle. The 2nd district auto theft unit comprised a list of people stealing cars. They are primarily coming from the 3rd and 4th Districts to steal cars here. Suggest that people don't leave their keys in the car, don't leave keys under the mat, take the valet key into their house, and leave items out of sight

Lt. Steward also reported that there was a burglary in the 3500 block of Quebec St. NW, and that the suspects were locked up.

Questions:

Commissioner Rutenberg: Some community members saw people “casing” cars.

A: MPD has put a unit on patrol where this is occurring. They are also putting flyers on cars (look like tickets) with a checklist for what to leave/not leave in a car when parked, and will do that all summer.

Q: where should people report suspicious activity? A: email valerie.steward@dc.gov

Dickinson: Would you describe the collaboration of MPD with DCPS in terms of response training related to school violence? A: once a year there is active shooting training for all members of the department. Lt. Steward said she will find out if DCPS is doing anything extra.

3. DC Water

Present to speak to the ANC representing DC water are:

- Tonya Hedgepeth
- John Lisle, Chief of External Affairs
- Geneva Parker, Manager of collections/customer support
- Caroline Mackool, Director of customer support
- Sheena Robinson, Manager of revenue/billing
- May Larris, billing
- Emily Day, GIS billing agent

ANC3F supplied a list of questions for the representatives of DC water before the public meeting, and asked that they be answered here. The questions were mainly regarding the DC Water Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC).

Commissioner Molod asked some of the questions from the list:

Q: Who is exempt from the CRIAC, and how much of the cost does this account for?

A (John Lisle): DC and Federal Government don't pay for the roads, alleys, and sidewalks that they own, that is 30-40% of the impervious area in the District. If they were not exempt they would pay \$41 million.

Mr. Lisle elaborated about the Clean Rivers Program. He said that before the consent decree to clean up the catch basins (issued by the EPA), there were 3 billion gallons flowing into river, now it is down to 2 billion. DC Water will open the first segment of the new tunnel, 7 miles long, from RFK stadium to the Blue Plains wastewater facility that can hold 100 million gallons of flow.

Q: What is the base volume of water? Does it contribute to the total volume during an extreme event?

A (Lisle): That is small portion of flow. There is a giant sewer under Florida Ave, the Northeast boundary trunk sewer, and it can hold all of the normal flow. During a storm, though, every little bit of reduced flow helps.

Q: Why is the entire burden of the Clean Rivers Program on DC ratepayers?

A: Direct ratepayers are only residents of DC. The suburbs are wholesale, so they have 7% of the flow, and pay 7% of the cost. In addition, stormwater that is collected does not come from the suburbs.

Q (Commissioner Dickinson): Would you explain the process going forward in terms of petitioning for exemptions to the CRIAC? For churches, hospitals, etc... What is the process for this?

A: CM Cheh is engaged with this, and is trying to deal with churches, etc... She is trying to be careful not to "raise the flag" for the Federal government not to want to pay at all.

Q: How often does DC Water report to the EPA about progress?

A: Quarterly

Q (Commissioner Molod): Would DC Water be willing to surrender the right to issue liens on property of homeowners who are late paying the water bill?

A (Parker): No, because DC Water needs it to ensure that people pay their bills. In general we don't move to foreclose on the lien. If DC moves to foreclose based on taxes, DC Water tries to recover their owed monies. DC Water also tries to work with customers who can't afford their bills.

Questions from public:

Q: The discount for green infrastructure is up to 4%, and DOEE has its own. Why is it so small?

A: DC Water wants to provide some relief, but the budget for the Clean Rivers Project is frozen, and we need to pay for it. However, if you remove impervious surface area on your property and with the amount to be adjusted, call Emily Day and ask for re-evaluation of the property.

Q: It is not possible to sell a house with a lien.

A: This practice is not new to the impervious charge, DC Water been doing this a long time.

DC Water representatives announced that Henderson Brown (the new CEO) will be at the Ward 3 Townhall Meeting on April 3rd, 6:30 PM, at the UDC student center, Ballroom A.

Also, with any new questions, call the impervious line, 202-354-3795, which is a voice mail but is checked. The main number for DC Water is 202-354-3600.

4. Commissioner Announcements

Dickinson:

There was a meeting with representative of the Whittle School, that is moving in to the building at 4000 Connecticut Ave. NW. There will a wider community meeting early April.

Sittig:

- 1) ANC3F is partnering with the Rock Creek Conservancy on Earth day, April 14, for cleanup projects. Meet at the Windom Place NW entrance to Soapstone Valley. There is also a cleanup project at Pierce Mill.
- 2) Due to constituent interest in learning more about the DMV, and the Director was invited to our April ANC3F meeting

Adelstein:

Providing an update on the rent concessions issue related to the abuse of rent control at 3003 Van Ness. Approximately 2 years ago CM Cheh introduced a Bill, and she and CM Bonds sponsored a community meeting. CM Bonds formed a legislative working group, and they have been working on the language over the last 2 years. Now the DC Attorney General has opened an investigation into the complaints regarding 3003 Van Ness. In addition, the rental housing commission issued favorable decision on a case of a former resident.

Jakopchek:

- 1) The State of the State Address took place last Thursday at UDC, following a DC budget engagement public meeting earlier in the month. Thanks to the Mayor and her staff for

joining us in ANC3F, and thanks to UDC for being such great hosts to them and to groups like ours.

2) Forest Hills Park cleanup will take place Saturday April 21 at 10-11:30 AM. Rain date is April 22. Please bring rakes, brooms, etc... Friends of FH Playground is also ordering a Helping Hands Toolkit from DC DPW. There will be water, coffee and snacks. Please send email to foresthillsplayground@gmail.com with any comments about issues that need to be attended.

3) Hear about and comment on DDOT's bike infrastructure plans for Ward 3 this Thursday, March 22, at a public meeting at Tenleytown Library. Mike Goodno is DDOT's bicycle program specialist. The event is sponsored by Ward 3 Bicycle Advocates.

Rutenberg:

As of yet there is no news on the PUD for 3101 Albemarle, it is still in the hands of the Office of Planning.

Molod:

None

5. Committee Reports

Parks and Trails (Rutenberg) – There was a meeting a few weeks ago where the committee talked about several big issues:

- 1) Streetscape project by VNMS - Sustainable streets
- 2) The track around Hearst park/pool and stormwater issues
- 3) Soapstone Valley sewer rehabilitation - waiting for NPS environmental assessment
- 4) Broadbranch rehabilitation – the idea to incorporate a bicycle or pedestrian trail

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Forest Hills of DC

Streets and Sidewalks (Sittig) - last week's meeting talked about:

- 1) Comprehensive survey - items entered into 311 - 40 dealt with, 200 pending, the committee will set up a subcommittee to “birddog” the progress
- 2) The resolution to get a study of Connecticut Ave traffic, specifically looking at reversible lanes, and other enhancements such as bike/bus lane.
- 3) The issue of traffic enforcement/safety was raised, and a subcommittee was formed

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Grants (Molod) – there are two new applications that will be discussed later.

6. Community Open Forum

Ian Maggerd, Office of the Mayor:

- 1) Mayor Bowser gave her State of DC address at UDC
- 2) The Mayor will present her budget to the Council soon, it calls for fully funding WMATA, funding the Transport DC program, and the first installment for the UDC Equity Imperative.
- 3) Tomorrow is a snow emergency day, valid from 9 AM tomorrow to 7 AM Thursday. DC public schools will be closed. The DC volunteer snow team will be active, contact

snowteam.dc.gov if want sidewalks shoveled. Also, for anyone who sees someone homeless, 202-399-7093 is the shelter hotline, or call 311

4) This weekend is the March for our Lives, DC is expecting over 500000 people. See marchforourlives.dc.gov to volunteer, text march24 to 888777 for text alerts.

Mike Percell from CM Cheh's office - CM Cheh's office is open to the public from 11AM-4PM during March, at the Wilson building. There will be food and refreshments.

Juanita Grey, UDC:

- 1) Thanks to ANC3F for the support for the UDC Equity Imperative. They went to other ANC's and got their support as well.
- 2) Mayor Bowser approved \$9.5 million for UDC rightsizing and salaries, \$132 million for capital improvements as part of the FY19 proposed budget.

Theresa Cameron, VNMS:

- 1) Jazz at VN will take place this Thursday at Tesoro, from 6:30-8PM
- 2) VNMS is planning a fundraiser at PVN, will soon be sending a "Save the Date"
- 3) Working to get information out about the current retail study, the report can be found at vannessmainstreet.org has report
- 4) VNMS is posting specials from restaurants/stores on FB/twitter/instagram

Motoko Aizawa, DC Commission on Human Rights:

The DC Human Rights Act of 1977 is one of the most progressive human rights acts in country. There are 20 protected traits, among them are race, color, sex, genetic information, source of income, place of residence, status of victim, and credit information. The Act has legislation to assure non-discrimination in employment, education, housing, and it protects residents and visitors. The DC Office of Human Rights is responsible for enforcement, investigation of complaints, and also does outreach and other programs. There is a Commission within Office of Human Rights that is an adjudicatory body that will hear and adjudicate complaints. There are 15 in the Commission, and any one Tribunal has 3 Commissioners at a time. They are trying to reach out to ANCs to describe the activities and role, and information is available at ohr.dc.gov.

Christie Kayser:

Here to speak to ANC3F about the NEAR Act. It was passed in 2016, and has legislation to treat violence as we would a public health issue. The Act passed but not funded, and was later funded in 2018. The implementation has been slow and not transparent. They want to engage the community to make sure the implementation is followed up on. Will ask to be on the agenda at another meeting, and would like us to consider a resolution to the Council to continue the implementation process. The Deputy Mayor of Safety, Kevin Odonohue, has asked ANCs to pass resolutions if they want. There are some things still not well defined, such as getting information from MPD and hiring people to follow the implementation.

7. ANC3F Grants

Potomac Appalachian Trail Committee (PATC) – requesting \$795

Alex Sanders is the District Manager for the DC metro branch of PATC.

PATC is working with NPS as part of an official agreement. It is an all-volunteer organization, and maintains NPS trails within DC. The grant request is focused on Rock Creek – on the three trails in ANC3F: The Western Ridge Trail, Soapstone Trail and Melvin/Hazen Trail. PATC is asking for \$795 for replacement of signs on the trails (7 signs). The request covers the purchase of the signs, and volunteers will paint and put them up.

Question: The section where Melvin/Hazen Trail crosses Connecticut Ave is unsigned, can a sign be placed there?

A: The Trail is signed on the east side, not on the west. This is not part of the present project, as there is no agreement with DDOT and the road is their property. At some point in the past David Bardin got DDOT to put metal signs up for the Soapstone Trail. ANC3F could take that up with DDOT, Mike Alvino is the DDOT trails manager.

Rock Creek Conservancy (RCC) requesting \$3000

RCC is submitting an application to request \$3000 to pay for a summer intern to water the new plantings at the Broadbranch Daylighting project site. This is Year 2 of some trees and Year 1 for some new trees. They got grant money to pay for the trees from Casey this year as well as last.

Commissioner Dickinson: Would like to see if there could be an agreement with Casey to water the trees.

8. 4250 Connecticut Avenue NW

Fred Underwood, Bernstein Management came to speak to ANC3F about the status of the project. There was a community meeting to present/discuss and there will be another.

Present at the meeting are also:

Rod Letonja of Perkins and Will architects

Tim Bragan of Landscape Architecture Bureau

Letonja: The intent is to lease the ground floor, and have tenants on the upper floors. They want to upgrade the lobby, see what can be done to make it vibrant and attract pedestrians.

At present the entrance is blocked by the spheres sculpture. They also want to move the front entrance that is now up the steps in courtyard, and bring to Connecticut Ave. They are also looking at the terraces that are currently gravel. New drawings were shown to ANC3F with the plans to accomplish some of this.

Bragan: The drawings include more plantings on the street and in the courtyard, and the roof terraces are reworked. They also want to improve the space of the bus transit area in terms of lighting, paint, and possibly use it for other purposes. There is already movement through the space to UDC, and they want to enhance that.

Commissioner Sittig:

Q: As to the bus lane - is that part of 4250 Connecticut Ave property? A: It is a WMATA easement, and will remain theirs. They are talking with WMATA to have them allow the improvements, and it is ok with WMATA as long as the busses can still go there.

Commissioner Jakopchek:

Q: How much latitude will there be to have events there? A: If WMATA has red line construction work they will need to access for potential shuttle busses. They would work out an operating agreement with them.

Q: About the spheres – will they be relocated or removed? A: Relocated. They are talking with Theresa Cameron and VNMS about where to move them, as the artist is not happy with where they are either. They are in conversation about a few different places, but they will remain in Van Ness (the artist is Martha Jackson Jarvis)

Q: About the new paving – what is the permeability? A: The new paving is not intended to be permeable - it is on the structure so permeability won't help.

Q: As to the patio – do you envision retail extending it or outdoor seating? That is, will there be zoning requests? A: There will be a modification to the PUD that will be requested.

Commissioner Rutenberg:

Q: Can you speak about north end, near Windom St. NW? A: It is a loading dock, so need to maintain clearances. The back side of the bus lane will be open, but there is no plan for entry from Windom St. NW. performing arts center that way. There is a plan to green up the strip behind the building from Veazey St. NW to Windom St. NW.

Commissioner Jakopchek:

Q: When will you start this work? Will the sidewalk be shut down during work? A: At some point yes, the sidewalk will close. The ideal timing is to be ready to go with construction in the November-January timeframe, and it should take 12-14 months. The caveat is the retail - it could start earlier in terms of internal work.

Commissioner Dickinson:

Q: In terms of the modification of consequence for the PUD – ANC3F would want to draft letter of support for the PUD modification; what are the lead requirements for this? A: We will need to bring some items to current DC codes, but the amount of construction does not require it be a lead project. There are also "fitwell" ratings for the people. ie., fitness center, access to walking trails, etc... We will be looking at best practice, but maybe not a certified lead building.

Q: What is the coordination like with UDC? A: They know about the details and have given permission to green up the space. We may coordinate with UDC CAUSES for one of the roof spaces.

Public:

Q: As to retail space - what are you doing with office space up top? A: Will remain office space

Q: Are you putting something in metro plaza? A: Have not thought of that yet, but want to open the space

Q: Is there any thought about adding housing in the building? A: That was the original plan, but it fell through

Q: Will there be a small water feature in the plaza?

Q: What about the little triangle island at Veazey St. NW? A:(Cameron) - DDOT is looking into it

Q: Please make sure not to lose too much sidewalk space, also to use native plantings.

Q: Is there any chance to do a kiss and ride in bus lane? A: It will be accessible, so... perhaps.

There is also a lower level of the parking that could be used

Q: Any ideas of what kinds of businesses this will attract (based on the retail study)?

A: Have gotten lots of interest so far with little marketing. The retail will be spoken for soon.

9. 3416 Garrison St. NW

Kevin Winkler, Alan Field from Soapbox Construction, and Jonathan Katz, Elizabeth Rosenberg, owners are asking for ANC3F to support their application for three special exceptions in relation to the single story kitchen addition to their home they would like to build. The three special

exceptions are for total lot occupancy, rear yard width and side yard width. The exceptions to the rear and side yard offset will extend the existing property distance from the boundary, and the lot occupancy exception is to surpass the “by right” occupancy by a few percent.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to support the application to BZA for special exceptions for the property at 3416 Garrison St. NW. The motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposing (6-0-0).

10. Resolution regarding DC Council Bill about regulation of leafblowers

Chuck Elkins, John Griffith Johnson represent Quiet Clean DC. The organization formed out of concern for the effects of noise, in particular on professionals who work at home. When two or three gas leaf blowers are going it is very noisy. There is sometimes more than one at a time (in violation of their trade organization guidelines). The problems are more than just annoying noise. The CDC said that two hours or more exposed to 90+ decibels can result in hearing loss. Sleeplessness, anxiety, depression, are also related to noise.

The manufacturers of gas blowers feel pressure. CM Cheh's Bill would have DC join 37 other communities in country. They are all moving towards battery blowers, not gas. The industry has created quieter gas blowers. The noise at 50 feet is what is measured, and 65 decibels is the number for the new gas blowers. At the centroid this could be 105 or 96 decibels, at the operators ear this could be mid 90's. The battery equipment is quieter.

There are 3 kinds of blowers: gas, battery, plug-in (corded) - corded is louder than gas, so there is no support for corded, only battery. But the gas blower has more low frequency sound than the others.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Does the legislation specify corded or cordless? A: No it does not.

CM Cheh supports the Bill, as do CMs McDuffie and Grosso . The Bill says that by December 31, 2021 it will be illegal to sell or operate a gas blower. The most common form of gas blower is 2-stroke, it is inexpensive, and the lifetime is 2-4 years. The Bill will encourage owners to replace them with non-gas blowers. In terms of metrics: Cordless has decibel levels in the 60's, low 70's at 50 feet. Gas blowers have more low frequency sound, so stays stronger longer.

Commissioner Jakopchek:

Q: Are there air quality aspects of legislation? What is the lifespan of the cycles? What are the costs for contractors? Does the Bill include any offset to account for equity issues? A (Elkins): They are trying to address EPA pre-emption issue, so the Bill is written as a noise Bill, not an air pollution Bill.

Commissioner Dickinson:

Q: The issue is that the legislation bans gas vs electric, especially given that the corded leafblowers are as loud as gas. This makes it hard to justify the Bill as addressing a noise issue, not a pollution issue. Also, want to ask about OSHA and the impact on workers.

Answers:

As to equity - they have the example of small operators that transitioned. They recommend that equipment be replaced with electric. There is a capital cost.

The issue of efficiency - battery leafblowers are less efficient, but should be efficient enough to move leaves. Also battery technology should improve with time.

Cost of equipment – the total cost is comparable. The electric blowers cost more at first, but have lower fuel costs.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the DC Council Bill on leafblower regulation as amended. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

11. Connecticut Ave NW traffic study

Commissioner Jakopchek: Based on recommendations of the ANC3F Streets and Sidewalks committee, and in agreement with Commissioners from ANC3C and ANC3/4G, we want to request that DDOT do a comprehensive study of traffic on Connecticut Ave NW. We are not making specific recommendations.

Commissioner Molod: Would like to suggest a friendly amendment to the resolution – in the whereas clause - change "elimination of reversible" to "changes in reversible". Commissioner Jakopchek: Accepted

Commissioner Jakopchek read into the record the list of issues that bring this resolution and call for DDOT to study the traffic.

Commissioner Dickinson: Are we asking for DDOT to a forecast future of transportation for other options instead of cars? A: Will not tell DDOT how to do the study, but some forecasting will be needed.

Tom Quinn of Ward 3 Bike Advocates: The Connecticut Ave NW bike lane is the issue of most interest. CM Cheh been asking about this in DDOT oversight hearings. Most people are in favor of a dedicated bike lane infrastructure, ie., cycle track. That is what is in the Move DC agenda. The bike lane is being delayed because it is not compatible with reversible lanes.

Commissioner Dickinson: Suggest a friendly amendment to encourage consultation with community groups. Commissioner Jakopchek: Accepted.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding a DDOT traffic study of Connecticut Ave NW as amended. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

12. Resolution regarding the DC Comprehensive plan Framework

Commissioner Adelstein: The DC Office of Planning (OP) is considering amendments to the framework element of the DC Comprehensive Plan. The Office of Planning has only submitted one set of amendments, those to the Framework element of plan. OP said that it would provide a 60-day comment period for amendments, but they did not. In addition, the amendments they submitted include a lot of language to remove specificity in rules.

Judy Chesser, from the Committee of 100, and Ward 3 Democrats, is here to speak against the amendments submitted by OP to the Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Keshini Ladduahetty from DC Working Families is also present to speak against the OP amendments. Chesser and Ladduahetty are here to ask ANC3F to consider a resolution opposing some of the language in the amendments proposed by the OP.

Chesser: This phase of amendments is not supposed to be a rewrite of the DC Comprehensive Plan, just a refresher. The proposed amendments include language removing specificity in rules, for example they changed "...neighborhood conservation areas should be conserved..." to "...conserved except to preclude development". There is a lot of phrasing like this added, ie., adding "... but not exclusively..." in many places. In addition, the limit on the number of stories of residential buildings was eliminated. For commercial buildings the story limit was removed, and changed to height limits. In addition, the result of lawsuits brought by neighbors against the Zoning Commission resulted in a further "watering down" of the language in the Comprehensive Plan so as to make lawsuits harder.

Commissioner Jakopchek: What is the balance between allowing flexibility and keeping zoning laws? A: There is language about inclusionary zoning, or how to get less expensive housing in a neighborhood. Some developers are doing this, some are not. In addition, square footage is not a good criterion for inclusionary zoning, as it is difficult to get spaces for families that way.

Commissioner Dickinson: What is the issue here? Is it just the process? In the resolution we are being asked to consider, are we asking for more time for comment, or asking that the proposed amendments not happen? A: The amendments were sent with track changes in a word document, so it is easy to see the changes. The amendments are in front of the Council now as a legislative Bill. CM Mendelsohn said he will not send it back to OP, their hearing is to decide how to handle the amended plan language.

Commissioner Adelstein: The resolution includes the story about not having enough time. But the focus is to ask the Council to amend what was sent to them, and to get rid of the vague language that removes the input role of community residents and puts it all into the hands of non-elected officials.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Then why include the story about comment period in preamble? A: It provides some context for the Council to do what we ask.

Commissioner Sittig: Do the amendments change the process for PUDs? A: PUDs are almost always approved.

Chesser: In essence we want the Council NOT to take what OP sent over, but to work on it. CM Mendelsohn is keeping record open for another two weeks.

From Public:

Quinn – the story limits have not been changed in the amendments, also the court cases were not against the zoning commission. Finally, there were internal conflicts in the comprehensive plan related to future land use that needed to be resolved. He suggests that we concentrate on the process, not on specific amendments.

Gary Malasky, Vice Pres of VNMS: Agrees that the Framework Element amendments are vague in terms of zoning laws, also that it is unfortunate that they did not have the comment period. However, the Comprehensive Plan is the way to deal with future development and growth in DC. There are also issues not being discussed, such as the need for families to find housing. One way is to grow vertically.

Commissioner Sittig, Rutenberg are uncomfortable with some of the language in the resolution. Suggestions to remove large bits of the whereas clauses, change operative clauses.

Commissioner Dickinson accepted all friendly amendments, and made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

13. ANC3F advertisement in Forest Hills Connection

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to spend \$1200 for an advertisement for ANC3F in the Forest Hills Connection. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

14. Other Business

- Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 5th and the regular meeting on February 20th. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).
- Treasurers report

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).