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3F01 – David Cristeal
 3F02 – Carolinn Kuebler, Vice Chair
 3F03 – Naomi Rutenberg, Treasurer
 3F04 – Leah Frelinghuysen
 3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
 3F06 – Monika Nemeth, Chair
 3F07 – Vacant



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Public Meeting – June 16, 2020
 Virtual Meeting via WebEx

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 over the internet at <https://dcnet.webex.com> Meeting number: 160 282 5075 Password: S2xxZqKJ5c2. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Molod
 Nemeth
 Frelinghuysen
 Rutenberg
 Cristeal

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to consider an out of cycle grant.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated license for Bread Furst.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to grant funds to Ward 3 Mutual Aid contingent on approval of formalities.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the amended resolution on sewage testing for COVID-19.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Cristeal made a motion to approve the amended resolution on rental support for those impacted by COVID-19.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Cristeal made a motion to approve the amended resolution on sidewalks and traffic.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to adjourn.	5-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:31 PM
Adjournment: 10:23 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda. The amendments were the movement of the Ward 3 Mutual Aid discussion to after the discussion of Burger King, the addition of an item for a liquor license request by Bread Furst, the removal of the Day's Inn update, the addition of a presentation by Director Polly Donaldson and the addition of a resolution on traffic. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

2. Commissioner Updates and Announcements

Commissioner Molod:

- i. There have been ongoing noise complaints and documented violations at the Essex.
- ii. There are vigils taking place in SMD05.

Commissioner Nemeth:

- i. Slow Streets from Vision Zero will occur on 36th St NW from Reno to Connecticut Avenue.
- ii. It is ANC election season. Please pick-up petitions by June 26th and drop them off by August 6th. You need 5 signatures. There are lots of vacancies in this ANC.
- iii. There is COVID testing available at the firehouse at the corner of Everett and Connecticut Avenue, Monday through Wednesday from 4-8pm.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen: None

Commissioner Rutenberg: None

Commissioner Cristeal:

- i. Forest Hills Park construction in ongoing.
- ii. There are vigils also taking place in SMD01.

3. Committee Reports

Housing and Neighborhoods (Hofmann): The committee has a resolution for consideration about rental assistance and is considering adding a clause proposing an extension to middle income assistance. In looking ahead to the next stage, the committee is considering affordable housing proposals for a wide range of options. Ward 3 will have a representative on the police commission and we hope that we will propose a candidate from 3F.

Parks and Trails (Nemeth): None.

Grants (Molod): Commissioner Molod made a motion to consider an out of cycle grant. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): They met last week. At the last ANC meeting the commission asked them to distill the sidewalk survey results. They followed up with DDOT, but there has been no action yet. They are also working on several initiatives including a sidewalk extension,

which is now Slow Streets. They also have a community advisory council. Commissioner Cristeal will also be presenting a Connecticut Avenue traffic study resolution later tonight.

4. Community Forum

Gloria Garcia from Van Ness Main Street:

- i. The City went into phase 1 reopen with a limited reopen of restaurants and hair salons. No nail salons and no bookstores yet.
- ii. There is still a concern at Days Inn. Surrounding businesses are suffering from the dumpsters on Connecticut Avenue.
- iii. VNMS launched a silent auction in June to raise money.
- iv. They are also trying to organize a Connecticut Avenue vigil.

Marlene Berlin:

- i. She wanted to comment about the website. It is really important to get the word out on what we do and keep the website up to date. {She asked if we're recording the Webex meetings? Commissioner Nemeth said that in April and June yes. May did not get recorded. She will get it posted to the website as soon as possible}.
- ii. The Commission also requested for Marlene to announce empty seats in November on her website - 03, 05 and still 07 are definitely available.

5. Update on Mayor's Budget – Polly Donaldson - Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development

Director Donaldson gave an update on the Mayor's budget. She discussed the HOPE program. The Mayor submitted the budget in May. The idea is to keep DC running, maintain public health, and not lose ground on key DC priorities. They needed to make use of the reserve funds for this.

Q: Commissioner Cristeal said our resolution later will hit on rental support programs. He looked at the pipeline and they had thousands of units in the pipeline, but not in Rock Creek West. How can we help you get projects going in Rock Creek West?

A: They need to look at opportunities, i.e., public lands like near Fort Reno. They are also looking to partner with faith-based organizations, i.e., church land or former retail space.

Q: What about including middle income? A: They need federal help for this and they are looking for it.

6. Burger King Renovation - 4422 Connecticut Avenue NW

Mark James, Blake Smith with Smith Engineering, Robert with AK Architects, and Claire presented information.

After the May ANC meeting, they worked with VNMS on some design changes. They will need to apply for public space permits. Blake Smith says they have a new plan. They redid the entry area. They have a green planter area now. They have seating closer to the sidewalk and they have other green space out front as well. Those are the major changes. Mr. Smith showed slides with drawings. Gloria Garcia: Thank you, it looks great.

Commissioner Molod asked what the public space permit is for? A: Claire said if we extend it onto the sidewalk area it is an outdoor café and they would need permits. They need Certificate of Occupancy for the outdoor space. It will stick out as far as Bread Furst.

Commissioner Rutenberg asked if the planter box is new and how big is it. A: Yes, it is 4' x 8'.

7. Bread Furst (4434 Connecticut Avenue NW) – Liquor license Application

Scott Outlander is helping Mark Furstenberg at Bread Furst. They are applying for a liquor license to sell wine and beer retail. They are asking for stipulated license to have the license during the placard period.

Commissioner Nemeth got the request, sent the Settlement Agreement template, and they have agreed upon it in principle. The Commission supports their request.

Commissioner Cristeal asked if they are supplementing what is there now and whether it will be on the shelf or in a cooler? A: Since COVID they have expanded groceries a lot. This is not a large change in operation. They will have white wine and craft beer in a refrigerator for sale. Commissioner Cristeal asked whether there will be service or just take-out? A: There is just take-out.

Commissioner Molod asked if this is an overlap/competition with Calvert Woodley? A: Yes, sort of, but it is nice for people to have it as a choice when they come in.

Commissioner Cristeal asked if there will be other liquor or just beer/wine? A: No, just wine and beer.

Commissioner Molod asked if their application is for beer and wine only? A: No, it is for a Class A, which allows for both, but we only want beer and wine. Q: Would you agree to add a clause to the Settlement Agreement saying beer and wine only? A: Yes, we would agree.

From the public: We admire that Bread Furst pivoted to sell groceries and recommends we go ahead and support with no conditions.

Gloria Garcia said that Bread Furst is requesting another tool for a small business and also requests the Commission supports the license.

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the stipulated license for Bread Furst. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

8. Ward 3 Mutual Aid Funding Resolution – Cory Miller

Cory Miller presented information about Ward 3 Mutual Aid. Volunteers are responding to the needs of Ward 3 residents with groceries and PPE. The organization spends about \$2800 per week. Since March 23rd they have delivered groceries to 525 families. They were previously funded by GoFundMe, but now asking for funds from the ANCs. They have been given funds from ANC3C and ANC3D already. They are asking for \$3000. The Office of the ANC told us we are allowed to give money for food after DC Council legislation.

Commissioner Nemeth asked how many families? There has been a total of 525, 75-100 families every week.

Commissioner Cristeal asked how do people find out about you? A: They advertise on community listservs. The Northwest Neighbor's Village is also a potential source for disseminating information.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen asked are there families served regularly? Have you denied anyone? A: Yes, there are repeat requests, but we have not denied anyone yet.

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to grant funds to Ward 3 Mutual Aid based on paperwork approval. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

9. Resolution on Sewage Testing for COVID-19

Commissioner Molod presented the resolution. David Bardin said he has been in touch with a consortium of academics led by NC State University. It is ok with a long-term view, but would also like DC to hook up with pilot projects that are going on in the area. The information in the links is already out of date. Today, the Maryland Department of Environment announced places where their pilot project will measure. They are using molecular testing to get quantitative measures of virus load based on RNA. They would measure the trend in the community and give information to lawmakers. As we reopen this is critical information that will give advanced warning. He asked that we add the slides about the Maryland program be posted on the issues page of the website.

DC Water has been hesitant, but may be coming around. As the resolution states, this needs a coordination among DC agencies. This has been done in Maryland, some local jurisdictions too (Hampton roads, Frederick county), and Utah posted results. National Water Research Foundation has put resources into this, so has the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering.

Since April, DC Water has been saving frozen samples unprocessed, and are waiting for testing. They will make this available in the long-term program. It is not yet on the Mayor's agenda. It is not costly to do, on order of thousands of dollars.

Commissioner Rutenberg said other ANCs have done this, is there an effort to get other ANCs on board? A: There is monthly meeting of ANC Chairs and it has been discussed. Commissioner Nemeth said that meeting is Monday nights and run by the Chair of ANC6B.

Commissioner Molod made a motion to approve the amended resolution on sewage testing for COVID-19. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

10. Resolution on Rental Support for Those Impacted by COVID-19

Commissioner Cristeal presented a resolution on DC's FY20 housing programs. This is the work of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee. The resolution focuses on programs in the

budget and asks for support of the Department of Housing's efforts to increase affordable housing.

Commissioner Cristeal made a motion to approve the amended resolution on rental support for those impacted by COVID-19. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

11. Resolution on Sidewalks and Traffic

Commissioner Cristeal read the operative clauses. Commissioner Rutenberg made a friendly amendment to add the clause to say we are asking DDOT to consider our proposals, and change the first two "be it resolved" to "whereas" all these other factors. Mr. Deyling recommended to accept the friendly amendment. Commissioner Cristeal accepted the friendly amendments.

Commissioner Cristeal made a motion to approve the amended resolution on sidewalks and traffic. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

12. Other Business: None

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