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Public Meeting – July 19, 2016

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

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, July 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
 Gresham
 Molod

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the 1-day exception to the Politics and Prose Settlement Agreement.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to limit debate on ANC3F rent control issues to 15 minutes	6-0-0	
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Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to approve the Murch swing space curb cut application.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to limit debate on the Linnean paving resolution to 15 minutes	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek proposed that we adopt the resolution calling for DDOT improvements to Linnean Ave NW, Tilden St. NW and Lenore Lane, NW	6-0-0	
Comissioner Jakopchek made a motion to approve the Iona Senior Services grant as amended.	6-0-0	
Comissioner Jakopchek made a motion to move consideration of the grant to the Murch music program to the grants committee	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to limit debate on the red-topped meter issue to 10 minutes	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a proposed that we adopt the Red-topped meter resolution as amended	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion that we spend \$1200 for an ANC3F ad in the Forest Hills Connection	6-0-0	
Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to adjourn.	6-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:37 pm
Adjournment: 10:05 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements

Dickinson:

1. On July 12, UDC held their quarterly community campus task force at 6:30 PM in building 44, room A03. The purpose is to establish better relations with the community and with ANC3F. In the meeting they discussed the Murch swing, housing issues, and how UDC may better inform the community about events.
2. Hearst Park – representatives are present to discuss the issues at tonight’s ANC meeting. DGS and DPS held a planning meeting in mid-June. There was a lot of brainstorming. Minutes will be posted on DGS website. The next meeting will take place in Aug-Sept timeframe.

Molod:

At the request of representative from PEPCO/Exelon, a community meeting will be scheduled for some time in October to discuss the pending rate increase case before the DC Public Services Commission

Adelstein:

1. There was a successful food trucks meeting last week (July 13th). They talked about promoting economic development in the community. Thanks to Shannon Taylor, the vending expert in DCRA.
2. Reminder: Metro Red line work as part of Safetrack is ongoing – see Metro’s updated app to know more.

Jakopchek:

1. Nominating petitions for ANC commissioners have been released – they are due at the Board of Elections Office (need 25+ signatures).
2. CM Cheh is hosting a series of high hazard intersection visits. Near our ANC examples are:
The corner of Wisconsin Ave NW and Albemarle St. NW,
The corner of 39th St NW and Van Ness St. NW
3. Tilden utility work is delayed. It was supposed to start last month, but was bumped to this month (next week), and will last for 6 weeks.

Nugent: (Presented by Commissioner Jakopchek)

1. Zips parking lot meeting - Theresa Cameron and Commissioner Nugent met with representative from Zips and Burger King to discuss the possible unification of the parking lots. They explored options, and discussed the possibility of hiring a design consultant.
2. Murch modernization update - 65% of the trailers are in place and the plumbing is underway.
3. Ward 3 Senior Wellness Center – At present there is no Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3, but all other Wards have one. This is despite the fact that Ward 3 has the highest concentration of senior citizens. This will be discussed further in September.

Gresham:

1. Park Van Ness Tenants Update- Sfoglina and Soapstone Market

Tenant Construction activities for July/August 2016:

- Sfoglina Restaurant, in the southern retail space of the Park Van Ness building, started construction yesterday, July 18th. They anticipate a 16 week+- construction phase with a November opening date. We are lucky to have with us tonight the restaurant's owner, Fabio Trabocchi, Jordan Goldstein, Regional Managing Principal of Gensler's Washington, DC office who is the architect for the project, and the owner's Project Manager, Lynne White presenting the restaurant's overall design including the enclosed sidewalk café in public space later in the meeting. We welcome Sfoglina to our 'hood'!
- Soapstone Market, located in Park Van Ness's northern retail space, continues the build out of their interior tenant fit-up space. Exterior public space drawings are in progress and will be submitted to the TOPS online public space permitting department in August. Targeted opening date is early September. At our September ANC Meeting, Tracy Stannard, the Market's owner and her Design team will present the unenclosed sidewalk café design.

2. Forest Hills Park and Playground Update -

a. Baseball field area. DGS construction workers replaced the concrete entrance pad to the basefield's dugout area with a new handicap ramp installation. The existing bleachers have been relocated for better game viewing. Landscaping designs are forthcoming for the entrance area and new standard DPR trash receptacles are on the way.

b. Park and Playground areas. DGS and 3rd party contractors have finally begun the park's overall spring clean-up. Our community is extremely happy the trees & shrubs are being pruned, grass is being mowed, edged and blown, and much needed overall maintenance tasks are being accomplished. The kids are especially happy that sand has been delivered to the almost empty sand box. More cleanup activities and improvements are hopefully forthcoming.

c. Friends of Forest Hills Playground will host their second 'Picnic in the Park' concert on Friday, July 29th from 5 to 7:30 PM at the Amphitheatre. Big Hillbilly Bluegrass Band, an awesome bluegrass band that performed last year will be the lively performers. Please come with your blanket, picnic dinner or buy pizza from the Armand's food truck and join in on the fun again!

3. Thai Pad Restaurant Burglary Update

Several weeks ago, an intruder jimmed Thai Pad Restaurant's rear door open at 7 AM and took a small amount of cash. Fortunately, no one was at the restaurant, there was no damage incurred except for the cash register and a good video of the intruder was given to the investigating MPD detectives and our new Lt. Huges. However, as of today, no one has been arrested. Thai Pad thanks everyone for their help and support.

Ray:

1. Broad Branch Road surface work has been done, vast improvements. Paul Hoffman of DDOT reports that still no decision has been made as to which of the options will be pursued going forward. ANC 3F voted on a resolution supporting option 4, which includes a bike path, a sidewalk and stormwater management. A meeting will be scheduled this fall for the community to weigh in again and to respond to traffic concerns.

2. We have been in touch with MPD, Walgreens, Friendship Place, and the Mayor's Office to try to get services provided to the homeless man behind Walgreens. He has multiple encampments, including behind Walgreens, and behind Fannie Mae, and there have been several sightings of rats near the encampments. Walgreens has been asked to remove his stuff behind their store.

3. More on Walgreens...after numerous emails and phone calls, Walgreens sent a landscape team to clean up its property. We asked them to maintain once per week, and to mulch.

4. Courtney Carlson sent a thank you note, it appears that DDOT has done work to raise the curb and mitigate her stormwater problem. Thanks to Mike Matthews for helping cut the red tape.

5. Van Ness Main Street has had a very busy month. (Theresa to report if she arrives in time.)

a. Clean Team and MBR dug out tree boxes, mixed in soil amendment, planted lirioppe and added mulch. Still negotiating with Clean Team to complete the job.

b. VNMS Design Team is offering small grants to businesses along the corridor. Deadline is July 31.

c. VNMS Economic Development team is commissioning a real estate survey, and has hired a restaurant consultant to work directly with our restaurants to improve their quality and appearance.

d. Jazz at VN at Bread Furst was a hit, thanks to BF and to the Singing Capitol Chorus.

e. Next Jazz at VN at Laliguras this Thursday, be there!

f. Fabulous chef demonstration at UDC Farmer's Market, thanks to Comm. Pat J. and others who came out. Music at the Market from 11 to 1 this Sat., Aug. 6, Aug. 20 and Sept. 10.

g. Mark calendars for Art All Night Sept. 24. We need volunteers!

h. Finally, special thanks to UDC for our office space in Building 52.

2. Committee Reports

Grants: Recommend that the ANC approve the grant to Iona senior services

Melvin Hazen – Next meeting is on August 8 at 7 pm

Streets and Sidewalks – This is a new standing committee formed last month. Community members should send the commissioners an email of interest. The initial meeting will take place in August (see web site for details).

3. Open Forum (00:49:12)

Theresa Cameron - Van Ness Main Street announcements:

1. Working with the "Clean Team" cleaning up the street (streetscaping).
2. The first performance at the farmers market took place this past Saturday, a jazz quartet. There will be performances at the market every other weekend.
3. VNMS has a facebook page with information: facebook/vannessmainstreets
4. Working on "art all night" - one of 8 areas in DC to host such an event on September 24 at locations near Metro stops. There will be individual artists from the neighborhood. There will be a volunteer sheet. They are expecting 2-4000 people.
5. Working on the intersection of Albemarle St NW and Connecticut Ave NW. Hoping to make some physical changes to the corner some time in September.

6. Doing a real estate study in the neighborhood to determine how much rental space is available.
7. Working with a restaurant consultant to help local business owners get prepared for new residents.
8. Have instituted a grant program for small businesses to get help with painting, light fixtures, etc..... The deadline for applications and work is the end of the month.
9. VNMS now has a logo - will show it at the next ANC meeting.
10. Extend thanks to Commissioner Adelstein for organizing the food truck meeting

Mary Lord - At large member of the State Board of Education, here to update the ANC on the "no child left behind" program. Ms. Lord said that the program is behind us, and that she is tasked with developing a new accountability program. There is a survey online at the Board of Education website (sboe.dc.gov/essa). They would like everyone in the public to answer. One main question is how to measure student's success. The response so far is great.

Question: Dickinson - what do you mean "behind us"? Answer: Those levels are still in place. But new federal law requires something broader. The law requires additional measures (social, etc...). Also there is now the option not to use Park scores, but can use SAT or ACP scores.

Question: Why is there such a delay in getting Park scores (taken in April taken, results sent in October)? Answer: Ruth Wattenberg is looking into that, found that administrative details were in the way (wrong test, etc...).

Mike Matthews -

1) Small business outreach - met with Theresa Cameron (did last year too), to talk about what services are available for local small businesses.

2) Trees - young trees in DC's public spaces need water – asked the public to feed/water them.

Question: Gresham - What about the trees in Forest Hills park? DPS says it is not their responsibility to water/feed them. Answer: Matthews will speak with urban forestry.

Question: Dickinson - Casey Trees has a youtube video about watering trees. It says we are not getting enough precipitation. There are also new trees at Hearst Elementary, and DGS comes out to water them. Answer: we need outreach in community to get trees watered.

4. Politics and Prose – Application for 1-day exception to Settlement Agreement

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dickinson - you have liquor license already, correct? a: yes
will beer/wine be on street? no - only inside

gresham - how are you going to handle parking? a: street, in rear lot

Motion to support the exception was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0).

5. Ryan Hand, Office of Planning

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be limited to 15 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Ryan Hand (ryan.hand@dc.gov) spoke about the Crossing the Streets initiative. They are targeting an event in the Forest Hills neighborhood in mid-October, with a tie into the energy from the Van Ness Art All Night event.

Tendani Mpulubusi spoke about some thoughts about plans for the event. He is the founder of the Ward 8 Africa Culture program, and one of the founders of Art All Night. He is charged to focus on the Van Ness neighborhood. There is a mix in the neighborhood of an affluent population, a less affluent UDC community, and an international community. The program will be designed to cross connect communities. One part may include a light projections on buildings, other art projects. It could be a catalyst to spawn more projects.

Questions/Comments:

Ray: Welcome Tendani back to our ANC. Also thanks to Ryan Hand, who knows Van Ness very well, for his vision and hard work to get Van Ness Main Street grant. The area will be beautiful and "hip", and has great possibility for inspiring economic development.

Gresham: What is the time frame for the event? Answer: Early October, shortly after Van Ness Art All Night.

From public: How do we make this more than a one-shot event? Answer: Van Ness Main Streets, ANC3F, local businesses and residents need to get together and build and continue momentum. There are some government programs to help. Should view the event as portfolio development for corridor to attract resources for bigger projects.

6. Rent Control Issues in ANC3F

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be limited to 15 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Commissioner Adelstein introduced the topic by stating that rent control is very important for the affordability of housing in our ANC and District-wide.

Present to brief the ANC on rent control issues are Joel Cohen, the legislative director of the Office of the Tenant Advocate, Johanna Shreib from the Office of the Tenant Advocate, and Harry Gural, the president of Van Ness South tenant association.

Joel Cohen said that the Office of the Tenant Advocate was established in 2006 to provide legal advice/representation to renters, be policy advocates, and provide education/outreach to renters. He gave us a history of the issue of rent control, the law to protect affordability of housing. It is based on rent ceiling system. There are two relevant numbers – the first is the rent actually paid and the second is the rent ceiling that provides the basis for increases. The discrepancy between these two became large. In this way rent control became almost irrelevant. In 2006 the rent control law was restored to its original intent. Rent ceilings were abolished, and rent increase is just based on the rent charged. The industry adapted to that and developed the concept of rent concessions. The owners advertise a low rent amount that includes concessions, and then can increase the rent later.

Harry Gural explained the present problem in more detail. He said that according to the law the maximum rent increase is 2% of the current rent + CPI. However, he said that residents got increases of up to 40% of what they are paying. Mr. Gural explained how they do this. A new tenant sees an advertised rent for \$1800, and when he/she ready to sign, the lease says \$2800. The answer is that they are getting a concession of \$1000. But rents in area are not \$2800. The tenant is told that next year they will get the same concession, but the next year they get a letter and the concession is gone. The tenant's association helps people to negotiate their rent payments down.

Joel Cohen said that this practice is a gray area of the law – there are no prohibitions against concessions.

Jakopchek - What is the plan?

Adelstein – The idea is to introduce the issue tonight. There will be a community meeting where more discussion will take place. Councilmember Mary Cheh may weigh in (she has expressed interest), perhaps our ANC may weigh in in the future.

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be extended for another 3 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Gresham: How many buildings in our ANC are affected? Are there lots of buildings under rent control in ANC3F?

Answer: (Cohen) – lots of building. But don't want to do away with rent concessions altogether.

Answer (Adelstein) - One of the goals of the community meeting is to get more reporting about this from other buildings.

Answer (Gural) - 12,000 residents in Ward 3 are subject to rent control, not sure in ANC3F.

Question from audience: What percent of rentals are under rent control. Answer: about 40% of rentals.

7. Sfoligna Public Space Application

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be limited to 20 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Fabio Trabocchi, owner of Sfoligna. He owns other restaurants in DC: Fiola, Fiola Mare, Casa Luca. Sfoligna will focus on fresh pasta. Take-out and retail pasta will also be available.

Jordan Goldman is the architect. The idea was to create an interior environment that looks like a home. It is a small space, and they want to give the feel of cooking on display. The idea is also to bring the inside outside. There is an outdoor terrace, and the entrance to the restaurant is glass and the interior is easily seen from the street. The doors can slide open. In addition, there is canvas awning over terrace, so (rain) water can run off awning, and is routed down to a planting bed.

Lynn White: The construction schedule is 16 weeks long, every day from 9-3. They don't anticipate street or sidewalk closures except for a one-time 2-hour closure for the crane to put roof up.

Gresham: Want to be sure that people understand that the planting bed will extend all the way across the front of the terrace. Stand pipes will be in the planting bed, sort of hidden. The DC Office of Planning has approved the structure. We will hear from the fire marshall about the stand pipe. (Lynn White said that she met with him, he approved and said it is within code. Sydney Lester has also approved it.) Our biggest concern is stormwater runoff issues - water now goes to Soapstone Valley and is eroding it. Our concern is that water will end up on the sidewalk in a heavy rain.

Answer: Discussed other options with Saul (builder) and also with the designer of the system to route the water being installed. The gutter/downspouts are already in place. One option is to add more downspouts, another option is to tie into Saul's present drainage system.

Ray: The restaurant is beautiful. Welcome to Van Ness. Sfoligna is already donating to a VN Main Street event.

Trabocchi: Want Sfoligna to be close to people's hearts.

Commissioner Gresham proposed that ANC3F adopt the resolution to support Sfoligna's public space application. She reported that there is a letter from Saul to go into the record that they support the application. The resolution was amended to correct a typographic error.

The resolution was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

8. Murch Swing Space

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be limited to 15 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Commissioner Dickinson: The ANC is being asked to support a public space application for a curb cut for a driveway into the Murch swing space on the west side of UDC. The ANC would also like to hear updates about the status of the swing space, in particular also to hear about stormwater, sidewalk, and traffic management.

Present to address the ANC are Kenny Diggs from DGS and Sarah Hasselman, the project manager for the Murch swing space.

Hasselman: 58 trailers out of 86 are in place. 8 will be delivered tomorrow, and another round later this week. By Friday 90% of the trailers should be on site. There are weekly meetings with UDC to address issues. The curb cut proposal is to allow an access road along the east side of the soccer field for kitchen deliveries and emergency egress to the field.

Questions: Dickinson - Concerned about the geothermal installation. Please explain the general steps to prevent impact on the geothermal installation. Part of memorandum of understanding (MOU) with UDC is to monitor the geothermal wells on daily basis. Answer: We will continue to monitor the wells while trailers are on the well fields. Emergency plans are in place.

Question about stormwater: Answer (Hasselman) is that they have a stormwater waiver due to the temporary nature of the project. When turned back into a field by UDC they will help with a plan for stormwater management.

Question about brick sidewalk/traffic: What is being done to check bricks. How will the curb cut be restored after Murch leaves? Answer: The curb will be replaced to what is there now. As to the bricks – had not heard about this, will make sure it is safe. Diggs: We will walk over there and make sure all is ok with the sidewalk. Will also work with DDOT to be sure they have no plans there.

Gresham: DDOT just put in new sidewalks for student center, the idea was to remove the brick sidewalks. So yes - need to check with DDOT about plans for the sidewalk.

Dickinson: The trucks bringing the trailers are exiting onto Van Ness St. NW/Reno Rd. NW - what is the weight limit, and why not go back onto Connecticut Ave NW? Answer: The truck approved route with DDOT is Van Ness St. NW toward Wisconsin Ave NW. Trucks can't make the U-turn to get back to Connecticut Ave NW. Diggs added that they should be done in two weeks with the arrival of the trailers.

Dickinson: Question about traffic on 36th St NW between Van Ness St. NW and Yuma St. NW. There are parking meters on the east side. Will they be removed or covered to allow Murch parents to park there? Answer: Not doing anything to remove those meters. The only meters being removed are on Van Ness St. NW. Dickinson: Strongly suggest removing the meters on 36th St. NW also. Answer (Diggs): Will consider that, but maybe instead they can make use of busses from Murch. Dickinson: People will drop their kids off at the swing space and not use busses.

Commissioner Jakopcsek moved that discussion be extended for another 3 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Dickinson: Is there a plan for a rear entrance to the site from Yuma St. NW? Answer: Yes, there is an existing path and there will be signs.

Gresham: Please explain the two drop-offs points. Also, where are the teachers parking? Parents who visit? Answer (Hasselman): Teacher parking will be in the UDC garage, DCPS is working on this. As for pick up/drop off - there is one location on Van Ness St. NW, and a secondary location on Yuma St. NW, but the assumption is that parents will park on Yuma St. NW and walk students in. They are trying to mitigate congestion with busses from Murch. Parking for visitors/parents/volunteers has not been part of negotiations with UDC. They would park nearby or only stay for 2 hours. Gresham: this will put pressure on parking in area - should propose that this be negotiated with UDC.

Commissioner Dickinson proposed that ANC3F adopt the resolution in support of the public space application for a curb cut. With conditions. Amendments to existing text: remove clause about heavy trucks, and add clause about not having undo burden on parking in neighborhood as part of clause 3.

The resolution was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

9. Paving on Linnean Ave. NW

Commissioner Jakopcsek moved that discussion be limited to 15 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Commissioner Jakopchek proposed a resolution calling for DDOT to make improvements to Linnean Ave. NW, Tilden St. NW and Lenore Lane NW.

He has been working with residents for the last 8 months on paving issues/stormwater runoff. They are asking DDOT to do repaving and embark on reconstruction plan. There were many chances for the community to weigh in.

Alex Gertsen – a resident on Tilden St. NW near Linnean Ave NW. The leader of the group of residents is Karen Foright. A petition was drafted with the help of Commissioner Jakopchek and DDOT. All but one of the homeowners was contacted, and community meetings were held. They did not reach out to the embassies (Netherlands, Congo). They are asking for DDOT to repave Linnean/Tilden/Lenore. Then runoff can be addressed. A video of rainstorm events was shown to show that the rain makes the street impassable.

Molod: Will repaving help stormwater flow? Answer: A little, but will need a stormwater plan to fix it. If stormwater routing is not done, it will undermine the repaving.

Dickinson: Resurfacing or repaving? Answer (from Jakopchek): Repaving (not reconstruction).

Gresham: is IPMA (Infrastructure Project Management Administration) of DDOT involved (Paul Huffman's group)?

Dickinson: The water on Tilden St. NW also freezes in winter and presents a safety issue.

Ray: Got a letter from neighbor concerned with speed bumps. Answer (Jakopchek): The discussion of the speed bumps will be entered into the minutes but is not addressed in resolution. Ray: So the resolution does not address speed bumps. Jakopchek: The neighbors are divided about speed bumps, and the resolution addresses issues that are more agreed upon by neighbors.

Gresham: Should be asking for a DDOT study of traffic and for proposals of ways of traffic calming in addition to speed bumps. This should be done separately from paving issues.

Jakopchek: DDOT will do a stormwater mitigation study, and when 30% done they will present to community.

Gresham: Will a new sidewalk be included in these plans? Want to understand what DDOT plans for a sidewalk. Answer: will decide about the sidewalk when DDOT presents a plan.

Gresham: Will need a petition for the sidewalk. Jakopchek: The places where sidewalks would be required include 5 homes - most have signed the petition.

Greer Goldman – resident of 3241 Lenore Lane NW. Has seen the pavement on Linnean Ave NW/Lenore Lane NW deteriorate to the point where walking is dangerous. In winter it turned to black ice. Bought special coils for shoes in order to walk in the street. Is encouraged that something may be done.

Two additional statements from neighbors: One about speed bumps, one from Karen Foright to encourage DDOT to engage with community.

Commissioner Jakopchek proposed that we adopt the resolution. The resolution was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

10. Other Business

Motion to approve resolution to approve iona grant as amended. Motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Murch grant: Martha McIntosh discussion the application for a grant to the Murch Home and School Association (HSA). There is an effort to revitalize the music program at Murch. In concert with the vitalization, they need a better sound amplification system in the swing space and for the return to Murch. They need a sound system that can be moved around. They are asking for \$3000.

Commissioner Jakopchek made a motion to move the Murch application to the grants committee. Motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

11. Red Topped Meters

Commissioner Jakopchek moved that discussion be limited to 10 minutes. Motion approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

Cora Rubenstein - here to ask for support from the ANC in continuing to oppose red top meters by affirming the June 2015 resolution. The aging in place community needs to drive to where they need to get. Right now, disabled can park at any meter for twice the time for free. The time issue is important for the disabled.

Jakopchek: What is happening now?

Larry Werner gave a history and present status of the issue: DDOT began redtop meters in 2012. DC council refused to approve them. In 2014 DDOT installed hundreds more anyway, in Ward 2 and Ward 6, sort of randomly. In 2016 they went back to council, could not get approval in committee. DDOT claims that there is an issue of fraud with handicapped stickers, but won't study the extent of the fraud. On June 24, 2016 DDOT announced a rule-making saying 4% of meters will be red-tops. The other 96% won't have extended time for the disabled anymore. There is 30 day clock or this rule-making will take effect. He asks that we re-endorse our June 2015 resolution.

Jakopchek: We resolved to say no to bill 21-175. What is the current rule-making? Answer: Substantially the same as bill 21-175 but with 4% red tops instead of 10%. Jakopchek: Are you asking for another resolution? Answer: Yes.

Discussion: Asking for suggestions from commissioners - What should we do?

Ray: Can we ask for the comment period to be extended by 60 days?

Dickinson: We can pass a resolution laying out certain principles rather than any specific numbers.

Jakopchek: How about drafting a letter to ddot? That is, submit a letter saying this sounds like 21-175, asking for additional time to discuss the rule-making process.

Ray: Don't mind letter but would be ok with a resolution focusing on the timing issue. Perhaps do a resolution about timing and a letter.

Wording of a resolution:

Include first "Whereas" from June 2015 resolution, then:

Whereas DDOT has proposed a rule that would limit the number of red topped meters with a public comment period schedule to end on July 23, 2016;

Whereas ANC3F previously passed a resolution opposing bill 21-175 that is substantially similar to the proposed rule;

Whereas ANC3F believes that the same issues that affected bill 21-175 have still not been resolved by the proposed rule making for red topped meters;

Whereas a 30 day time for public comment, in particular during the summertime when many ANCs are not meeting, provides inadequate opportunity for the public to be heard;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC3F requests a 60 day extension for the public comment period for the proposed rule making,

Be it further resolved that absent such an extension, ANC3F opposes the proposed rule as written.

Commissioner Jakopchek proposed that we approve the resolution as written. The resolution was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

12. Motion

To spend \$1200 for advertisement in The Forest Hills Connection: The motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed (6-0-0).

13. Motion

Authorize expenditure for redesign of parking lot. Jakopchek: Motion tabled to September meeting.

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