

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

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3F02 – Alexandria Appah, Vice Chair
3F03 – Dipa Mehta
3F04 – Stan Wall, Treasurer
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3F07 – James Tandaric, Secretary



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Public Meeting – February 15, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2021, virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82114414095?pwd=cUxsdlJBazJLaUJUUVGtXV1pzNkNmQT09>. Meeting number: 9821 1441 4095 Password: Y9qzAp. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at www.anc3f.com.

Commissioners Present: Cristeal, Appah, Mehta, Wall, David, Nemeth, Tandaric

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Nemeth	7-0-0	
2. Commissioner Appah moves to approve resolution regarding DDOT to Address Dangerous Traffic Safety Conditions in Forest Hills	7-0-0	
3. Commissioner Cristeal moves to approve resolution regarding in support of accelerated and additional traffic calming measures for Connecticut Avenue	7-0-0	
4. Commissioner Tandaric moves to approve resolution regarding in support of Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3	7-0-0	
5. Commissioner Wall moves to approve resolution regarding restoring the L1 Metrobus service on Connecticut Ave	7-0-0	
6. Commissioner Wall moves to approve resolution regarding emergency Stop Order of Soapstone Trail	7-0-0	
7. Commissioner Mehta moves to approve resolution regarding Special Exception – 2940 Brandywine Street	7-0-0	

8. Commissioner Mehta moves to approve resolution regarding Special Exception – 3200 Ellicott Street	6-0-1	
9. Commissioner Mehta moves to approve resolution regarding Permit - 2930 Brandywine Street	7-0-0	
10. Commissioner Tandaric moves to approve resolution regarding Special Exception – 2916 Uptown Street	7-0-0	
Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Mehta	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:02 PM
Adjournment: 9:59 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda

Approval of the January 18, 2022, Meeting Agenda (includes Consent Items listed below).
Consent Items:

1. January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Quarterly Report – 1st (10/1/21-12/31/21)

Agenda was modified to include a resolution regarding a special exemption at 2916 Uptown Street by Commissioner Tandaric. Also was modified to include a resolution in support of restoring the L1 Metrobus service on Connecticut Avenue. Also to add a resolution urging CM Cheh to seek stop-work emergency order of Soapstone Valley Trail. Commissioner Nemeth moves to approve the agenda. The agenda is approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions (7-0-0).

2. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Tandaric: No updates.

Commissioner Wall/Treasurer update. Approved quarterly report. Received district allowance and earned interest on account. Costs were incurred were personal and bank charges. ANC considers grants twice a year (March and October). Will seek grant support to review guidelines on website and submit grants by end of March.

Commissioner Nemeth: Discussed about Airbnb in her SMD that was causing problems. Met with owner and plans to move back in once they're done with Law school this spring.

Commissioner Appah: Met up with her SMD regarding public safety and got commitment from building management to work with them once a month regarding public safety issues.

Commissioner Mehta: No updates.

Commissioner David: No updates.

Commissioner Cristeal: Acknowledged traffic calming measure from 25 mph to 20 mph in Van Ness.

Regular Agenda

1. Resolution Urging DDOT to Address Dangerous Traffic Safety Conditions in Forest Hills:

Commissioner Mehta discussed traffic concerns in Forest Hills. Hosted several meetings with government and community members. Deyling discusses several measures to help calm traffic concerns. Nemeth comments on who should authorize resolution in writing who will Wall and Mehta. Deyling confirms that it will include east of Connecticut Avenue in the resolution. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

2. Resolution in support of accelerated and additional traffic calming measures for Connecticut Avenue:

Deyling brought up this resolution and purpose it to make DDOT implement corridor safety improvements. Wall noticed MPD was providing a lot of speeding enforcement on Van Ness Corridor. Nemeth brought up which Commissioners will speak for this (Cristeal and Wall). Community member was asked how many fatalities were on Connecticut Avenue in 2021. Deyling refers to website that highlights data that was used during study. Question was also raised why would there be anti-death measures when there were no deaths on Connecticut Avenue. Cristeal and Appah respond to how this will help proactively on Connecticut Avenue. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

3. Resolution in support of Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3:

David brings up how there is no senior wellness center in Ward 3. Nemeth comments as to who will speak on this resolution (David and Mehta) and agrees the need for a senior wellness center. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

4. Resolution in support of restoring the L1 Metrobus service on Connecticut Ave:

Deyling introduces the implementation of the L1 bus, including putting in money for the FY22 budget season. Wall addressed this would get approved and voted during this meeting. Wall would start Chevy Chase and go down Connecticut Avenue and end at Foggy Bottom. Tandaric likes how this will help with commuting. Nemeth has heard of this issue while collecting signatures. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

5. Resolution in support of Emergency Stop Work for Soapstone Trail: Mehta highlights the importance of Soapstone Trail and concerns of the implementation of this project. It proposes that CM Cheh secures an emergency Stop Word order of this rehabilitation work. Commissioners were informed by DC Water that they will proceed with this project without addressing concerns. Wall comments how this project should be the safest project for the community and environment. Community member says the trees will be cut to allow machines to be worked through. Another members asked is DC Department of Environment aware of the loss of trees and it there needs to be an air quality report. Wall and Mehta will authorize on speaking for this resolution. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

6. Special Exception – 2940 Brandywine Street: Request to allow Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)in back portion of Lot. Meant to help child that has disability. Mehta has approved on this and has worked with homeowners. Cristeal also approves on how this will help the community. Wall thanks homeowners for working with neighbors that mitigates concerns. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

7. Special Exception – 3200 Ellicott Street: Request to put ADU has now turned into two-story addition. Meant to separate children into separate bedrooms. Proposed a ground floor addition along with on garage. Mehta highlights the complexity of this issue since this is a corner lot. Asks how much the addition will exist on the side of the building. Mehta comments on how neighbors have given feedback on special exception especially on environmental impacts and the height of the special exemption. Cristeal has asked how big of a proposal to the structure. Homeowners have asked for more square footage. Community member has appreciated everything the homeowners have shared. Next door neighbors of homeowner support this expansion of living space and asks to postpone ANC’s consideration for a month to work out accommodation on addition. Additional neighbors are in support of this special exemption. Motion was approved with 6-0-1.

8. Permit - 2930 Brandywine Street: Request is to provide parking at the front of the house. There have been no objections from neighbors. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

9. Special Exception – 2916 Uptown Street: Request to provide an extension to back of house. There has been no objections from neighbors. Motion was approved with 7-0-0.

Regular Agenda – Information Items

Follow-up on Days Inn Shooting on January 27th: David provides a formal comment on the shooting along with how this is not a random act of crime and how the ANC will provide a comprehensive, proactive approach to increase public safety in 3F. Lieutenant Amodeo has said the assailant has a connection to the victim. Questions were brought up on the data on 3400 Conn Avenue. People that were in the hotel room were targeted and sought out. Office of AG has issued an nuisance abatement to provide additional security measures to hotel. In last 2

years, there have been 278 calls for the hotel property and on the block for 2020 and 2021. Of the 278 calls. Crimes range from disorderly conduct to assaults. Houser has made a statement to increase security calls along with not identifying any preemptive issues during the night of the call.

Committee Reports

Streets and Sidewalks: Passed multiple resolutions and welcome new members.

Parks & Watershed: N/A

Schools & Universities: Will continue to communicate with the schools along with the master plan for Howard Law.

Housing & Neighborhoods: N/A

Community Forum

- Community member requests for DDOT request for 3003 Van Ness Street along with updates on schools in the area. Also asks how transportation bridge is being set up on Conn. Avenue.
- Juanita Gray will be celebrating their founder's days at 10:00 am. February 19th will be the naming ceremony of the new sports complex. Next March 1st will be the UDC community task force meeting. Asked about student housing on UDC. Currently at building 41 and at current tennis court for student housing.
- Gloria thanks ANC for the grant. They will find the VNMS banners will be installed on the Van Ness corridor. April 9 is the books n blossom festival. May 7 is the first UDC farmers market. Working with UDC on movie nights from June to July.
- Tracy asked about listservs in Van Ness and promote events on it.
- Stan commented on IONA senior services that can help in the neighborhood.

Adjournment

- Commissioner Mehta moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.