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Public Meeting – March 21, 2017
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008
Building 44, room A03

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 2008, Building 44, Room A03. 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: Molod
 Dickinson
 Jakopchek
 Brown
 Nugent

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the consent agenda.	5-0-0	
Consent agenda: ANC3F February Minutes	By Consent	
Consent agenda: ANC 3F Q1 Quarterly Financial Report	By Consent	
Consent agenda: Banana Leaf Restaurant Settlement Agreement	By Consent	

Consent agenda: Resolution Supporting Banana Leaf Restaurant Public Space Application	By Consent	
Consent agenda: Resolution Supporting 2991 Audubon Terrace Public Space Application	By Consent	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the resolution supporting 3101 Albemarle St Historic Preservation Application.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the resolution regarding DC Use of Surplus Local Revenue.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the resolution regarding PSC Rate Case 1139.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	5-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:33 pm
Adjournment: 9:06 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Consent Agenda (00:03:40)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the consent agenda: ANC3F February Minutes; ANC 3F Q1 Quarterly Financial Report; Banana Leaf Restaurant Settlement Agreement; Resolution Supporting Banana Leaf Restaurant Public Space Application; Resolution Supporting 2991 Audubon Terrace Public Space Application. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

2. Approval of Regular Agenda (00:04:25)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

The regular agenda was amended to add a resolution regarding PSC Rate Case 1139 and remove the discussion of the Wells Fargo resolution and the discussion related for Linnean St. NW for consideration at next month's meeting. In addition, the discussion of Riversmart was removed.

3. Commissioner Announcements / Updates (00:06:02)

Nugent:

1. Update on Murch renovation: They completed excavation for the parking garage and are about to start the foundation. Then they will start on the cafeteria. Reach out to patrick.davis@dc.gov who is the project manager for questions/information.
2. Beach Drive: They have asked to reroute it from Brandywine to Military. DDOT approved and they are working on the details.
3. Crosswalk at Windom (at Calvert Woodley, south end of the intersection): DDOT is moving forward with the project. They are working on signals and ramps. It will be done by summer.
4. ANC3F has a Facebook page.
5. Tenley Tiger Run is April 2nd. It is a fundraiser for Wilson Track and Field. We gave money for t-shirts. www.tenleytigerrun.com

Molod: There is trash in the alleyway. NPS says they should clean it, but it is not a priority. She will reach out to Nick Gill, who used to have a quid pro quo to clean up in exchange for parking on NPS land near the parking lot.

Brown: 6 action items for Forest Hills Playground: 1. The chalkboard order was submitted. 2. The trash cans were placed and the recycle can was ordered. 3. The crew removed leaves, but the landscaping for spring has not yet happened. 4. The baseball field was worked on and they will remove the pitcher's mound. 5. They are waiting for renewal of the purchase order of the sandbox. 6. The lights went out and now are back on. They do have an ongoing issue of late night noise. The Friends of Forest Hills Playground Cleanup is Saturday April 8 from 10:30-12pm, with a rain date of April 29.

Dickinson:

1. Hearst Park – DGS/DPR provided a community update on the community survey as well as an update on the civil engineering assessments as well as stormwater obligations at a February 15, 2017 meeting at Hearst Elementary. In addition, the Cleveland Park Citizen Association voted on a resolution pertaining to the project on February 27, 2017 – check their website regarding details.
2. UDC will be holding its quarterly UDC-community task force meeting on April 12th. The University of the District of Columbia Community-Campus Task Force will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Building 44 –Room A-03. Agenda items include a discussion on the 4250 Connecticut Avenue development and a presentation on gerontology. I'd also like to recognize that former commissioner Mary Beth Ray testified, along with myself, at a recent DC Council Committee of the Whole oversight hearing for UDC (budget hearing is April 11th). – As an aside, a thank you to UDC for allowing Hearst Elementary to host its fundraising auction at the new Student Center this Saturday evening.
3. Casey Trees will be conducting two different plantings in the Hearst Park/Melvin Hazen area. On April 1st they are conducting a tree planting on the west side of Melvin Hazen (within NPS property) between Connecticut and Reno. Volunteer slots are filled. Casey is also conducting a planting on the back side of Hearst Elementary on April 6th.
4. Mayor Bowser will be providing her "2017 State of the District" speech on March 30th – next Thursday at 5:30 in the UDC performance arts center.
5. Wilson High School Tenley Tiger Run is Sunday April 2nd.

Jakopchek: None

4. Committee Reports (00:16:25)

- A. Parks & Trails: They continue to meet the second Monday of each month at Forest Hills and met last week with DDOE who sent Steve Saari and Joshua Rodriguez. They heard that water quality testing will be expanded to Melvin Hazen. They also spoke about expanding Citizen Science and met with the UDC CAUSES program representatives. Two events exploring Citizen Science are upcoming.
- B. Streets & Sidewalks: They met on Monday March 15 and are still working on the survey. There are 200 blocks in ANC3F and they need to cover them all. They are working on a way to report and categorize all of the issues.
- C. Grants: The grant process moved from monthly to biennially. Applications for grants must be submitted before the March meeting and will be voted on in April. There were 3 applications received - from IONA Senior Services, Hearst PTA for the autism program, and Hearst PTA for the Lego program.

Hearst PTA autism program: Erica Molino is the autism teacher for upper grades and Elena Marber is the primary teacher for the autism program in K-2. Every student is entitled to free education, but most disabled go into a regular classroom. Some severely disabled go into special classrooms. They have a sensory room, but no sensory equipment. The idea is for the whole school to have access to this equipment even though it would be in the autism program classroom.

Nugent wants to remind recipients from last year that they need to report information for accountability on the grants received.

5. Community Open Forum (00:26:50)

Ian Maggerd - Ward 3 Liaison to Mayor's Office. The State of the District will be on March 30th at 5:30 pm. Sign-up to attend at mayor.dc.gov.

Theresa Cameron: 1. March 30th is the Jazz at VN at Tesoro. 2. The VNMS annual meeting will be April 29 at 1PM at Soapstone Market. 3. The Board Chair, Dickinson, testified at the UDC board meeting. 4. We have a clean team that goes all the way to Chevy Chase. They wear yellow jackets. If you see them please say "thank you." 5. They met with Bernstein regarding the 4250 building and will let us know how it is progressing. 6. The part-time dry cleaner is leaving at the end of year and a new business will come in. 7. They have a call for DC makers and artisans for the farmers market in partnership with UDC and they are also looking for performers (paid).

Michelle Pourciau from UDC: 1. Snow removal concerns on Connecticut Ave. The snow was removed on schedule, but they are looking at ways to do it faster. 2. The Murch School is co-located on UDC. Now that everyone wants to be outside, there is lots of competition for green space around UDC. The field was just replaced, so no access yet, but it will be soon. 3. They need community help please because they are seeing an uptick in graffiti. Please call 274-5050 to report graffiti. 4. They are working with the Bernstein Property at 4250 Connecticut Ave. to put student housing there. 5. April 12th

in this room at 6:30PM is the Community Task Force Meeting. The 4250 property will be on the agenda. 6. There are lots of upcoming events: lectures, Mayor, and the task force. Tomorrow is the "big read" with Robert Wilkins. The Washington Performing Arts is also here this weekend. www.udc.edu for more info.

David Meadows Chief of Staff for Councilmember Anita Bonds: He has some material for people to read. CM Cheh and the Mayor have great staff, but we also represent you. The Council is in the midst of oversight hearings for each of the agencies. The budget process will go into May. They hope to pass the budget by June.

6. Resolution Supporting 3101 Albemarle St Historic Preservation Application (00:39:03)

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the resolution supporting 3101 Albemarle St Historic Preservation Application. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

Nugent said they have discussed this twice before, so no lengthy discussion is needed tonight. Then he read the operative clauses into the record. ANC3F supports it based on the qualities included. Jakopchek made a friendly amendment that the final "whereas" should be about "THIS" property's unique role.

7. Resolution Regarding DC Use of Surplus Local Revenue (00:42:13)

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the resolution regarding DC Use of Surplus Local Revenue. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

Molod read the operative clauses into the record. David Meadows said the surplus is over \$266 million and that would advance the budget by 4 years. Therefore, CM Bonds is supportive of this resolution.

8. Resolution Regarding PSC Rate Case 1139 (00:46:57)

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the resolution regarding PSC Rate Case 1139. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

9. Discussion of Hearst Park & Pool Improvement Project (00:49:50)

Neighbors of Hearst Park and Friends of Hearst Pool are both here to speak. Nugent asked the two groups to speak and educate the Commission.

Dickinson introduced the Neighbors for Hearst Park with representatives Sarah Brown and Diane Hartley. Sarah will speak. NHP represents 120 families in the region. They want consideration for a pool to be reopened. They need to remove the designation of the Hearst part.

Dickinson introduced the Friends of Hearst Pool with representatives Caroline Mehta and Tracy Sacks. They want to start with the idea about the furthest reach of NW DC being an underserved area. On a hot Saturday morning, they go to the public pool

outside of the Ward. How is this not an underserved area if there is no access to public pools? The survey conducted by the DC government showed that 72% of the respondents supported a pool. CPCA said that studies should be done, but assuming that all is good, that the earmark for Hearst Park as a pool site should not be removed. The article reporting that the small group opposed to the pool in Ward 3 is from 50 years ago. The pool is small, but it is a start. They share the desire to preserve the park and trees, but it is time to engage with the City. They object to opposition of hiring a private arborist to shoot down all the pool options. They have had lots of public meetings with DC officials.

Statements in response to statements made by NHP: It is not a huge deal to lose a tennis court to get an outdoor pool. There are lots of tennis courts in Ward 3, but no outdoor pools. The risks of disrepair are relevant, but can be dealt with. The citizens should be involved in the design phase. It is time to get a public outdoor pool. Please see the Friends of Hearst Pool website for slides about the project. The concern is that if we lose the earmark the money is gone and then we will be talking about a pool for another 50 years.

Questions from Commissioners:

Nugent: Question for Mehta: You support the idea of a pool in Ward 3, does it need to be at Hearst? A: Hearst Park makes a lot of sense. She has reservations about reopening all of the other site options because the Council may decide Ward 3 does not want any pool.

Jakopchek: Question for Mehta: Do you have more information about option 1a (not a listed option, but presented)? A: It flips the pool to the opposite side. The arborist said there was room without disrupting the trees. Those trees are sick anyway. Q: What about the tennis courts? A: They will only lose one court.

Question for NHP: If we do the pool on one of the alternative sites, are they all on NPS land? A: They went and spoke with Congresswoman Norton. She said if the ANCs and Mayor were supportive, she would work to secure one of the NPS sites.

Dickinson recommends that we bring DDOE, DPR, and DGS back to an ANC meeting to explain the results of the survey.

Question for NHP: I don't remember if anyone else is asking for the Council to remove the earmark? A: The Cleveland Park Citizens Group said that if all the other sites were examined, the risks were assessed that they would consider Hearst, otherwise they would not. They need an open process, but do not think that they will lose money if the earmark is removed.

Question for FHP: What is your view about having a design committee and starting the process all over, would you support this? A: No, otherwise it would push this down the road even further. However they would invite more discussion about the design.

Answer from NHP: They do not want to accept Hearst and want to reopen the entire discussion.

Nugent said thanks for informing us. We will weigh-in officially soon. We may want to organize a separate meeting to talk about this.

Question from the audience: I live on Quebec Street close to the Park. I would like to have a pool, but a meaningful one that does not destroy the environment. I agree with the "neighbors" view.

10. Other Business (01:35:24)

- A. Additional announcement: DC Water has plans to do a small water main replacement on Brandywine starting March 2017 and will be completed July 2018. See the website for more information.
- B. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at UDC, Building 44 Room A03

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