

**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, Secretary  
 3F07 – Vacant



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**Public Meeting – May 18, 2021**  
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**MINUTES**

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 over the internet at <https://zoom.us/j/93710420949?pwd=MFpweFBFRVR1dGdzbGEyUytkekNkQT09>. Meeting number: 937 1042 0949 Password: f107JL. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at [www.anc3f.com](http://www.anc3f.com).

Commissioners Present:      Cristeal  
                                          Appah  
                                          Mehta  
                                          Wall  
                                          David  
                                          Nemeth

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
Commissioner Appah made a motion to approve the amended agenda and the consent agenda which included the April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes and the Q2FY21 Financial Report (January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021), and updates to previous reports that were corrected Q3FY20 (April 1 – June 30) and Q4FY20 (July 1 – September 30). The consent agenda also included a public space permit for a driveway repair at 2916 Ellicott Terrace.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Appah nominated Commissioner Nemeth to be Secretary for ANC 3F after the resignation of Commissioner Buechner from the ANC. No other names were put forth in nomination.	6-0-0	
Commissioner Cristeal moved to adjourn.	6-0-0	

Call to Order:                      7:00 PM  
 Adjournment:                    9:11 PM

AGENDA ITEMS`

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

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### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Wall reported that the ANC has a balance of \$81,774. The reports will be posted to the website upon approval.

### **3. Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Cristeal: Welcomes guest speaker Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to ANC 3F. Announced that DC Council passed the Comprehensive Plan unanimously earlier in the day.

Commissioner Appah: Announced that the current vaccination rate in DC was around 40% and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. Also announced that the food pantry is open from Ward 3 Mutual Aid. It is across from UDC in the old Walgreens building at the loading dock in the back.

Commissioner Mehta: Announced that she and Commissioner Wall are working with the Streets and Sidewalks Committee on a resolution for DDOT to look at mitigation measures and safety issues concerning the Connecticut Ave Safety Study Plan. She also announced that she is working with PEPCO to address concerns about standing water in underground vaults at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Albermarle St. and other possible locations.

Commissioner Wall: Both grants that were previously approved have been distributed. One item submitted by a neighbor regarding Forest Hills Park safety study.

Commissioner David:

Commissioner David will do a site visit on 36<sup>th</sup> Street with Bradley Graham of Politics and Prose to discuss issues regarding parking on 36<sup>th</sup> street and parking tickets. The site visit will include DDOT and the someone from the Mayor's office.

Commissioner David is looking at a sidewalk repair that is needed 4700 Connecticut Ave.

The Mayor's office has been doing a lot of vaccine outreach and having volunteers go door to door on weekly days of action. UDC is one of the sites where people can go and get vaccinated. The city has opportunities for people who are having difficulty paying rent or utilities. DC has \$350 million in aid set aside to help with individuals with rent and utility payments. Information can be found at Staydc.gov.

Commissioner Nemeth: Discussed the vacancy in ANC 3F07 and the process for filling the vacancy. Once the Board of Elections formally announces the vacancy in the DC Register published every Friday, the petition process begins the following Monday. Upon conclusion of

the petition process, if there are two or more candidates for the vacancy then a special election is held in an upcoming ANC 3F meeting. If there is only one candidate, that individual is appointed to the position without an election.

Commissioner Nemeth also discussed keeping a watch on the status of the official public health emergency in DC as DC begins to open back up. ANC meetings may only be held virtually during a declared public health emergency.

#### **4. Election of Commissioner Nemeth as Secretary of ANC 3F**

Commissioner Buechner resigned from ANC 3F07 as he moved out of the single member district as such Commissioner Appah nominated Commissioner Nemeth to be Secretary for ANC 3F. There were no other nominees. Commissioner Nemeth was elected as Secretary by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions (6-0-0).

#### **5. Guest Speaker – Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**

Congresswoman Norton updated ANC 3F and the community on a number of topics including DC Statehood, the Federal, and the American Rescue Act 2021.

- The House of Representatives passed HR 51. A national poll shows that 54% now support DC statehood. The hearings were very instructive and showed that DC residents do not have the same rights as other citizens. DC pays the highest taxes per capita. DC budget larger is than 12 states, and they didn't know that our bond rating was better than 35 states.
- American Rescue Act of 2021 – Includes funding DC as a city, state, and county because it provides services as such.
- The National Children's Museum remains in Reagan Building rent free.
- DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) – Provides DC residents in-state college tuition benefits to public colleges and universities throughout the United States
- If requested, Congresswoman Norton can bring the National Park Service to community meetings
- Questions:
  - i. Commissioner Cristeal: What can we do for statehood? A: Lobby your relatives and friends in other states to have them contact their Senators.
  - ii. Commissioner Nemeth: What is the status of renaming of Melvin Hazen?  
A. Congresswoman Norton's office will follow up with an answer regarding status.

#### **6. UDC Master Plan – Draft Resolution**

Avis Russell, General Counsel UDC reported that UDC received the draft resolution yesterday. They are in the process of gathering information to respond to question and will do so within the week. UDC has also reached out to DDOT to find out status of the transportation plan and have not heard back. As the Master Plan was presented twice previously, it was not presented again to the ANC. UDC is requesting support from ANC 3F for the plan. They understand ANC 3F has concerns about enrollment and transportation and will address those within the week. Commissioner Cristeal indicated that the ANC 3F intends to vote on the resolution at its June 15 meeting.

## **7. FY22 Budget – Draft Resolutions**

- Schools & Universities Committee Resolution – Presented by James Tandoric, Committee Chair. The resolution has six major points addressing the following areas: 1. Increase staffing budgets, 2. Support for the retention and hiring of psychologists, nurses, social workers, 3. Increase funding for wrap around services, 4. Funding for outdoor education learning spaces, 5. Funding for the use of the Internet to bridge the Digital Divide in the classroom, and 6. Funding to implement DDOT Concept C and other traffic calming measures along Connecticut Ave.
- Affordable Housing Program Resolution presented by Commissioner Cristeal. Similar to last year's resolution on affordable housing that was passed by ANC 3F. It has six parts recommending specific amounts to various programs.

## **8. Introduction by Forest Hills of DC**

Eric Colbert, Board Member and Tina Sandri, CEO, gave a presentation about the Forest Hills Home of DC. It is a long term partner of 3F. As the community is starting to re-open, Forest Hills is looking forward to welcoming back groups. They are very proud of their COVID response. The first COVID case in secure memory care was in December 2020 which was late in the pandemic. The New York Times had a story which featured them on March 29. Legally they are known as the "Methodist Home of DC." Forest Hills welcomes people to come in and say hello. They provide skilled care, assisted living, and a secure memory care facility on Military Road.f. The public is welcome to their events.

## **9. Committee Reports**

Streets and Sidewalks (Bob Deyling): The committee looked into missing sidewalks, gave input into UDC Resolution, and is monitoring Connecticut Ave study. They have not heard about any follow on to Slow Streets which is ending on May 31. Commissioner Wall suggested that the committee maybe do a community survey to find what the community may like and present to DDOT.

No updates for Parks, and Housing

Housing and Neighborhoods - Commissioner Wall: Given there is a vacancy in the Chair of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, this may be a good time to possibly realign the committee given the nature of issues that arise within the committee. Commissioner Wall proposes having two separate committees – 1. Housing and Economic Development and 2. Public Safety Committee which would work with MPD and monitor issues. Commissioner Nemeth expressed support for a separate Public Safety Committee.

## **10. Community Forum**

Gloria Garcia, Van Ness Main Street:

- Pandemic restrictions are to be lifted on Friday.
- On June 5, VNMS will host a collaborative used bookstore - Turning the Page
- On June 6 the Food Pantry officially opens
- On Jun 19 Humane Rescue pet pantry returns

- On June 23 - Movie Night in the Park at UDC Amphitheater on Yuma St begins. Movie nights will continue on Wednesday nights during the summer with 2 in June, 2 in July, and 2 August.

Scott Schachter (Alton PI Resident):

Mr. Schachter is a volunteer with the Bethesda CC Rescue Squad and has been a member of the squad for 21 years. The Bethesda CC Rescue Squad operates in NW DC in accordance with a memorandum of agreement.

There is an issue with emergency services provided by Bethesda CC Rescue Squad. The Board of Directors has been exploring terminating its arrangement to provide its services to upper NW DC. The Chief has made this recommendation.

Mr. Schachter is asking if ANC 3F can do a resolution to help prevent this termination of services. Commissioner Mehta asks how old is this current Memorandum of Understanding? It is from May 2001. Why would they be breaking up now? Response: There are budget pressures, the call volume from DC is down, and the DC response seems to be better. What is the rationale to keep this relationship? Mutual aid would not be impacted by this arrangement.

Commissioner Nemeth expressed doubt that ANC 3F really would be able to do anything with respect to this as it is outside of its jurisdiction. The squad is in another state entirely. A resolution would have no impact. Perhaps a letter can be drafted by the ANC asking for them to reconsider. If anything, this seems like it would have to be a request from a higher office or more directly impacted agency.

Michael Porcello from Councilmember Cheh's office will discuss it with the Councilmember and see what actions she is able to take on this matter.

Commissioner Nemeth recommended that Mr. Schachter also reach out to Councilmember Charles Allen. CM Allen chairs the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety which has oversight for DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. He may be interested in knowing about this and would be in a better position to take action.

Juanita Gray (UDC):

- Two commencements took place. One was held at convention center where over 800 students graduated. The Law School commencement was held at auditorium and Senator Corey Booker was the keynote speaker.
- President Mason was a panelist at National Science Board meeting discussing STEM education.
- The main campus to be open in the Fall. Vaccination is mandatory.
- The tennis court renovation in progress and will be complete in a month or two.

**11. Adjournment**

Commissioner Cristeal moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (6-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.