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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 – July 21, 2020
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 over the internet at <https://zoom.us/j/95878564871?pwd=RFdvME5tdGtIRXYxbjZUeXpDMFpGUT09> Meeting number: 958 7856 4871 Password: 2PB516. 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 and the removal of the consent agenda.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the settlement agreement and support the stipulated license for the Squash Club.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Rutenberg made a motion approve the Q3 FY20 Financial Report.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to adjourn.	5-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:32 PM
Adjournment: 9:33 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda amended to remove the consent agenda. 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.

Commissioner Nemeth:

- i. Reminder about the recent deaths of CT Vivian and John Lewis. We owe them so much.
- ii. Days Inn is no longer a COVID site.
- iii. There have been many updates to the website.
- iv. We are using Zoom tonight. DC Government uses WebEx, but other ANCs are using Zoom.
- v. ANC elections this November. Potential candidates are collecting petitions that are due August 5th.

Commissioner Frelinghuysen: None

Commissioner Rutenberg: None

Commissioner Cristeal:

- i. Tracking construction of Hearst Park (with a sign on Idaho Avenue), says it will be done in 2020, but it will not be.
- ii. There have been protests at the Chinese Embassy to Free Tibet.

3. Committee Reports

Housing and Neighborhoods (Hofmann): The committee met on July 6 and discussed recent budget developments in Council affecting rental assistance. They also discussed asking to extend rent control (it did not resonate with the committee). They met with Councilmember Cheh on July 20 and talked about a more open discussion of affordable housing spanning Ward 3 ANCs. They also asked for a task force to assess how the voucher program is working (the committee members don't think it is working well).

Parks and Trails (Nemeth): None.

Grants (Molod): The question came up about whether we are allowed to give a grant check to a person representing Ward 3 Mutual Aid. Commissioner Rutenberg said she will check.

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): The committee met and talked about Slow Streets and gave feedback to DDOT. They also talked about the ongoing Connecticut Avenue traffic study, which is on the agenda later. Commissioner Nemeth said they want to revise our letter about Slow Streets to add Rodman Street NW at Idaho Ave NW.

4. Community Forum

Steve Marencic from OPC:

- i. Gave an introduction to his organization. Consumer outreach is a part of the OPC.

- ii. The Covid updates from his office are that utilities are not allowed to disconnect for payment issues.
- iii. Commissioner Molod asked if he can tell us about the bribery fine Exelon paid? A: I will prepare and send a fact sheet to ANC3F.

Kate Whitesell:

- i. I volunteer within DC at Community Mediation DC and we're just trying to reach out to Commissioners and communities to let them know that we offer free and confidential mediation to any DC residents if folks are looking for conflict resolution alternatives. If anyone is interested, the website is communitymediationdc.org.

5. Connecticut Avenue Study Update

Ed Stolof, project manager at DDOT for the Connecticut Avenue Study, Cynthia Lin, deputy director, and Sabrina Hamm presented information.

Stolof gave a summary of the history of Connecticut Avenue studies and showed study area.

Lin gave a scope of the work and a timeline. She talked about the community advisory committee members, which include Deyling and Commissioner Cristea. See the website for project and email address to CAC. She also summarized data collection to define existing conditions (bicycles, pedestrians, parking). She also summarized the safety and crash analysis.

Stolof talked about how potential new concepts will be evaluated. The concepts: no build concept (make better signs); concept A (keep reversible lanes, make bike lanes, so 1 inbound, 3 outbound); concept B (no reversible, 3 in and 3 out, no protected bike lane); concept C (add protected bicycle lane, no reversible lanes, no parking [2 in, 2 out], middle left turn lane); concept D (remove 1 reversible lane, 3 in and 1 out, put two-way bike lane on one side).

They will meet with CAC to consider alternatives. They will do traffic modeling, safety analysis and will recommend a concept in the fall. DDOT will decide.

Commissioner Nemeth asked why start at Legation, why not at Chevy Chase Circle? A: It was the original scope, but they will bring it up. Commissioner Nemeth also asked is data collection complete? Over what period? A: See report, January-February of this year. Commissioner Nemeth asked was speed measured in data collection? A: Yes, they looked at the speed at different intersections.

Commissioner Molod asked about air quality and if any data was collected? Is there any concept criterion? A: That will be decided later and modeling includes traffic flow, also including where traffic will go (into neighborhoods?).

Commissioner Rutenberg asked how were the concept evaluation criterion selected? Can they be added to? A: Yes, they can be added to, just let them know. Commissioner Rutenberg asked about emissions and air quality please. How will the evaluation be done based on these criteria? A: Modeling mostly. She also said that there a lot of dangerous intersections that cross Connecticut Avenue (i.e., Fessenden, Albemarle), would be good to assess how these designs

impact pedestrian crossings of Connecticut Avenue. They will look at this and will recommend signal alternatives.

Commissioner Cristeal said he is on the CAC with Deyling and has seen this before. Lots of work has been done and wants to compliment the team. He does suggest they do a rendering for all four of the concepts. He also stated there needs to be a protected bike lane on Connecticut Avenue because they need to get bikes/scooters off the sidewalk and on the road. They said at the end of the evaluation there will be a matrix of criterion and concepts. Commissioner Cristeal also asked if there is a cost and we will advocate to spend the money. A: This will be considered too.

From public: Max Smith, lives in 3F05, said that concept C seems best. Let's say you decide, get the money, do it, and implement, is there a commitment from DDOT to leave it in place? A: They will try to implement properly and prioritize funding path to keep the concept chosen in place. Phil Waggoner said it looks like we are aiming towards a solution not looking at data because there is not much there on the web. A: This is a data-driven study. Data is in the report with existing conditions.

6. Squash Club New Stipulated Liquor License, 4221 Connecticut Avenue – Justin Rose

Justin Rose from the Squash Club is here requesting a stipulated liquor license. They are online only and sustainable wines. They have their storage at Domain. They have orders sent to Domain, will pick up from there and deliver around DC. Commissioner Nemeth said the Settlement Agreement has been signed.

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

7. ANC Code of Conduct

Commissioner Molod read the proposed code of conduct into the record.

From public: We should run it past the office of ANC before adopting and perhaps post the draft for comments. Commissioner Molod said that is fine, we will table it until September.

8. Approval of Q3 FY20 Financial Report

Commissioner Rutenberg said payments need two signatures. This delays things. They are overdue some payments from the City and we need to clarify some things.

Commissioner Rutenberg made a motion approve the Q3 FY20 Financial Report. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

9. Other Business:

Commissioner Rutenberg said please encourage community members to fill out petitions to be Commissioners.

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