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3F06 – Monika Nemeth, Secretary
3F07 – James Tandaric



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Public Meeting – September 21, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, virtually at <https://zoom.us/j/93710420949?pwd=MFpweFBFRVR1dGdzbGEyUytkekNkQT09>. Meeting number: 937 1042 0949 Password: f107JL. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Cristeal
 Appah
 Mehta
 Wall
 David
 Nemeth
 Tandaric

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Appah	6-0-0	
2. Application for Construction – Driveway Expansion – 3501 Springland Lane. Motion made by Commissioner Appah	7-0-0	
3. ANC 3F Expenditure of \$2,950 to employ the services of Mary Beth Ray for Commissioner Training. Motion made by Commissioner Appah	7-0-0	
4. Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Nemeth	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:09 PM
Adjournment: 9:02 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda

July meetings minutes removed from the consent agenda. Item #1 on the regular agenda, the Curb Cut – 3007 Albemarle Street, has been removed from the September agenda. It is now scheduled to be presented at the October meeting. The consent agenda now consists of the following item: **FY21 Q3 (4/1/21 - 6/30/21) Quarterly Report**. Commissioner Appah moves to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions (6-0-0).

2. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Tandaric: First, I wish to introduce myself. I am the new Commissioner for 3F07 and also on the Schools & Universities Committee. Second, I was the Chair of the Schools & Universities Committee. Now that I am a commissioner, I am passing on the Chair to Tvonne Donovan.

Commissioner Wall: I want to introduce our potential new Housing and Neighborhoods Chair Zack Tashmann. Also, happy to report that DDOT will be designing a new crosswalk at the entrance to Forest Hills Park.

Commissioner Nemeth: An individual who had been living in a car that looks like it had been in an accident was arrested today on Yuma for firearms possession. Apparently, someone saw something and reported it. MPD responded a few hours ago.

Commissioner Appah: I will be hosting a community meeting next week Tuesday for ANC 3F02.

Commissioner Mehta: I have a public service announcement. I have a blind constituent. She walks with her guide dog. Her guide dog is very essential for her well-being and safety. Her guide is a working dog. It is important for others to respect that. People who walk their dogs must keep their dogs on a short leash when they encounter them. She has had some bad incidents in the past few weeks as her dog tried to defend her when other dogs tried to approach them. Commissioner Mehta has put up numerous signs in Forest Hills regarding this, and the Forest Hills Connection has also written about this.

Commissioner David: I had a constituent reach out about a child that was almost hit by a car on 34th Street near Garrison. In talking to DDOT, they are looking to install speed bumps in the area. An update on StayDC, which is an opportunity for housing assistance for people impacted by COVID. So far Ward 3 has had 989 people apply to the program, so please apply. Also, a request from a building manager about how to search for crime in the area was made. Go to DC Crime Cards (<https://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov/crimecards/>) to learn about crime in any given area.

Commissioner Cristeal: UDC Tennis Courts are open, and there is a pilot project for the tennis club now for the community. At Hearst Park and Pool they are resodding the field. It looks like they are going to be wrapping up the project within a month.

1. Application for Construction – Driveway Expansion – 3501 Springland Lane

- Rebecca Flemming, the owner, presented the project to the ANC. It does not involve expanding the curb cut itself. It is an expansion of the apron on the property so that there is more room for a car to turn around as the location of the driveway makes it a challenge to back out. Commissioner Appah moves to approve the resolution. The motion is approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions (7-0-0).

2. ANC 3F Expenditure of \$2,950 to employ the services of Mary Beth Ray for Commissioner Training

- Consideration of an expenditure for training of ANC Commissioners on how to work better as a group and on leadership. Mary Beth Ray is a former Commissioner from ANC 3F who provides training and coaching services. Marlene Berlin brought this to our attention and recommended that ANC 3F consider Mary Beth Ray's services. As this was not in our budget, we have to approve the expenditure separately.
- Commissioner Appah moves to approve the resolution. The motion is approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions (7-0-0)

3. Van Ness Street Calming – Draft Resolution

- There is a persistent problem of excessive speed and stop signs not being followed on Van Ness Street. In particular the stop signs at 37th and 38th streets. In addition, there has been a significant increase in overweight truck traffic on Van Ness.

A resolution was drafted that escalates the efforts of the neighbors along the corridor at 37th, 38th and Van Ness Streets who have been complaining about issues to DDOT. They filed a Traffic Safety Assessment with DDOT, and DDOT has declined to act on it. Robin Maher presented on behalf of the community. The neighborhood took it upon itself to document the many traffic violations that it observed and submitted it to ANC 3F. There are 90 documented violations.

The community is coming to the ANC to ask for its support increased safety measures to be implemented on Van Ness at both 37th and 38th streets, and to also ask for MPD to increase enforcement of violations. The community is requesting ANC support as it has exhausted every other option to try to make a difference.

4. Committee Reports

Streets and Sidewalks: No Report

Parks & Watershed:

1. Hearst Park & Pool – the sod has been put down again. It has been very frustrating to get answers from DGS. How is it possible that DGS did not respond to any request for five months?
2. Melvin Hazen - There has been extreme amount of erosion recently. We are looking at ways to reduce the stormwater runoff.

Schools & Universities: There is a new chair Tvonne Donovan.

Housing & Neighborhoods: There is a new chair Zack Tashmann

5. Community Forum

- Lois Hollan – Opposed to a high school at the GDS campus. It is too inaccessible. Please consider a resolution asking the Chancellor to reconsider the location to somewhere more central.
- Juanita Gray, UDC
 - i. The tennis courts are open. There are 100 trial memberships. It is a 3-month pilot program.
 - ii. Students and faculty must be vaccinated to be on campus
 - iii. On Thursday, UDC will hold its opening Convocation. The Keynote speaker is to be Attorney General Karl Racine.
- Gloria Garcia, Van Ness Main Street
 - i. Van Ness Art All Night takes place Friday September 24.
 - ii. Shout out to UDC for being a great partner!

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Nemeth moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.