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3F01 – David Dickinson
 3F02 – Carolinn Kuebler, Vice Chair
 3F03 – Naomi Rutenberg, Treasurer
 3F04 – Leah Frelinghuysen
 3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
 3F06 – Monika Nemeth, Chair
 3F07 – Vacant



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Public Meeting – November 19, 2019
 University of the District of Columbia
 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
 Washington, DC 20008
 Building 38, 2nd floor Windows Lounge

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008, Building 38, 2nd floor Windows Lounge. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Dickinson
 Molod
 Kuebler
 Nemeth
 Frelinghuysen
 Rutenberg

| ITEM | VOTE | KEYWORDS |
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| Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the October 2019 minutes. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the Sidwell Friends Board of Zoning Adjustment resolution. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the establishment of the new ANC Housing and Neighborhoods standing committee. | 5-0-1 | |
| Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the stipulated license during the placard period and the regular liquor license for Buckaroos. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Frelinghuysen made a motion to approve the resolution to end the sale of flavored e-Cigarettes. | 5-0-0 | |

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| Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated and regular liquor license for Tesoro Trattoria & Pizzeria. | 5-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the Viet Chopsticks Restaurant Settlement Agreement and support the Liquor License Application | 5-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the ANC3F annual report. | 5-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to adjourn. | 5-0-0 | |

Call to Order: 7:32 PM
Adjournment: 9:46 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the modified regular agenda. The modifications to the regular agenda were to move the comp plan presentation to after the community forum and to move the Settlement Agreements of Buckaroos and Tesoro to the end of agenda and add an item related to Viet Chopsticks. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

2. Motion to Approve October 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the October 2019 minutes. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

3. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Frelinghuysen: none

Commissioner Rutenberg: none

Commissioner Dickinson:

- Eastside Elementary had its garbage day.
- The Hearst Park upgrade is moving forward.

Commissioner Kuebler: Will give an update on the Connecticut Avenue survey during the committee updates.

Commissioner Molod: none

Commissioner Nemeth: Staffed the ANC booth in the farmer's market last week.

4. Committee Reports

Grants (Molod): None

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): The goals were getting the survey done. They are still trying to get missing sidewalks built. The Connecticut Avenue study is assembling the community advisory group for study. They committee is also still trying to meet monthly.

Parks and Trails (Nemeth): The committee did not meet and still has no chair. They will meet the second Monday in December.

5. Community Open Forum

Juanita Grey of UDC:

- This Saturday the University Firebird Farm is hosting a gleaning day where produce is donated. 10AM-1PM at 12001 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, Maryland. People can take home 1-2 bags of produce.
- The next UDC community task force meeting is TBD.

Cherie Lester of VNMS:

- Kathy Sikes does plantings along Connecticut Avenue. Last Sunday they planted 100 bulbs on the east side, and on the Sunday before they planted 100 on the west side. VNMS wants to thank her.
- The 4th annual Van Ness Main Street holiday popup at offices will be happening in the next month.
- VNMS will move offices in February.

6. Comprehensive Plan – Director Trueblood (OP), Director Donaldson (DHCD)

Director Polly Donaldson of the DC Department of Housing presented information. The Mayor is committed to 36,000 new housing units, 12,000 of those as affordable housing by 2025. DHCD is working on the housing framework. First, they did an analysis of where affordable housing exists now, it is east of the park. Affordable is defined by whether household spending on housing is greater than 30% of income. The 12,000 affordable units will include new construction as well as conversion of market-rate housing to affordable vouchers. They also need to work to preserve the current housing. The idea is to have 15% of every area be dedicated to affordable housing. The Comprehensive Plan (including the elements relevant for the affordable housing plan) public comment period goes until January (now through the ANCs). On December 7 at Wilson High School there will a public event where the plans will be presented. This Commission (ANC3F) is in the Rock Creek West planning area and is VERY low in affordable housing units.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen asked how social services are helping voucher recipients. A: The plan says there should be links. Q: Are the voucher recipients placed with no services? A: The DC Council wants to come up with plan to have services. Q: What about the issues in Sedgewick? A: DCHD is aware of this – those residents will get services even when not required. Q (from public): Does this takes away rent controlled apartments? A: It does not, and the Mayor's office supports rent control.

7. Update on ANC Roundtable and Issues – Shawn Hilgendorf, Committee on Facilities and Procurement

Shawn Hilgendorf works for Councilmember Robert White and he presented information. CM White works with DGS, DC contracting, re-entry from jail, WMATA, and also handles the Council's relationship with ANCs. There were forums all over DC with ANC commissioners, some on general issues, but the commissioner stated clearly that they need more training. In

particular related to IT but also on other matters. CM White will make a plan to deal with these issues. Another complaint from ANC commissioners is that ANCs are not getting the response or great weight from the District Agencies called for by the DC Home Rule legislation.

CM White and his staff are also working on affordable housing and the Comprehensive Plan. ANCs did not have great weight on the Comprehensive Plan framework. CM White introduced a bill for ANCs to have great weight on the plan. He also introduced a bill for more training and support staff on zoning.

There are hearings coming in the near future lead by CM White on Metro Police and on toxicity in playground materials. He introduced omnibus legislation to help small businesses, he worked on financial literacy in schools, and CM White wants to study the use of renewable energy in DC.

Commissioner Molod asked why can't they collaborate with other ANCs. A: It is not our position that commissioners across ANCs cannot collaborate. Commissioner Kuebler said the ANC office does not support or foster inter-ANC cooperation. A: He will take this issue back to CM White, but there is not a lot of support to foster or encourage inter-ANC collaboration.

Commissioner Rutenberg asked why there is no response to the ANC resolutions? Is this a culture issue? A: The Mayor's office is cc'd on resolutions to keep track of it. CM White wants a portal for him and his office staff to see resolutions in addition to the Mayor's office.

Q (from public): Is financial literacy part of the curriculum or after school? A: It is built into high school curriculum (part of social studies or separate). They see a lack of equity of access.

Q (from public): The Parks & Trails Committee cannot function since ANC3F has (now 2) missing commissioners; can you help recruit commissioners? A: No, but they want to make the job easier.

8. Mayor's Office of Victim Services and Justice Initiative – Director Michelle M. Garcia

Director Garcia came to tell the ANC and the community about the Office and their Initiative. She said they are not public facing, but they coordinate with public safety. They put out \$25 million in funding to victim services, prison to community, and other programs. The security camera incentive program is one such program in which purchasers of systems get rebates for some/all. They also have vouchers for low income households. She coordinates the DC Victim Hotline and you can call to find services (1-844-4helpdc). They also can make direct connections to other agencies to help.

9. Sidwell Friends – Board of Zoning Adjustment Resolution

Commissioner Dickinson gave background information. The proposed ANC3F resolution endorses the board of zoning adjustment application and makes suggestions for changes to the zoning order.

Russ Friedsen from the Sidwell Committee on Finance and Tim Berksinger from Perkins Eastman were there to represent Sidwell. There are major changes from the approved 2016

order. They are switching upper and lower school building locations. The specific changes are an increase in staff and faculty, the construction plan itself, the timing of the master plan, and also a modified fence line (raising the fence and pulling it back from the edge). They also spoke about traffic routing on campus. Chuck Ludlam from public said thanks to Commissioner Dickinson for working on this and that Sidwell are great neighbors. Now most of the community's issues are resolved.

Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the Sidwell Friends – Board of Zoning Adjustment resolution. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

10. Proposal to Establish a Housing Committee

George Hoffman presented a proposal to establish a standing ANC3F committee on Housing. He said that on page 5 of the Mayor's Comprehensive Plan it points out the affordable housing goals. According to the plan, Rock Creek West is supposed to get 1990 new affordable units. ANC3F sits in the middle of this area. All in ANC3F will be impacted by changes in affordable housing. They need to see how to do this in regards to rent control issues and voucher issues.

Marilyn Lance, Lucecia Dudley, Stephen James from Brandywine are all concerned. Carren Castyn is, as well, from Sedgewick. They want small business and institutional representation on the committee.

Commissioner Kuebler asked if we can change the name to housing and community development? Or Housing and Neighborhoods? A (Hoffman) It is ok to do that. Commissioner Rutenberg suggested that the objectives be clarified, for example, whether to expand the committee to historical preservation issues in the future or should the objective just be to just deal with the Comprehensive Plan affordable housing issue? Commissioner Nemeth recommended we establish the committee in principle and clarify the scope later. Commissioner Kuebler said there is no meeting in December, why not use the time to re-establish charters of all of the committees.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the ANC3F standing committee on Housing and Neighborhoods. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 1 abstaining (5-0-1).

11. Liquor license Class C application from Actual Space, LLC for Buckaroos

James Alefantis is the owner and presented information. Buckaroos opened 16 years ago. Comet opened 14 years ago. He grew up in DC and went to Georgetown Day School. When Besta Pizza closed, he took over the lease of the space. They are making it family friendly and fast-casual-ish. They are serving southwestern cuisine (Buckaroos is DC, Maryland, and Virginia food and feel). It is casual and simple. It has 49 seats, a party room space for birthday parties, which they also have at Comet. It will open January or sooner.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the stipulated license during the placard period and the regular liquor license for Buckaroos. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

[Commissioner Kuebler left the meeting].

12. Resolution on Flavored e-Cigarettes

Commissioner Frelinghuysen said she was contacted by an organization asking ANCs to pass a resolution supporting the Council resolution to end the sale of flavored e-cigarettes (Councilmember Cheh's bill).

Q (from public): Why only flavored e-cigarettes and not recommend ending the sale of all e-cigarettes? A: Not banning all e-cigarettes because some folks use them to quit smoking. Councilmember Grey has a bill requiring a prescription to have an e-cigarette.

Comment from the public: They are opposed to banning anything and say it is an enforcement issue.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen made a motion to approve the resolution to end the sale of flavored e-Cigarettes. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

13. Tesoro Trattoria & Pizzeria – New ABRA License/Stipulated License

Enrico and Angela de Rosa and David Lobo, the new owners of Tesoro, have all the permits they need. They are asking for ANC support for a stipulated and regular liquor license. The restaurant is Italian with American flare. The recipes are from Italy. Angela is the master gelato maker. Enrico and David worked at the former Tesoro for many years. Commissioner Nemeth asked if they agree to the Settlement Agreement? They said “yes, they do.”

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated and regular liquor license for Tesoro Trattoria & Pizzeria. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

14. Viet Chopsticks Restaurant Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the Viet Chopsticks Restaurant Settlement Agreement. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

15. Approval of the ANC3F Annual Report

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the ANC3F annual report. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).