

**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
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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 – September 15, 2020**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**MINUTES**

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 over the internet at <https://zoom.us/j/97756651209?pwd=L3p2Z1hnRGtPTEZaTzhyempKRtF4dz09> Meeting number: 977 5665 1209 Password: BE39nn. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at [www.anc3f.com](http://www.anc3f.com).

Commissioners Present:      Molod  
   Nemeth  
   Kuebler  
   Rutenberg  
   Cristeal

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda and the amended consent agenda.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the class CR license and stipulated license pending executed settlement agreement for Bread Furst.	5-0-0	
Commissioner Molod made a motion to adjourn.	5-0-0	

Call to Order:                      7:36 PM  
Adjournment:                      10:26 PM

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Approval of Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to approve the amended regular agenda and the amended consent agenda. The amendments are the movement of the UDC presentation to before the presentation from the Essex, and the removal of the minutes from 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: Ongoing noise issues at the Essex, will hear presentation tonight.

Commissioner Nemeth:

- i. There are slow streets in ANC3F on Yuma and 36<sup>th</sup>. DDOT is paving on Yuma through PAVE DC. It has caused a problem with the Sheridan School reopening.
- ii. Complete your census.
- iii. Also make sure you are registered to vote and vote!

Commissioner Kuebler: Wanted to let everyone know she is not running again.

Commissioner Rutenberg: Davenport between Linnean and Connecticut is a slow street. Some residents say it has been effective, some not. They want it extended to Broad Branch.

Commissioner Cristeal:

- i. Hearst Pool has begun construction with a summer 2021 completion date set.
- ii. The Housing & Neighborhoods Committee meeting spoke about Ward 3 wide affordability. There is another meeting at 7:30pm on September 29 on Zoom. They will focus on racism. They will post information to the website. Ward 3 vision is a sponsor.
- iii. There are two slow streets in his SMD – Yuma and 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **3. Committee Reports**

Housing and Neighborhoods (Hofmann): They have added three new members. Their focus is on affordable housing and will work with Ward 3 Vision. They have done investigative work on vetting for voucher recipients. As to rent control, Councilmember Bond's committee on housing will schedule hearings for Councilmembers White/Nadeau omnibus bill on rent control. They are not ready for 3F to weigh in.

Parks and Trails (Cristeal): Erica Rosenberg is not here. They met this past Monday. The issues they are discussing are Soapstone, Melvin Hazen, drainage, work with the Department of Environmental Services. They are also working on setting the agenda for the fall. Last Thursday Rock Creek flooded.

Grants (Molod): No applications for this grant cycle.

Streets and Sidewalks (Kuebler): Robert Deyling is not here. They went over the traffic study and they want CAC and DDOT to meet. Tony Donaldson is working with the list of ongoing priorities for DDOT. They also talked about air quality monitoring

## **4. Community Forum**

Tony Donaldson Jr:

Introduced himself as the Ward 3 Liaison to the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. [Tony.donaldson@dc.gov](mailto:Tony.donaldson@dc.gov)

Adrian Saltzgeber

Initiative 81 is on the ballot regarding entheogenic plant and policy. They would make prosecuting this among MPD's lowest priorities. He is asking the Commission for a letter of support. for more info: <https://decrimnaturedc.org/initiative-81/> and <https://decrimnaturedc.org/knowledge/>

Gloria Garcia from Van Ness Main Street:

- i. The expansion was approved for VNMS up to Nebraska Avenue.
- ii. They have partnered with new Columbia Solar who has converted large buildings. They will work with other large buildings.
- iii. DDOT has allocated \$1.5 million to study the streetscape from Yuma to Veazey.
- iv. They are raising funds for a major PPE purchase.
- v. They are working with UDC to get retail.
- vi. They are discussing with DDOT to change the schedule because of low response to plans.
- vii. They are starting an equity grant program to help minority/women businesses.

Juanita Gray from UDC:

- i. Classes started last Tuesday with 95% virtual, some labs are on campus, but the campus is essentially closed.
- ii. Enrollment is up and will be getting us the numbers.
- iii. Staff changes – The COO has left. David Franklin is now the COO. Alex Garrett has taken over for Eric Thompson.
- iv. They are working with KLMB and have some interested vendors.
- v. September 17 is the virtual convocation. Dr Lawrence Potter, the Chief Academic Officer will be speaking.
- vi. Announced the passing of John Gordon, the Director of Communications.

Steve Marencic from OPC:

He is the consumer outreach specialist for the Office of the People's Counsel and wants everyone to sign up to testify at the Public Service Commission's 9/29 virtual hearing on the Pepco rate increase. If you wish to testify, send an email to [PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov](mailto:PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov) by the close of business on September 22. OPC will continue to keep consumers up-to-date throughout these proceedings and invites consumers to share their concerns with the Office at (202) 727-3071 or [info@opc-dc.gov](mailto:info@opc-dc.gov) If the rate case is approved based upon the current record: (1) DC consumers will pay exorbitant and unjustified rates over the next two years. (2) Pandemic-related consumer relief programs would not be guaranteed.

Barbara Kraft:

Lives on Upton Street. The Washington Interfaith Network will testify at the Pepco hearing.

Each of the Candidates running for ANC3F seats were able to speak:

Commissioner Cristeal - 3F01 – did not speak

Alex Appah - 3F02

Dipa Mehta - 3F03

Stanley Wall - 3F04 was not here

Claudette David - 3F05

Ryan Keefe - 3F05

Commissioner Nemeth - 3F06 – did not speak

Matt Buechner - 3F07

## **5. UDC Van Ness Campus Master Plan**

Avis Russell, the General Counsel for UDC gave a brief presentation to summarize the master plan. Cozen O'Connor attorneys, Ronnie McGee and Associates, architects, and Sergio presented the campus map and plans. Daniel from Gorove/Slade presented the transportation part of the plan.

Commissioner Kuebler asked if they had been in touch with DDOT about the intersections near UDC? A: They are proposing to close Veazey Terrace to make the area more pedestrian friendly. She also asked how would busses work? A: They need WMATA to agree because they have an easement there. A: DDOT was receptive about closing Veazey, but WMATA has not weighed in yet. There were a series of Q and A about plans for Veazey and what to do about busses.

Timeline is included in the slide with milestones.

Commissioner Cristeal asked about the process and timeline. What are the Covid-related delays and what is the timeline now for getting something out to the community for review? A: They talked about the community outreach done so far.

Commissioner Cristeal also asked about plans for enrollment, plans for different activities, and asked about plans for student housing.

From the public: They don't want to lose the bus turnaround.

## **6. Essex Condominium Update on HVAC Noise – 4740 Connecticut Avenue**

Commissioner Molod discussed the issue. Sabine O'Hara is new to the Essex and the newly elected chair of the Association Board of Directors. At the July 20th board meeting, a number of resolutions were approved. The estimated timeline is that it all should be done by April 2021. They drafted a letter to DCRA about the permitting process.

Commissioner Molod asked what permits are you asking for? Anything that needs buy-in? Or is our help by way of pushing DCRA to approve? A: Pushing DCRA. The timeline is VERY tight. The process is phased, so there will be no chiller in the parking lot next summer. Alpha Tech Engineers is doing the work.

Public: Michele Young asked in part about the residents that live in the back of the building. A: Those residents are suffering as well? Response: They have threatened litigation if not fixed.

Alejandro Rosenberg said this is a scourge on the neighborhood. The Mayor must get involved. DCRA has to approve this and gave a reminder of potential for litigation. There are solutions if the deadline arrives, buy AC units, for example.

Tony Donaldson committed to ensuring that it won't repeat next year. Commissioner Molod asked can you get the Mayor to send an email to DCRA? A: He will take it up with leadership.

## **7. Bread Furst Stipulated Liquor License – 4434 Connecticut Avenue**

Scott Outlander from Bread Furst said their proximity to Uptown Market means the class of license needs to change to class CR. Otherwise it is the same agenda and plans as last license

application. Commissioner Nemeth said please sign the new settlement agreement. They are also asking for stipulated license.

Commissioner Nemeth made a motion to support the class CR license and stipulated license pending executed settlement agreement for Bread Furst. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).

**8. Connecticut Avenue Air Quality Monitoring – Valentina Aquila, American University.**

Professor Valentina Aquila from American University presented the plans for air quality monitoring in the Connecticut corridor as input to the Traffic study. Commissioner Kuebler asked how long for phase 1 (data collect) and phase 2 (model)? A: They need to wait until students get to campus (need their labor), Phase 1 would take 1 semester, and modeling (Phase 2) would take a total of 3 semesters.

Commissioner Cristeal asked if DDOT will make a decision by the end of the summer of 2021, so timeline for modeling is too long. Also, are 10 sensors enough for the corridor? A: They could do monitors on Connecticut Avenue in a few places and also put them on other streets. As to timescale, they could have preliminary findings by May.

**9. Other Business:**

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