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Public Meeting – July 17, 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, July 17, 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
 Molod
 Adelstein
 Sittig

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda and to remove all items from the consent agenda	4-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the amended resolution regarding the PEPCO/Exelon construction in our ANC	4-0-0	
Commissioner Sittig made a motion to approve the resolution in support of limited deliveries to the Murch School	4-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with the owner of 4221 Connecticut Ave NW	4-0-0	
Commissioner Sittig made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with the owners of 5014 Connecticut Ave NW	4-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to write a letter in support of a stipulated Class C liquor license at 5014 Connecticut Ave NW.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution in support of a Public Space Permit at 4214 Lenore Rd NW	4-0-0	

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution in support of a Public Space Permit for the Burke School	4-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopcheck made a motion to approve the amended resolution in support of the move of the Washingtoniana Collection to 4340 Connecticut Ave NW	4-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopcheck made a motion to approve the amended resolution in support of WMATA's plans to change bus stops.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the ANC3F Quarterly Report	4-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the June minutes	4-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn	4-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:35 pm
Adjournment: 9:54 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda and to remove all items from the consent agenda and place them onto the regular agenda. Modifications were the removal of Item 12, the UDC zoning request, tabled until the September meeting, the addition of a Settlement Agreement with DaNoi hospitality as item 9, the move of the Public Space application at 4240 Lenore Rd. NW to Item 10, the addition of a Public Space application at 4101 Connecticut Ave NW, the addition of a resolution regarding the Washingtoniana collection as Item 12, the addition of the resolution regarding the changes to WMATA bus lines as Item 13, the approval of the Quarterly Report as Item 14, and ANC's Other Business as Item 15. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

2. Commissioner Updates

Sittig: none

Adelstein: none

Molod: none

Jakopchek:

- a) Burke's 50th anniversary celebration is on Friday September 7 at 6PM. Upton St. NW in front of 2926-2951 will be closed from 7AM-10PM.
- b) On July 25 at 6:30PM there will be a community meeting regarding Forest Hills Playground. The meeting will be held at the playground.
- c) Regarding the ANC3F04 vacancy: There is interest from two people to act as shadow commissioner, the result will be announced next week.

3. Committee Reports

Parks and Trails (Jakopchek): Did not meet in July, will not meet in August, next meeting will be in September.

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): The committee members are still working with DDOT on the list of 311 requests, and there is some action on sidewalk repairs. The next committee is in September. From public: Regarding the 3600 block of Van Ness St. NW, was told that a contract was issued to install ADA compliant ramps at Van Ness St. and Reno Rd. Fort Myer Construction tagged 40 parking places for no parking for 10 days, but no one showed up to work on the first day. Asks that the ANC looks into it. Commissioner Jakopchek: Will call DDOT to inquire. Russel Rowe (mayor's office liaison): The Mayor's office can look into it.

Grants (Molod): The next phase of the ANC's grant cycle calls for new grants to be submitted to the ANC at the September meeting. Anyone wishing to apply is encouraged to contact the grants committee (Molod, Adelstein, Jakopchek) before then with grant particulars.

4. Community Open Forum

Russel Rowe – standing in for the Ward 3 Liaison from the Mayor's Office:

- a) Workers broke ground on 80 affordable apartments at Walter Reed
- b) The Mayor's 42 month progress report was issued: mayor.dc.gov/progressreport
- c) Upcoming events:
 - a. Disaster preparation kickoff, Cleveland Park Library 6 pm
 - b. DCPS policy feedback forums, Thurs July 19, 9a-10:30 at 1200 Clifton St, and at 6PM at Ron Brown High School
 - c. Palisades Recreation Center hosting an aging community event on Wed. July 25.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Initiative 77 passed, and the Mayor/Council are discussing an override. What is the status? A: The Mayor is opposed to the Initiative, but waiting for the Council to act.

Juanita Grey, UDC:

- a) UDC has taken possession of 4225 Connecticut Ave NW, the old Walgreens, with a 25-year contract. Right now it will be used for swing space
- b) The law library has moved, it is now in the law school

5. Resolution to DDOT Regarding Construction by PEPCO/Exelon

Commissioner Jakopchek: Commissioner Dickinson prepared a resolution in support of the segment of the PEPCO/Exelon construction project in ANC3F, but is not present this evening. Commissioner Jakopchek read the operative clauses of the resolution into the record.

From Public: Have been working with PEPCO/Exelon, comfortable with their cooperation and by support from ANC3F.

Commissioner Sittig: Propose a friendly amendment to add another clause in the resolution, one that asks that PEPCO/Exelon work with DDOT to ensure that the road is repaired afterwards. Commissioner Jakopchek: Accepted

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

6. Grant Update from Rock Creek Conservancy

Marek Salanski is an intern with the Rock Creek Conservancy (RCC) working on the project that received ANC3F grant funds. The grant project is connected to the Daylighting project along Broadbranch Rd. NW and Linnean Ave NW. He brought a powerpoint slide with photos.

The Daylighting project started in the Spring of 2016 when the Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance in partnership with the Rock Creek Conservancy obtained a Clean Rivers grant. The project entailed placing plantings to convert surface runoff to groundwater.

Mr. Salanski is working on watering, removing invasive species, and doing general maintenance. The work is mostly watering, as the plants need up to 25 gallons per week. Japanese Stiltgrass is the most prevalent invasive species and is similar to a native grass so is difficult to remove. The RCC scheduled a meeting with the Audobon Society to do an invertebrate survey, also to get the water tested.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Said thanks to Mr. Salanski for the update, requests that information be communicated to the ANC3F Parks and Trails Committee (Commissioner Rutenberg is Chair).

Jeanie Braha, Head of RCC was present also, said that they will get information on volunteer events to Commissioner Rutenberg. Web site is: rockcreekconservancy.org

From public: Wanted to mention that Kudzu is an invasive species, there is a lot of it out there.

7. Resolution Regarding Deliveries to Murch School

Commissioner Sittig: Murch School is returning to their renovated building, and one of the features is new cafeteria. The School and DDOT have asked ANC3F to support a request for permission to get deliveries from DC GSA (food, other supplies). DDOT asks for community support for deliveries because of narrowness of the street. Charlotte Boyer from DCPS was present to speak to the ANC.

Commissioner Sittig read the operative clauses of a resolution in support of the deliveries into record. The resolution specified that: the deliveries will take place after 7AM, up to 1PM, that trucks can't park in street, that the area should be kept clean, that the deliveries will total seven per week, up to two per day. These trucks are also delivering to Deale School, Wilson School. The deliveries will take place near the corner of 36th/Davenport, and the neighbors agree to the provisions of the resolution.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Where is the construction now? A: All done, the punch list is happening, on track to be completed before the start of school

Commissioner Sittig made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the deliveries. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

8. Settlement Agreement with The Lady Pearly at 4221 Connecticut Ave NW

Commissioner Adelstein: Request ANC approval of the Settlement Agreement with the internet-only retailer at Domaine. It is the same as a series of Settlement Agreements we approved recently.

Kevin Brown, owner of internet retailer: The company is selling wine online in DC, provides same day deliveries. A third of sales are local wines, a third from California (minority owned, female owned), a third from Europe. The web site is: theladypearly.com

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

9. Settlement Agreement with DaNoi Hospitality at 5014 Connecticut Ave NW

Commissioner Sittig: DaNoi Hospitality has taken over the store at 5014 Connecticut Ave that Banana Leaf formerly occupied. The template of the Settlement Agreement (SA) was the document from Banana Leaf. The owners have plans to open a new restaurant in September of this year.

Sidon Yohannes Hanes, the attorney on behalf of applicant, and Carolyn Pepetti, the co-owner with husband Massimo and the chef, were present to speak to the ANC.

Pepetti: Live in DC, children go to Murch. The restaurant will serve Italian food, not sure of the name of the restaurant as yet. Her husband and the chef will run the restaurant. The food will be price similarly to Comet's, and the restaurant will be family friendly. Soon they will come before the ANC asking for support for a Public Space permit.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Has a question about the occupancy in the outdoor cafe. It is now at 40. A (Yohannes): Would like this as an upper number. Q: Why did you remove language in the Settlement Agreement that duplicates language in the building code? A: Don't want to put language into SA that repeats code because if there is a violation, want it to only violate code and not ALSO the Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Molod: Propose to change the SA language that says "Class C" to "Class CR".

Commissioner Jakopchek: Can you explain the wording of clause 12? A (Yohannes): It is a rewording of a few clauses present in the Banana Leaf SA.

Ms. Pepetti and Ms. Yohannes reminded the ANC that the placard ends on August 6, and they requested that ANC3F supports a stipulated license. That would mean that they can get a liquor license even before the placard period ends. This would facilitate their timetable.

Commissioner Adelstein, in response to this request stated that we could send a cover letter to ABRA with the Settlement Agreement to support a stipulated license.

Commissioner Sittig made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement as amended. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to send a cover letter to ABRA with language in support of stipulated license. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

10. Public Space Application at 4214 Lenore Rd. NW

David Landsman, CAS Engineering representing the applicants came to speak about the project and the Public Space application. They will raze the current structure and build a new one. They want to change the driveway and lead walks and so the need for a Public Space permit. Mr. Landsman showed letters of support from the neighbors directly across, but had nothing in writing from other neighbors.

Commissioner Jakopchek: There are Urban Forestry concerns, how do you answer them? A: We are doing what they ask, ie., they asked that we finish the tree removal permit process before construction, they asked that we provide a tree preservation plan, and they want the arborist on site. Also DDOT wants a maintenance plan for tree preservation going forward. Q: What are the materials on the driveway and the lead walk? A: Impervious asphalt/concrete, the side area will be pervious pavers.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to support the public space application contingent on adequate response to Urban Forestry comments. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

11. Public Space Application Regarding Sign at the Burke School

Damion Jones, Head of School, came to ANC3F to talk about the project. He told us that Burke is celebrating its 50th year and is proposing the replacement of two signs on campus to be compatible with campus aesthetic.

Julie Saunders, the signage designer for the project spoke to the ANC about the details. The proposal is for a new sign at the school entrance, visible to northbound traffic on Connecticut Ave NW. They want to replace the existing sign with something more permanent looking. The new sign will be in the same place as the existing sign, and not disturb any trees. The new sign will also be lower than the existing sign. They are working on contacting residents of the building across Upton St. NW but have no response as yet.

Ms. Saunders showed a rendition of the new sign. There will be sculptural elements in the sign that will be 6" deep, and the sign will be internally illuminated.

Commissioner Molod: When will the sign be lit? A: It will be on a timer, and it meant to be dimmable. Q: Are you willing to turn it off at some time (ie., 2AM, 3AM) if residents complain? A: Yes. Also want to remind us that the building itself is lit, and there is streetlight nearby.

Saunders: Another sign will also be made as part of this project, but do not need a Public Space permit for this one. The second sign will be at the parking garage entrance, mounted to the brick wall, also internally illuminated.

Commissioner Jakopchek: Do the signs require maintenance? A: Not much.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to support the Public Space application. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

12. Washingtoniana Collection at 4340 Connecticut Ave NW

A presentation was made at last month's ANC meeting about the temporary residence of the Washingtoniana Collection at 4340 Connecticut Ave NW. ANC3F expressed and continues to have some concerns about the project, specifically about the limited number of walk-in hours. The number of hours that the Collection will be open to the public is adequate, but the number of walk-in hours is not what we thought we were told in the original discussions.

An additional issue is the community and ANC desire to have retail space in that location. We are requesting that DGS come to a future ANC meeting to talk about the retail study, and we would prefer that ANC3F be notified if the space is being considered for future city use.

Commissioner Jakopchek read the operative clauses of a resolution from ANC3F regarding the project into the record. He amended the original draft of the resolution to add another operative clause to say that the Washingtoniana Collection should be out of the temporary space by July of 2019. Commissioner Sittig proposed a friendly amendment to correct the spelling of the Collection name, accepted by Commissioner Jakopchek.

Eric Thompson, the Vice President of Capital Assets at UDC, pointed out that the current lease expires in April of 2019, not July.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

13. WMATA Proposal to Change Bus Routes

Representatives from WMATA were here at last month's ANC3F meeting to discuss proposed changes to L1 and L2 bus routes. In addition, there was an open house since then. The result is that most of the proposed changes to which there were major objections were taken off table. The remaining issues are related to the proposed removal of some current bus stops.

The reasons for the proposed changes are to improve the on-time record, and to better optimize bus stop spacing. The proposal calls for the stop at Chesapeake St. NW to be removed, and consolidated with stops at Cumberland, Brandywine and Davenport streets. This change is part of DDOTs plan. The Yuma St. stop is also an issue, there are lots of community objections to its removal.

Commissioner Sittig: The fate of the stop at Yuma St. NW also has a social justice issue related to it. The Yuma St. stop is near a low income housing building, and for older residents who use the bus the walk to Albemarle St. is far, and so is the walk to Van Ness. Ridership figures are

misleading because sometimes the bus is full and doesn't stop there. Commissioner Sittig read into the record a letter from a constituent objecting to the removal of the Yuma St. stop.

Steve Strauss, from the DDOT transit group: The idea is to set standards of distance between stops, there will always be objections to removing any one stop.

Commissioner Jakopchek: What is the specific motivation for the removal of the Yuma St. NW stop? A (Strauss): It is related to the ideal spacing between stops. DDOT will send the specific numbers regarding ideal spacing numbers to the ANC. Commissioner Jakopchek: Also, the Tilden St. NW and Rodman St. NW stops are both to be removed in favor of the stop at Sedgewick St. NW. Both have less ridership than the Yuma St. stop. There is a case to be made about keeping the Yuma St. NW stop.

Strauss: DDOT has asked for a language change in the resolution regarding weekend hours.

Kennedy (Northwest Current): The issue was brought up at another ANC about the fact that the survey was done in the spring, but ridership is higher in winter/summer than in spring.

A(Strauss): December is actually the lowest ridership.

Commissioner Jakopchek read the operative clauses of the resolution into record, and accepts the friendly amendment about the language regarding weekend service. The resolution contains:

- i) Clauses in support of keeping the L1/L2 lines separate,
- ii) A statement that ANC3F is ok with the route change near Calvert St NW,
- iii) A statement requesting that DDOT/WMATA coordinate better,
- iv) An expression of a desire that there be more chance for public input,
- v) A new clause stating that the Yuma St. NW stop should be kept, along with the reasons.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve resolution as amended. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

14. Approval of ANC3F Quarterly Report

Commissioner Adelstein presented the Quarterly Report to ANC3F, and pointed out that it was a little late due to the ANC office switch of template. This is the last report associated with the allotment of this year. In Quarter 2 of FY 2018, we received \$7000, dispersed \$3000, a combination of many small items. The ending balance is \$96000.

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve the Quarterly Report. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

15. Other Business

- a) Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the June minutes from ANC3F as amended. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

b) Commissioner Adelstein gave the Treasurers Report. got interest, spent money on wages, taxes, internet. 84,252.94 balance, waiting for 2 district allotments

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).
