

Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
Van Ness • North Cleveland Park • Wakefield • Forest Hills

3F01 – David Cristeal, Chair
 3F02 – Alexandria Appah, Vice Chair
 3F03 – Dipa Mehta
 3F04 – Stan Wall, Treasurer
 3F05 – Claudette David
 3F06 – Monika Nemeth
 3F07 – Matt Buechner, Secretary



Box 244
 4401-A Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20008
 commissioners@anc3f.com
 www.anc3f.com
 Twitter: @ANC3F

Public Meeting – January 19, 2021
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 over the internet at <https://zoom.us/j/95998545029?pwd=Sng0S0JMTWVzTjdCZzdjUWZBb2Vzdz09> Meeting number: 959 9854 5029 Password: 76uz4S. The meeting was duly advertised and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Cristeal
 Appah
 Mehta
 Wall
 David
 Nemeth
 Buechner

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Mehta made a motion to approve the regular agenda and the consent agenda, which includes the approval of November 2020 meeting minutes, the ANC 3F 2021 meeting schedule, and the Security Fund participation.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Cristeal nominated himself as Chair.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth nominated Commissioner Appah as Vice Chair.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth nominated Commissioner Wall as Treasurer.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Nemeth nominated Matt Buechner as Secretary.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Mehta made a motion to approve the 4801 Connecticut Avenue replacement of the monument sign.	7-0-0	

Commissioner Mehta made motion to approve the special exception for 2717 Chesapeake Street NW.	7-0-0	
Commissioner Appah made a motion to adjourn.	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Adjournment: 8:58 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioner Mehta made a motion to approve the regular agenda and the consent agenda, which includes the approval of November 2020 meeting minutes, the ANC 3F 2021 meeting schedule, and the Security Fund participation (The Office of the ANC has yet to provide the corrected financial documents, as such the approval of the Q1 Financial Report has been tabled until next meeting.) Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

2. ANC3F Officer Elections

Commissioner Cristeal nominated himself as Chair. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Commissioner Nemeth nominated Commissioner Appah as Vice Chair. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Commissioner Nemeth nominated Commissioner Wall as Treasurer. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

Commissioner Nemeth nominated Matt Buechner as Secretary. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

3. Commissioner Updates and Announcements

Commissioner Cristeal: Provided an update on the Hearst Park and Pool about the progress that they are making to get back on track.

Commissioner Wall: Wants to thank the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee for organizing a walkthrough to highlight some crime-related issues that are facing ANC 3F with MPD and Councilmember Cheh.

Commissioner Nemeth: Wants to second Commissioner Wall's thanks and says that MPD says our crime rates are not particularly concerning, however there anecdotally seems to be an uptick in criminal activity.

4. Committee Reports

Streets and Sidewalks (Deyling): Discussed the 2020 end of the year committee report, which was distributed to the ANC earlier this afternoon.

Housing and Neighborhoods (Hofmann): 1. Discussed a proposal about whether to create an Education Committee, of which the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee supports.
2. Discussed that Ward 3 Mutual Aid would like to establish a food bank at UDC. The committee will discuss the issue before making a recommendation to the ANC.
3. Discussed the crime and safety walkthrough with MPD on January 9th, particularly focused on the area surrounding Forest Hills Park.

Grants (Commissioner Nemeth): Commissioner Nemeth will be taking charge of this committee, as previous Committee Chair Molod has ended her time on ANC 3F. We are not currently in a grants cycle, but Commissioner Nemeth will announce the grants timeline at the next meeting.

5. Burger King Update

Mark James (owner's representative) said Burger King is looking to remove item number 12 from their BZA proposal, which refers to the permeability of their back parking lot. Claire McLane said the engineering firm has determined that it is difficult to drain the paved area using permeable materials. They are looking to increase the water retention green area to satisfy the DOEE and ANC. Ken Griffin said that Burger King has done infiltration testing, which showed that there is shallow rock, dense materials, and clay under the parking lot, which creates the issue regarding the impervious nature of the parking lot. There are also issues regarding stormwater drainage infrastructure within the proximity of the location.

Commissioner Nemeth reiterates her request that Burger King send the ANC the infiltration test, so the Parks & Watershed Committee can review the materials. Commissioner Nemeth also noted that the ANC has not heard from DOEE. Commissioner Cristeal asks about the timeframe for moving forward. James states that they would like to get this approved within the three-year timeframe, which began in 2018. McLane says that they will follow up with DOEE. Burger King is looking for support for an exception for the BZA proposal, item 12 and public space permits associated with the building permits. This issue will be tentatively placed on the agenda for February, pending receipt of the materials.

6. 4801 Connecticut Ave. Replace Monument Sign

Chris J. presented information. The owner of the building is looking to replace the sign that is currently facing Connecticut Avenue. The project will take one day and will not use any public space during the process. The sign will be lit at night using a spotlight, facing up toward the sign.

Commissioner Wall encourages the property management to restrict drop off and pick up to the driveway, as opposed to in front of the building, which impedes accessibility to neighbors.

Commissioner Mehta made a motion to approve the 4801 Connecticut Avenue replacement of the monument sign. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

7. 2717 Chesapeake Street

Mark Bisnow, Margot Bisnow, and Chris Cohen submitted an application for special exception to attach a new 14-foot-wide single car garage. The immediate neighbor has supported the project, as long as it would not impede their ability to build on their property. There is currently

a vacant lot between these two homes, however the neighbor is looking to potentially build a 3-car garage on that vacant lot, in addition to an additional housing unit. The Bisnows have previously received an approval for a curb cut for this project.

Commissioner Mehta made motion to approve the special exception for 2717 Chesapeake Street NW. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0).

8. 4740 Essex House Update

Bill Dent provided an update. The HVAC project is contracted and underway. They are currently on schedule and work is slated for approval near the end of April. Tony Donaldson Jr. will work with Dent to help navigate the permitting process and DCRA.

9. Community Forum

Tony Donaldson Jr.:

- i. Provided an update from the Mayor's office on the inauguration and the precautions that the office is taking to ensure the safety of DC residents during the inauguration. They are encouraging residents to sign up for text alerts by texting INAUG2021 to 888-777.
- ii. Provided an update regarding distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. The process to vaccinate teachers and school staff of public and public charter schools will begin next week. District seniors (65+) and health care workers can register for appointments using vaccinate.dc.gov. Starting this week, appointments will be released on Thursdays at 9am to eligible residents in priority districts to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine. Remaining appointments will be released to eligible residents on Fridays at 9am and guaranteed availability.
- iii. Commissioner Wall requests that the toll-free number is more widely distributed, particularly to ensure that residents who are less technologically savvy or do not have access to technology can access to appointments.

James Tandaric:

- i. Discussed the need for an Education & Universities Committee, particularly as there will be no Education Committee at the DC Council level. All education issues will be taken up by the Committee of the Whole. This committee would help facilitate relationships between ANC 3F's nine local educational institutions, the DC State Board of Education, and DC City Council.
- ii. Commissioner Nemeth requests that Tandaric submits a formal proposal for discussion at the next ANC 3F meeting.

Gloria Garcia (Van Ness Main Street):

- i. Provided an update about Van Ness Main Street, including five new board members and Board Chair Barbara Lardy.
- ii. Van Ness Main Street has an open call for committee volunteers and will continue to promote these openings through Forest Hills Connection and their website.
- iii. Van Ness Main Street's equity grant program will be open to businesses at the end of January 2021.

- iv. Van Ness Main Street is supportive of the food bank project at UDC in the short- and medium-term, with the intention that the space will be used as a rental space in the long-term.
- v. A new light art project went up this week with the theme, “Stronger Together” in alignment with the inauguration.
- vi. Commissioners Appah and Mehta thank Garcia for her efforts supporting Ward 3 Mutual Aid and ANC 3F small businesses.

David Bardin: Inquiries about committees are populated and then decided whether they need commission approval. Commissioner Cristeal will discuss with him offline.

Juanita Gray:

- i. UDC plans to be virtual for the entire semester. The add/drop period is still open, so Gray will bring enrollment data to the next meeting.
- ii. UDC will be celebrating 170 years!

Michael Porcello (Legislative Director from the Office of Councilmember Mary Cheh):

- i. The Council approved the 2021 oversight schedule. Hearings will be virtual and you can find the dates and how to access the hearings on the Council website. The schedule should be posted in the coming days.
- ii. DCPS Term 3 begins February 1st. The Committee of the Whole will have a hearing with the DCPS Chancellor at 1pm on Thursday to discuss vaccine rollout and the return to in-person learning.
- iii. He recommends that the ANC provide feedback on the budget in early April, however if you have any concerns, he is open to working with stakeholders regarding those concerns.

Commissioner Appah made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).