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Public Meeting – Feb 17, 2015

Forest Hills of DC
4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Forest Hills of DC, 4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public.

Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.us, and the livestream recording of the meeting is available at <http://new.livestream.com/anc-3f>. Times listed in parentheses indicate the point in the recording at which that item is discussed.

Commissioners Present: Ray
 Gresham
 Molod
 Nugent
 Jakopchek

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Motion to appoint Commissioner Nugent Chair Pro Tem for the meeting in Commissioner Tope & Perry's absence.	5-0-0	
Motion to enter into a settlement agreement with Politics and Prose Coffeehouse connected to their application for a class DR (beer and wine) liquor license.	5-0-0	
Motion to support the Zoning exception for 3318 Fessenden St NW	5-0-0	
Resolution to oppose the proposed merger between PHI and Exelon Corp unless certain requirements are met.	5-0-0	
Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting.	5-0-0	

Motion for funding for the Technology Committee to use Survey Monkey for \$30 to create a survey to determine useful items to be included on the website.	5-0-0	
Motion to purchase an ad in the Boy Scouts Troop 100 Guide for \$150.	4-0-1	
Motion to change from a banner to a side view ad in the Forest Hills Connection at an additional cost of \$240.	5-0-0	
Motion to purchase a brick in the Owl Walk at Hearst School for \$150.	5-0-0	

Financial Status: \$129,704.56.
Call to Order: 7:30 pm
Adjournment: 9:30 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements (0:05:48)

Nugent:

- Complaints about rats behind the 4400 block of Conn. Ave NW. There was an inspection by the city, citing Burger King for infractions.
- Businesses on the 5000 Block of Connecticut Avenue having applied for Clean Team and Great Streets Grants, and are awaiting approval from the Mayor.
- The Deputy Mayor for Education came to Murch to talk about the modernization program. She emphasized several times that Mayor Bowser is committed to requesting in the 2016 budget the full \$65 million required for the project to remain on schedule. The current timeline calls for a construction start date of summer 2016. R. McGhee & Associates will be the architect. The three main challenges: it's a tight sight (1/3 owned by Park Service), swing space needed for 700 children during the modernization, and Murch is a historic building and so any changes need approval. Contact – Kenny Diggs 202-580-9361 kenneth.diggs@dc.gov

Ray:

- The Van Ness Vision Committee (VNVC) Report has been completed, and summarizes the progress made in the last two years. Copies were circulated.
- The VNVC Meeting in February was attended by, among others, Christina Amarusio, Ken Culbreath, Ryan Hand, Nicole Rentz, Turker, Zach Friedless of BF Saul, and Martin Smith. The Main Street budget authorization from Mary Cheh's office will be requested in June. Adam Tope is setting up a corporate entity for the Main Street as a 501(c)(3).
- The next VNVC meeting date is Friday March 13, 2015 at 4pm and Martin Smith of Barracks Row will make a presentation.

Gresham:

- Update to Park Van Ness construction: interior work continues and Pepco vault work in the street will cause street closing. Traffic control plan has been approved by DDOT: Overhead protection and new signs have been added.
- Right Tree/Right Place Program from Pepco in conjunction with Casey Trees. They will suggest an appropriate tree for your property and plant it at a cost of \$50.
- The maintenance of the Forest Hills Playground is an ongoing issue. To report an issue, please contact Steven Anderson at steven.anderson@dc.gov, 202-255-2764.

Molod: None

Jakopchek: None

2. Announcements / Open Forum (0:22:00)

Michael Matthews, the Ward 3 Outreach Liaison for the office of the Mayor, introduced himself. His phone number is 202-341-7706 and his email is michael.matthews@dc.gov.

Rashad Young, City Administrator, spoke about the City budget process. He stated that the deficit is \$80 million now, and projected to be ~\$200 million for the next fiscal year. He further announced a series of 3 public Budget Engagement Forums to be conducted by the Mayor's office prior to delivery of the proposed budget to the DC Council in early April. The budget forums were announced for Feb. 19th at Wilson High School at 7:30 PM, Feb 22 at Anacostia High School at 1 PM, and Feb. 23rd at Dunbar High School at 7 PM. The budget will be sent to Congress for approval in June.

3. Resolution (0:32:05)

Commissioner Molod made a motion to enter into a settlement agreement with the owners of Politics and Prose Coffeehouse and to support their application for a class DR (beer and wine) liquor license.

Discussion:

The commissioners raised the issue of the contribution that the owners of the coffeehouse can make to the proper maintenance of the rear parking lot, including advising customers not to park on the National Park Service piece of land across the alleyway. An amendment was made to the settlement agreement to that effect. Commissioner Molod committed to working with the owners of the parking lot to explore alternatives for preventing parking outside the boundaries of the parking lot.

The motion was approved as amended with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

4. Motion (0:48:20)

Commissioner Ray made a motion to approve the zoning exception for 3318 Fessenden St. NW.

Motion was passed with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

5. Resolution (0:51:30)

Commissioner Molod made a motion to pass a resolution opposing the proposed merger between Pepco Holdings, Inc (PHI) and Exelon Corp unless certain conditions are met.

Discussion:

Mr. Mark Battle, the Vice President of PEPCO Washington DC, spoke to the commissioners to ask them to postpone passing any resolution relating to the proposed merger, saying that the final set of hearings, which are the evidentiary hearings, had yet to take place (will take place on March 30), and that the commissioners should wait until then to pass any resolution. Mr. Battle also stated that there were errors in the statements made in the text of the proposed resolution. Ms. Donna Cooper, President of PEPCO Washington DC was also present and supplied additional information to the commissioners while Mr. Battle spoke.

The errors that Mr. Battle mentioned were about a misleading statement in clause A.9 that the Public Services Commission (PSC) refused to ask Exelon to pay for an extended review process of the merger. He clarified that the refusal was actually a refusal to classify the merger as a “rate case”, which would have brought with it the additional time and funds for the review process of the case. Mr. Battle also pointed out an error in clause C.2, which asked the PSC not to approve the merger unless Exelon agreed to meet their reliability standards for 2018 within the current budget. Mr. Battle stated that Exelon had already agreed to meet these standards and was about to submit an amendment to the filing to that effect. The amended filing was also to include an increase in the Community Investment Fund from \$14 million to \$33.7 million, which translates into an increase from \$50 per ratepayer household to \$142.

Based on Mr. Battle’s statements, the proposed resolution was amended to rephrase clause A.9 and to remove clause C.2.

The motion was approved as amended with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

6. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2015 Meeting (2:04:26)

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions (5-0-0).

Technology Committee Update (2:04:47)

Work plan and budget for \$5500 to design and launch the new ANC3F website were presented by commissioners Nugent and Jakopchek. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve \$30 in funding for Survey Monkey to create a survey to determine useful items to be included on the website. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions (5-0-0).

Purchase of an Ad in Boy Scouts Troop Guide (2:17:32)

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to purchase an ad in the Boy Scouts Troop 100 Guide for \$150. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention (4-0-1).

Increase Ad in Forest Hills Connection (2:22:07)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to change the ad from a banner to a side view at an additional cost of \$240 and The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions (5-0-0).

Purchase of a Brick in the Owl Walk at Hearst School (2:28:07)

Commissioner Ray made a motion to purchase a brick in the Owl Walk at Hearst School for \$150. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions (5-0-0).

Financial Update (2:30:37)

Commissioner Nugent gave a Financial Update, noting a balance in the ANC 3F account of \$129,704.56.
