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3F01 – David Cristeal
 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 – May 19, 2020
 Virtual Meeting via WebEx

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 over the internet at <https://dcnet.webex.com> Meeting number: 476 735 595 Password: DHz3pPfbW63. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Molod
 Nemeth
 Frelinghuysen
 Rutenberg
 Cristeal

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Rutenberg made a motion to approve the regular agenda and the consent agenda.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion that the Streets and Sidewalks Committee and the Commissioners work together on the suggested list of sidewalk extensions to send to DC VisionZero.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated license for Rosemary contingent upon execution of the Settlement Agreement and receipt of confirmation that the public space permit has been applied for.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the Van Ness Main Street funding resolution.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to adjourn.	5-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:33 PM
 Adjournment: 9:16 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Rutenberg made a motion to approve the regular agenda and the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of minutes from the February and April meetings of ANC3F. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

2. Commissioner Updates and Announcements

Commissioner Molod:

- i. Some people at Giant tested positive for COVID-19.
- ii. Took part in a phone call with other ANC commissioners from other Wards to discuss the Mayor's Reopen DC plan and make suggestions for priorities. Equity and testing were among the priorities. The Mayor will formulate the plan and release it (soon), and accept comments from the public.

Commissioner Nemeth:

- i. Wanted to encourage folks to vote absentee in the primary.
- ii. She got a response from the Office of Planning on ANC3F's Comprehensive Plan resolution. Most items on our ANC resolution were accepted.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen: None

Commissioner Rutenberg:

- i. Wanted to let everyone know there are new procedures for electing commissioners with reduced signatures. Petitions are due the end of June.
- ii. There will be no filling of empty seats until the November elections are held.

Commissioner Cristeal:

- i. The Mayor's 2021 budget was released. The hearings will start May 22nd and go through early June and then act in July.

3. Committee Reports

Housing and Neighborhoods (Hofmann): They met May 5th and sent along a report to be entered into the minutes or posted on the website. They are meeting again over the next few weeks to talk about the upcoming hearings with Councilmember Bonds and a potential meeting with Mary Cheh to discuss affordable housing in Ward 3.

Parks and Trails (Nemeth): There is a new chair, Erica Rosenberg but they still have not met yet.

Grants (Molod): Nothing to report.

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): Councilmember Cheh announced the Vision Zero sidewalk extension plans. They are looking for input on it. They have surveyed members and got input with some ideas on the Connecticut Avenue Study. The community advisory council met once and they can post the presentation from that meeting. They are tasked with gathering input from the community.

Commissioner Nemeth reported that Forest Hills Connection got survey results regarding suggestions for sidewalk extensions during the Covid-19 Shelter in Place Order to increase social distancing. Mike Porcello from Councilmember Cheh's office said that there is legislation

regarding temporary extensions for restaurants to be in public space, but the topic was postponed until next week.

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion that the Streets and Sidewalks Committee vet the survey results from the Forest Hills Connection. The plan is for the Committee to send the Commission an email with the suggestions, for the Commissioners to review the list, and forward to DC VisionZero. This email from the Committee should happen by Friday and Commissioners would review during the weekend and send the final list to VisionZero next Tuesday. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

4. Community Forum

Michael Porcello, from the Office of CM Mary Cheh:

Said the Mayor's Budget has been transferred and hearings are starting May 21st through June 16th. The markups will be June 20th. The public can submit testimony by phone or email. You can e-mail testimony to the Committee Clerk, Aukima Benjamin, at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. You may leave voicemail testimony for the Committee by calling (202) 350-1344. And, if you want more info or the full schedule of hearings, please email Mr. Porcello at mporcello@dccouncil.us.

Gloria Garcia from Van Ness Main Street:

- i. VNMS has worked with Burger King on options for their front patio. They accepted some changes.
- ii. There is a tribute light project on the southern wall of the Hastings located at 4444 Connecticut Avenue NW above Bread Furst.
- iii. VNMS is hosting some virtual events, a silent auction in June and a night in the park.
- iv. VNMS is working with businesses that are closed to try and help in any way they can.
- v. On May 27th there will be sweep of the homeless encampment. Commissioner Molod asked where are they moved to. Juanita Gray said the move is by choice and they may return.
- vi. Days Inn moved their trash bins onto Connecticut Avenue and got much bigger ones.

Juanita Gray, UDC:

- i. The Farmer's Market is up and running now in front of the student center. Megan Miller is the coordinator.
- ii. (Get rest from Juanita)

Valca Valentine from the Office of People's Counsel:

If anyone is in need of assistance with advocacy with utilities to reach out to them, DC Water in particular, OPC's contact information is 202-727-3071 or opc.dc.gov.

Linda Greenan from Pepco:

Told the community about PEPCO's Reduce Energy Use DC program, which is a new initiative to show people how to save energy. They ask people to pledge to save energy. Any adult can pledge. There is a drawing for a \$20 credit. Go to reducenergyusedc.com to take the pledge.

5. Rosemary Restaurant (5010 Connecticut Avenue NW) – Liquor license Application

Fred Darricarrere is opening a small bistro at 5010 Connecticut Avenue NW. They applied for a liquor license. They are focusing on fresh food, it will be a family restaurant, affordable, and a clean restaurant. They are asking for a stipulated license.

The owner said that they built a deck without a public space permit and the he feels bad about it. He is applying for a public space permit now. He knew it was not allowed but chose to build it anyway. Commissioner Nemeth was alerted by constituents that a new deck appeared on Connecticut Avenue NW. The Commission got notice from ABRA that the liquor license was applied for, got contact information and spoke to Jeffrey Jackson, representing the owner and asking for stipulated license. Commissioner Nemeth told Mr. Jackson that there was a problem related to the deck. The public space application was then submitted. The Commission will be notified when it is in TOPS (if the owner has it, he can send the application number by email).

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated license for Rosemary contingent upon execution of the Settlement Agreement similar to those in the area and receipt of confirmation that the public space permit has been applied for. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

6. Van Ness Main Street Funding Resolution

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the Van Ness Main Street funding resolution. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

7. Other Business

Question from the public (Peter Wagonner): Is there any time estimate on when the website will be updated? Answer: Not yet. We are looking to volunteers for help.

Question from the public: Will answers to the Comprehensive Plan suggestions run a second round of negotiation with the ANCs? Answer: No.

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