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3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
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Public Meeting – April 19, 2016

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

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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.com, 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
 Dickinson
 Jakopchek
 Adelstein
 Molod
 Nugent

| ITEM | VOTE | KEYWORDS |
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| Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular February and March 2016 meetings and the special April 5, 2016 meeting. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the grant of \$3000 to Forest Hills Connection to support their fund-raising plan. | 5-0-1 | |
| Commissioner Molod made a resolution in support of the Comet Ping Pong Liquor License Settlement Agreement. | 6-0-0 | |

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| Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nugent made a motion to reconvene. | 6-0-0 | |
| Commissioner Nugent made a motion to authorize Commissioner Jakopchek to speak on behalf of ANC3F about CFA at hearings. | 6-0-0 | |

Call to Order: 7:34 pm
Adjournment: 9:30 pm
Financial Status: \$109,979.00

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from Special March 10, 2016 Meeting (00:08:30)

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular February and March 2016 meetings and the special April 5, 2016 meeting. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

2. Commissioner Announcements (00:09:02)

Nugent:

1. Wants to welcome Commissioner Dickinson to the ANC.
2. Thank you to Principal Thomas for hosting the elections.
3. At the next meeting we will be discussing the proposed curb cut on Reno Road related to the Murch plans.
4. DC Board of Elections is gearing up for the November elections. They have new voter equipment and want to come to the next meeting to show it to us.
5. The Department of Public Works has a free mural program. Jake's American Grill has applied. The woman who runs the program wants to come and talk to us about it.

Jakopchek:

1. Thanks to the community near Hillwood. They came out to a meeting to talk about the streetscape and they are the first in long time to get it done. DDOT and DDOE were also there. They want to move forward on stormwater mitigation and work with the RiverSmart communities program who provides free home audits to help with stormwater mitigation.

Molod: None

Adelstein: None

Gresham (presented by Commissioner Ray):

1. Congratulations to Sally and Steve Gresham on the wedding of their son, C'pher!
2. Congratulations to Park Van Ness on the opening of the sidewalk, and the installation of the landscaping, including mature oak trees.
3. Thanks to AU and WAMU and Marlene Berlin and all the other volunteers who helped with the mini-park cleanup. Happily the flowers planted by Alex Ray and the Boy Scouts are still going strong! We are working with AU and the Berman family to install new benches, and several other improvements to make this green space a destination.

Ray:

1. Learned this week from CM Mary Cheh that she is re-proposing 3101 Albemarle St., the former Polish Ambassador's residence, for use as a family homeless shelter. Have written to CM Cheh and her chief of staff Jonathan Willingham to express our concern, that this is not the right location for various reasons. Have also reached out to Mike Matthews of Mayor Bowser's office, who says that as far as Mayor is concerned, they have already identified the appropriate Ward 3 location, which is on Wisconsin Ave. near Calvert St., and the Mayor's office is not seriously considering 3101 Albemarle.
2. The Van Ness Action Strategy Launch is this Thursday April 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the new UDC Student Center. Office of Planning's Ryan Hand makes his excellent report official!

Dickinson:

1. Is excited to serve and wants to thank fellow Commissioners, thank Councilmember Cheh for swearing him in and thank Hearst for hosting the election.
2. His SMD includes Hearst, Sidwell, UDC and the Intelsat building, so it will be challenging, but he's looking forward to getting started.
3. The UDC Big Band Jazz Concert is Monday, April 25th at 8PM in the Theater of Performing Arts. It includes artists from UDC, Howard and UMD.
4. UDC live, televised Town Hall – Your Voice Your Future, Freedom of Speech at University of DC's Theater for the Performing Arts Wednesday April 20th at 7:00 p.m. An expert panel will discuss the current state of The First Amendment in our country including speech on campus, internet speech, rights of protestors and artistic expression.
5. Attended an event on the closing of the Washington Home this afternoon.
6. Sidwell has been on the BZOA docket. They got their board of zoning approval in the last month.
7. Can be reached through email at dickinsonanc3f@gmail.com.

3. Committee Reports (00:21:55)

Commissioner Jakopchek said that the Melvin Hazen/Soapstone Valley Parks and Trails met yesterday. They talked about formal subcommittee structures moving forward.

4. Open Forum (00:23:27)

Kim Ross: Her Girl Scout Troop 163 is teaming up with the Rock Creek Conservancy in an extreme cleanup. They will clean the Soapstone Valley this Saturday, April 30th at noon if anyone wants to help.

David Bardin: DC Water Town Hall for Ward 3 at UDC ballroom is Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm.

Theresa Cameron: On Monday April 11, Van Ness Main Street received its official designation by Mayor Bowser. Van Ness, Tenley and Congress Heights were all awarded official certificates. And today, Acacia Bistro received its official Great Streets designation. Congratulations Turker and Acacia! Thanks to Commissioner Ray and Berlin for help. VN Arts Forum April 23. Co-hosted by Levine School and Hillwood. If you know of artists, musicians, or other arts stakeholders, please invite them. Jazz at VN April 30. 5-7 pm at Acacia Bistro. Concert is free but encourage attendees to support our local businesses.

Ronald Mason, the new president of UDC: came to introduce himself. He wants to welcome the new ANC commissioner and let everyone know that UDC will be a good neighbor.

Mike Matthews, Ward 3 Liaison for Mayor's office: welcomes David Dickinson. They also have a Rock Creek extreme cleanup this weekend in Woodley Park. Thank you to Commissioners Ray and Gresham who came to Potholepalooza kickoff. Please tell us about the streets that still need work (Brandywine). Commissioner Nugent will send the list of alleys for Alleypalooza.

Marlene Berlin, Editor of FHC: FHC is having an art walk on May 9th, featuring 9 local artists from 10am-1pm and 2-5pm in two sessions. This is a fundraiser for FHC, so the charge is \$20 for each session, \$30 for both.

David Bardin: Friday at the DC Emancipation Day breakfast the Mayor announced a push for statehood. David asks the ANC to consider issues related to statehood before the council votes.

5. Forest Hills Connection Grant Application (00:33:58)

Commissioner Nugent reminded us that Marlene Berlin of Forest Hills Connection submitted the grant application at the last meeting. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the \$3000 Forest Hills Connection grant application for fund raising. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 1 abstaining (5-0-1).

6. Comet Ping Pong Liquor License Settlement Agreement (00:35:53)

Commissioner Molod made a motion in support of the Comet Ping Pong Liquor License Settlement Agreement. Bryce Reh, manager of Comet Ping Pong, was present to address the commission. An additional item in the Settlement Agreement was added stating that the owners of Comet would take measures to ensure that noise not affect the neighborhood residents. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

7. Acacia Bistro Liquor License Settlement Agreement (00:43:29)

Commissioner Dickinson made a resolution in support of the Acacia Bistro Liquor License Settlement Agreement. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

90% of the previous agreement remains the same. The changes are to:

- item 4: hours of operation Mon-Fri 6am - 2 am and Sat, Sun 8am-2am;

- item 7: added that for the summer garden, music shall not be played after midnight (unamplified);
- item 13: ambient noise inside and to make the best efforts not to disturb anyone else.

8. Tilden Hall Construction Traffic Plan Update (00:49:22)

Commissioner Jakopchek said that the traffic plan will close some lanes of Connecticut Avenue in mid-May. He thanked the neighbors for their cooperation. Commissioner Jakopchek spoke with Matthew Marcou of DDOT about this, who underscored that it is typical for an ANC not to be involved. Marcou said UIP is going above and beyond to cooperate with their neighbors.

Michael Kenney, Project Manager, and Ed Vivas, executive VP, from UIP (Urban Investment Partners) presenting.

The project has 2 components: 5 unit historic renovation and a 25 unit ground up construction. The schedule and durations of the closures will be provided to the ANC.

Vivas: The target is to start in the middle of May. It depends on the pre-construction timetable with DDOT and DC water. They will connect the stormwater runoff to lanes on south bound Connecticut Avenue. The work will go from about 9:30 am - 3:30 pm to stay outside of rush hour. When they are done with the work they will put down steel plates. Phase 1 takes two weeks to connect to the main line of the storm drainage.

Molod: Please explain about the 2 lanes being closed during the project. Answer: One is the parking lane.

Dickinson: What will be the road conditions during construction? Answer: Once finished, they will re-asphalt. What are the stormwater needs? Answer: There will be a green roof on the new building. The gutters are trained to be a catch basin to go directly to a new runoff line. They also will have pervious pavement.

Jakopchek: The previous owner of 3901 Tilden neglected the drainage issue. This will mitigate it.

Ray: Will there be a sidewalk closure? Answer: In the last phase, the North bound sidewalk will be closed. Pedestrians will go around the barrier and onto the street in a protected walkway. This will be about a four car lengths long stretch.

Jakopchek: Pedestrian re-routing is typical.

Adelstein: Will there be weekend hours? Answer: They hope for 8am-4:30pm, but it will be up to DDOT approve.

Public: During the week of the sidewalk closure, will it be for 24 hours or just during construction? Answer: It will be there for 24 hours. Will there be parking restrictions? Answer: Yes. Berlin: When will it happen? Answer: Trying to start on May 15. They will advise ANC when digging is over.

9. Chick-fil-A Presentation (01:09:00)

John Martinez, Mike Birkland, Erwin Andres, Nathaniel Cates (designer), Jessie Cheson (Columbia Heights CFA Operator), Mike Edmonds (Maryland CFA operator)

Since the last meeting, CFA has counted pedestrian traffic on Connecticut Avenue. Nathaniel Cates spoke about what they learned from face-to-face ordering in their very busy Manhattan

restaurant. (Ray: The Manhattan restaurant is not drive thru.) (Molod: Is this something new, or are you just explaining why it will work? Answer: all the same as before). The CFA representatives

showed the renderings, including team members taking orders with an iPad, the cash station in the rear, and including a rear door to bring orders to customers.

Nugent: Our concern is that if there are more than 10 cars in line it will stack up onto Connecticut Avenue.

Mike Edmonds: You can do all of this with no more than 6 cars in the queue. They do not want to make problems with their neighbors. The operator will do what it takes.

Martinez: CFA would be willing to pay an off-duty police officer to prevent backups onto Connecticut Avenue to help tell people to move along so no line exists onto Connecticut.

Nugent: We appreciate the effort to try to respond to our concerns, but we still feel it is a leap of faith that it will work as designed. It still does not speak to the public safety issue where cars will be crossing the sidewalk twice. Based on the counts, there will be a car in public space half of the time and a pedestrian in that space 80% of the time. It seems insurmountable, and if anything, moving cars more quickly exacerbates the problem.

Martinez: The pedestrian traffic occurs mostly in the morning, which is the least busy time for other CFA locations.

Ray: Where are deliveries made and when? Answer: They mainly occur overnight, 11pm-5am. Also some days produce and bread comes in because they want fresh, local food but they can easily restrict the times. Where are trucks going? Answer: In the rear alley.

Dickinson: What is the car idling time because this can be an air quality (ozone) issue? Answer: Ordering takes 35-40 seconds if movement is slow around the lane. e.g., if there is an issue with the first car, orders can be given to the following cars.

Cates: They have been creating lots of green things in the building. This will be a LEED building,

Public: Barbara Cline would like to see them run tests about drivers making left turns into the restaurant. Andres: DDOT will be the decision maker on whether to allow left turns into the restaurant. Cline: Have they talked about getting a left turn signal at Albemarle & Connecticut? Andres: The left turn signal would take away from the southbound green light time, so DDOT probably will not do it.

Berlin: Your focus has been on cars through the drive-thru and expanding seating inside. What are your expectations of increasing walk-ins to support this model? What are the projected pedestrian counts for the street when the restaurant is there? Will it increase? Will that change the ratio of pedestrians per minute? Is there a higher chance of cars hitting people?

Bardin: I have been to Jessie's CFA in Columbia Heights. The pedestrian traffic is not only due to tables, but also due to people who will take out their food. It may be interesting to see the Columbia Heights store.

Adrian Saltsgiver: What kind of chicken will they sell because the neighborhood wants good food? Answer: CFA is antibiotic free and tries to buy locally.

Nugent: Thank you to the CFA staff for making your presentation.

10. Motion to \$300 scanner/printer (01:51:53)

Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$300 to purchase a new scanner/printer and supplies for the ANC. Resolution was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

Discussion: Jakopchek: What will it be used for? Answer: Multiple page scanning
Ray: Where will it be stored/used because there may be an issue of where ANC equipment has to be stored? Answer: It will belong to the ANC, so we will figure out where it can be stored.

11. Treasurer's Report (01:54:39)

Since the last meeting, the ANC has spent \$3630.85 on the Adam Tope frames, web development, mailbox payment, staff wages and Internet.

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

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