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Public Meeting – January 21, 2020
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008
Building 38, 2nd floor Windows Lounge

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008, Building 38, 2nd floor Windows Lounge. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Molod
 Kuebler
 Nemeth
 Frelinghuysen

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the modified regular agenda.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made to a motion to approve the resolution on the Comprehensive Plan.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the ANC3F quarterly financial report.	4-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to adjourn.	4-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:33 PM
Adjournment: 9:46 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Molod: The UDC budget forum is February 20th 6:30pm at the student center.

Commissioner Kuebler: Plans to attend the Mendelsohn ANC commissioner meeting regarding the DC Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Nemeth:

- Plans to also attend Mendelsohn's ANC meeting too.
- Wednesday of last week they had a community walk with the Mayor.
- The problem with the swimming pool at 3564 Alton Place NW was resolved, the water was removed from the pool.
- Tomorrow she will meet with DCRA related to the vacant properties on Connecticut Ave NW.

[Commissioner Frelinghuysen arrived at the meeting at 7:38pm, so a quorum was then present.]

Commissioner Frelinghuysen: none

2. Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the consent agenda (ANC3F 2020 Officers, ANC3F Meeting Calendar, ANC 2020 Security Fund Participation, and approval of previous meeting minutes) and the modified regular agenda. The modifications to the regular agenda were to add an agenda item for a DC Water update on Soapstone after the Comprehensive Plan item. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

3. Committee Reports

Grants (Molod): A reminder that March is the due date for the next grant cycle. Reach out to Commissioner Molod if interested.

Housing (Hofmann): Discussed the scope of work, how the Comprehensive plan effects the committee, and discussed trying to meet monthly.

Streets and Sidewalks (Kuebler): They met last Wednesday. They are trying to have meetings once a month. The Connecticut Avenue traffic study issues needing to be addressed with DDOT. They are also working on community engagement, reaching out to other ANCs, and setting an ANC3F community advisory group.

Parks and Trails (Nemeth): No update.

4. Community Open Forum

Barbara Bates spoke about the Comprehensive Plan comments. She specifically wants height limits on construction in Rock Creek West.

Gloria Garcia is the new Executive Director of Van Ness Main Street. She is a 20-year resident and very familiar with the corridor. She will begin with working on student issues, aging in place, and treating Van Ness as a destination. Her office is at 4350 Connecticut Avenue. Her email is gloria@vannessmainstreet.org and her phone number is 202-421-7825.

Juanita Grey from UDC:

- Millennial Café is the new cafeteria for the university. They are open 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. The grand opening is in the next few weeks. It is not permanent. This will be a temporary space until the UDC kitchen is ready and then it will revert to retail.
- The UDC Task Force is meeting on February 4th at 6:30pm at the Windows Lounge.
- On Tuesday February 18th from 4:30-6:30pm in the Windows Lounge there will be a master plan meeting. Thereafter the meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month, the same time and place.
- The "pathways to possible" town hall meetings will be the extension of the equity imperative.
- UDC is doing a speaker series. Details coming soon.
- There is an art installation, "12 years that shook and shaped DC" in the student center. It is on loan for the next two years.

Rich Harrington from the Mayor's office said they did a community walk last week. The directors will be coming out soon to do the same, especially regarding pedestrian safety. There are Ward 3 budget engagements happening. Open enrollment ends January 31.

5. MPD Crime Report – Lt. Alexander and Officer Tate

Lt. Lashaun Alexander is the head of the 2nd District PSAs as of December. She has the midnight tour. Lt. Alexander presented the crime trends in PSA 203 last year in relation to this year during the same 60-day period and there was no change. Thefts have gone up. Lt. Alexander did a little experiment during the meeting; she put a purse down and asked a member of the public to pick it up from across the room. No one noticed. Package theft is high this time of year. Last year there were 61 thefts, this year there were 70. Assault with a dangerous weapon is down, burglary is down, car theft is the same, robbery is up by a few and theft from auto went from 24 to 15. The new program to limit thefts from autos is working.

Commissioner Nemeth verified that crime is overall the same, but theft has increased. Commissioner Frelinghuysen mentioned activity heard on the Ring app, so has there been lots of vigilance on theft and burglary? Is there any feedback on Ring/Nest activity? Is it helpful? A: The apps are overall helpful.

The public said it sounds benign, but in Brandywine there is uptick in police calls, what is this about? Officer Tate said he is familiar with Brandywine but when police respond there is not always a crime. It could be domestic violence or something else. Brandywine calls mostly are domestic violence or "family disturbance." These items will not show up in crime statistics, but will show up in their reports. Lt. Alexander said they would not have crime statistics if it is not a crime.

Commissioner Molod asked if we can get incident report statistics? A: They will include that next time. It is hard to make a plan for domestic issues. Generally, they are the same people. Commissioner Molod also asked if there is any information possible about clustering of crimes? A: They know of a cluster in Van Ness near Christmas time.

Commissioner Kuebler asked what is the follow up on the incidents? A. In terms of services, there is domestic violence service, but people need to want it. When there are arguments, MPD is counseling on the scene. They can refer juveniles to services. There is little to do when no crime occurred.

The public was told that in the building across from the Cleveland Park Library there is an increase in theft of packages. Have they gotten any calls about this? A (Officer Tate): About packages is it a Macomb Street address? They personally have not gone there for package theft.

6. PEPCO – The Capital Grid Project Overview

Linda Greenan from PEPCO public relations office came to ANC3F to tell us about the capital grid project. They want us to be aware. There is no construction related to the project in ANC3F, but we will reap the benefits. The largest infrastructure programs are upgrading 3 old substations, Harvard, Champlain, and building a new one in Mt Vernon. They also have a new network underground. They are bringing in energy in 4 corridors and will now connect them.

Commissioner Molod asked about funding - are funds pre-approved with the PSC, or will they spend the money and ask to recoup it from rate increases afterwards? A: The PSC approved the cost of this project almost 3 years ago. They will go ahead now and then ask for the rate increase later, around 2023.

Commissioner Kuebler said that sometimes the notification of after-hours work is not as it could be. What are the remedies to prevent the lack of notification? A: There is a new internal system, Government affairs are notified a week in advance. Call for information on the new system.

The public asked about squirrel proofing wires and the issue on Albemarle with outage?
A: They are the primary reason for outages. They are constantly upgrading and doing reliability projects. There is squirrel guard that is put around wires. Call Linda Greenan for more information on the project.

7. Burger King Renovation – 4422 Connecticut Avenue

Mark James from Potomac Foods Group came to ANC3F to present information regarding the Burger King at 4422 Connecticut Avenue that has been there for 26 years. They are proposing a complete remodel. The architect is AKA architects and Robert Zappulo presented the plans. They want to be a good partner and came to tell the ANC and the community about the plans.

The architects showed the schematic. They are trying to update the building but they want to keep the scale the same. They are making it ADA accessible. They are making a patio for outdoor seating. Mr. James wants to provide a landscape that matches the buildings to the left and right. He wants to know what issues caused us to recommend not to approve the public space for Chick-fil-A.

Commissioner Kuebler asked them to explain about the drive-thru. A: It will be the same as the current. Q: Perhaps we can address the issues related to the drive-thru. A: He worked with the ANC to reduce the noise of the driveway.

The issue is one of traffic flow as it is next to the car wash. There are issues about the parking lot in the back as well. They need to repave and make impervious pavers, as part of the ANC agreement from two years ago. People other than Burger King customers are using the parking. Local residents and customers will continue to have access.

Commissioner Molod asked what permits will you ask for? A: None they already have public space. Commissioner Nemeth said perhaps they still need a public space permit. So, what are the next steps? They can start now.

8. Resolution on Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Kuebler gave the background on this. The Housing and Neighborhoods Committee is charged to make recommendations related to housing on the Comprehensive Plan. They tried to construct text of a proposed ANC3F resolution to be as specific as possible related to the Comprehensive Plan and the amendments. The proposed resolution also has general statements about the vision for ANC and our values.

Commissioner Nemeth solicited and got comments from the public in our ANC and from Ward 3 Vision Committee. Then she took the input and the text from the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and crafted the resolution. Commissioner Nemeth read the active clauses into record and Commissioner Molod summarized.

A friendly amendment from the public was proposed to add to the section related to the education element to say that school overcrowding should not affect the plans, but the definition of schools should be expanded to include alternative types of schools. The friendly amendment was accepted. A friendly amendment was also proposed to add a definition of conventional renter in the text. The friendly amendment was accepted. A friendly amendment was also proposed from the public to rearrange the order of the paragraphs to start the resolution with paragraphs 6 then 7 then everything else. The friendly amendment was accepted. A friendly amendment was proposed to strike page 3 paragraph 2 that talks about removing choices for voucher recipients. The friendly amendment was accepted. A friendly amendment to include 4940 Connecticut Avenue and 4930 Connecticut Avenue for change to medium residential. The friendly amendment was NOT accepted.

Commissioner Nemeth made to a motion to approve the resolution on the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

9. Approval of the ANC3F Quarterly FY20 Q1 Financial Report

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the ANC3F quarterly financial report. Motion was approved with 4 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (4-0-0).

10. DC Water

William Elledge from DC water said they are expecting the park service to finding no significant impact from the proposed construction in Soapstone Park. The last step in the environmental

assessment process will take place in the next 2-3 months. There are still other permits to get. They expect the final design in about 6 months. It can take 6-12 months to complete.

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