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University of the District of Columbia
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MINUTES

ANC 3F convened its regular public meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 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. This meeting was not broadcast via livestream.

Commissioners Present: Adelstein
 Brown
 Nugent
 Jakopchek

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended resolution requesting DDOT create a mini-park at 36th Street and Reno Road between Warren Street and Reno Road.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to pass the Fiscal Year 2017 Q2 Budget Report.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn.	4-0-0	

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

The TOPS applications for public space permits at 3301 Fessenden St. NW and 4501 30th St NW were tabled until the July 18th 2017 ANC3F meeting.

2. Committee Reports

- A. Parks & Trails: The committee is working on a tree canopy study of the ANC. Currently, they are looking for site placement of new trees. Then they would help businesses submit grant applications to Casey Trees.
- B. Streets & Sidewalks: The ANC-wide survey of all streets and sidewalks is complete. The data is currently being analyzed.
- C. Grants: Three grants for the first cycle have been awarded. The next round of applications is due in September.

3. Community Open Forum

Harry Martin – Neighbors for Hearst Park: Spoke about the Resolution that the ANC passed on September 12, 2016 regarding the studies of stormwater impact at Hearst Park that required monthly reports from DPR. He inquired about whether the ANC received the reports.

Commissioner Jakopchek answered: They have been requested by the ANC. They have been told that they are prepared, but we have not received them.

Mr. Martin then asked about the issues raised as part of the Hearst Pool Resolution from April of 2017, and wanted to know if those were addressed. Specifically, he asked if the Mayor appointed the Steering Committee?

Commissioner Nugent said they would have to defer to Commissioner Dickinson who is absent.

Ian Maggerd - Ward 3 Liaison to Mayor's Office (ian.maggerd@DC.gov):

He spoke about the Mayor's office working to get back to basics by:

- 1. Attacking graffiti (nominate your wall to have a mural put up);
- 2. DDOT has a tree watering app at Treewatering.ddot.dc.gov;
- 3. DPR has permits and recreation spaces in real time now; and
- 4. Courtland Place at Klinge Road is having a Ribbon Cutting at Klinge Valley Trail this Saturday at 2:30pm.

Theresa Cameron – Van Ness Main Street:

1. Farmers Market at UDC are Saturdays from 8am – 2pm (Performances 11am-2pm). They have farmers and made in DC vendors. And they offer compost services.
2. Jazz at VN event is Thursday 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Soapstone Market.
3. The call for Public Art is in Phase One. They have artist selection and proposal requests (three sites) and this is being done in collaboration with UDC and Bernstein Development.
4. Planning more Pop-Arts.
5. They are looking for a Restaurant Consultant who can help with economic issues and social media.
6. They have gathered all info from the Comprehensive plan and presented it to Board.

David Bardin: ANC2D has passed a resolution regarding the Death with Dignity Act. President Trump proposed that DC be prevented from implementing the Death with Dignity Act, and ANC2D's resolution states that Congress should allow the Act to pass based on its reluctance to intrude into DC's ability to spend its funds, not based on the politics of the Death with Dignity bill. Mr. Bardin requested that ANC 3F add this to the agenda next month.

4. Resolution Regarding a Mini-Park at 36th St & Reno Rd

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the amended resolution requesting that DDOT create a mini-park at 36th Street and Reno Road between Warren Street and Reno Road. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

In summary, ANC3F is asking DDOT to investigate and conduct a traffic study, work with the National Park Service who owns the green space now, and talk to the EPA about stormwater implications.

Community Response:

Marcus Koblitz lives on Yuma Street: This resolution does not address whether DDOT should investigate traffic implications on surrounding streets.

Elaine Greenstone lives on Yuma Street: This came up years ago by the ANC and was opposed by the neighbors due to traffic impacts. She wonders if there is any data as to accidents or pedestrians hurt at that intersection.

Donna Lenhoff lives in 3600 block Yuma Street: She is concerned with the traffic implications. The safety data and traffic implications on side streets should be looked at by DDOT.

Jeffery Lofton lives in 3600 block Yuma Street: He suggested that if there is data from previous studies it should be reviewed.

Response by Commissioner Nugent: They are asking DDOT to look at traffic implications, safety and alternatives. He is not aware of previous data. Once we have a response from DDOT, we will bring it back before the neighbors. He will add to the resolution "...including traffic implication on surrounding streets and safety data at relevant intersections..."

5. Presentation on Sheridan School Playground Renovation

Melissa Lee spoke to the ANC, and said that as part of the renovation they will replace the turf field, refurbish the basketball court and play structures, and add new play structures. They will add an outdoor classroom on the Yuma Street side, and will also move the fence out 8-10 feet toward Yuma Street to include more property. Mark Vargas from Blue Skye Construction was also present. Pat Levy, an architect from MSG said that the plan is a natural theme with wood, no color, and very little metal. There will be a gathering space between the basketball court and field. The retaining walls and trees will remain. There will be a climbing structure with a sand place, loose park play, and quiet space. The fence move will not impact any trees.

Answer to Questions from ANC: There will be no construction in public space and no staging in public space. They may start in the next 30 days and finish October 1.

Community Questions:

Elaine Greenstone lives on Yuma: She is concerned about the moving of the fence. Right now there is some buffer between the playground and the neighbors. She is also concerned with the noise level. The trees screen the sounds and sights of the "industrial looking" school building. The Zoning Order from April 15, 2014 – Item #19, she feels the Zoning Board must approve the change in the grading and typography of the playground. She wants better notice from the ANC and Sheridan School.

Jeffrey Lofton: He attended a preview at Sheridan School of the playground renovation. He has concerns about the security, noise and visual aspects. The Sound Study and security fence were suggested by the neighbors and the School said it was not in the budget. He is requesting an adjustment to the installation. He believes there will be some disruption to the foliage and that may not meet the Zoning Order.

Donna Lenhoff: She said the Board of Zoning Order does not require them to get Board approval if there is no change to typography, footprint etc., but she thinks that the moving of the fence does require Zoning Board approval.

Melissa Lee, the representative from Sheridan School said they have been speaking with the attorney that worked with Sheridan on the Zoning Board Order and will see if their plan meets the conditions of that order.

6. Presentation on Planned Unit Development at 3101 Albemarle St

Robert Gottfried from Soapstone Valley Properties gave an update:

1. The driveway and points east of the driveway have been declared historic by DC HPRB.
2. The geotechnical engineer surveyed the site and gave a report for stormwater issues. They did not run into any ground water. They included suggestions for not disturbing stormwater flow.

Christian Zapatka, the architect, said the five heritage trees onsite and surrounding areas will be maintained. Their plan calls for six houses; three facing Albemarle, two facing Appleton and one single family facing Appleton.

Robert Gottfried said the next steps are the PUD application process. They have to give a Notice of Intent to File PUD (45 day notice). The neighbors that live within 200 feet will receive the notice by certified mail. The Rock Creek Conservancy will be working with neighbors to address concerns about events that they will hold and the associated traffic. The list of amenities in the plan includes a park area, sidewalk, and lighting plan. The construction will begin January/February of 2018. The driveways will remain, and lead to the homes, no new curb cuts.

Community Questions:

Mr. Dethier, neighbor to the property: He has hydrography concerns due to the construction. The three houses facing Albemarle, will trees be cut down?

Paquita Attaway Neighbor at 3127 Appleton: She asked about plans for an existing driveway on Appleton and is worried about water issues.

Answers by Robert Gottfried: They will continue to work with Geotech and will keep the neighbors informed. The driveway will remain and will extend to the new house locations.

Rob Fox: This increases the chance that he and his wife may be able to purchase in the neighborhood.

7. Discussion of LED Streetlight Use in the District

Sharon Turner from DC Street Light Task Force (Wards 4, 5 & 8): There are AMA Guidelines to reduce harm from high intensity street lights. The report states that it affects people and animals. They are concerned with the temperature at which the LED lights emit heat, which is related to the hue/color. Blue rich emissions at 2700K is okay in

terms of health risk, 4000K is not. They are asking DC to not use 4000K LED lights. They are asking the ANC to make a resolution in support of 2700K LED lights.

Mrs. Robinson from DDOT: Streetlight Project – The goal is traffic safety. The lighting is uniform lighting level and is consistent, reduces glare, and gives sufficient illumination. In 2010 they put 5000K LED lights in alleys. In 2012 they put 4000K LED lights in roadways. In 2016, the AMA Report was released and they recommended 3000K or less. In fall of 2017 3000K fixture installations are occurring in Mt Pleasant and Massachusetts Avenue.

The next steps are to continue to investigate and stay up to date with the technology. The Lighting Management Plan will look at the best lighting solution based on the classification of the roadway. They have contacted 4 firms, only two have 2700K LED lights, but at this stage they only have prototypes. Those prototypes need to be tested. They will continue to look at other areas that have started using 3000K or less LED lights.

Commissioner Nugent asked when is the next decision point. A: IDIQ Contract is a streetlight bid for vendors to provide 3000K and 4000K fixtures.

Commissioner Adelstein said Davis, California moved to 2700K, and asked where did they get their fixtures? A: They had a vendor make a special light for them. DC wants 2700K at 110 watts. Q: How big of a difference is there between 2700K and 3000K? A: It is in the amber glow but illumination may not be affected as much. They are waiting to see testing results. Sharon Turner said there is blue light emission difference between 2700K and 3000K.

Commissioner Jakopchek asked about the color correction between 4000K and 3000K. A: You will be able to see the affect when installed in Mt Pleasant.

Rob Fox asked the difference between the current lights and 3000K and 4000K? They add more phosphorous to 3000K with 10% total lumens less. Q: Light shields? A: The shields are designed to direct light to the street with backlight to the sidewalk for safety, but they try to limit the amount of light that trespasses into homes.

8. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Adelstein made a motion to pass the Fiscal Year 2017 Q2 Budget Report. The motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).
- B. Treasurer's Report: Update since May - \$78,788 in bank, expenditure is \$2,722.48 (staff, mailbox renewal, livestream and office supplies). To date \$33,327 has been dispersed. The overages in the budget are in grants and personnel.
- C. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at UDC, Building 44 Room A03

Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).