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Public Meeting – March 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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, Mehta, Wall, David, Nemeth, Tandaric

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Cristeal	6-0-0	
2. Commissioner Mehta moves to approve resolution regarding Permit for 5030 Linnean Avenue	6-0-0	
Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner	6-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjournment: 9:34 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda

Approval of the February 15, 2022, Meeting Agenda (includes Consent Items listed below).

Consent Items:

1. February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

2. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Tandaric: Gave redistricting update. Highlight the current ANC 3F proposal along with an update on what the task force is working on right now.

Commissioner Wall/Treasurer update: Open application for ANC grants are available for the April public meeting.

Commissioner Nemeth: N/A

Commissioner Appah: N/A

Commissioner Mehta: Will give comments during the Soapstone update

Commissioner David: N/A

Commissioner Cristeal: Hearst pool and tennis courts are open now. For UDC tennis courts, there needs to be new lights on it. Will work with Zoning commission on this.

Regular Agenda

1. **Permit – 5030 Linnean Avenue:** Commissioner Mehta introduces making one subplot into two hours on the property. Also includes one driveway that includes both properties. No property will be added onto other properties. Meets DDOT expectations.

Regular Agenda – Information Items

MPD Public Safety Update: people can get a permit to carry a gun in DC. There are 7 reported robberies within 2022. Total crime for 203 is up 3 percent from last year. Starting to see people rob stores. Encourage residents to leave cash into a safe place. There is a footman at the Forest Hill area. Have been able to update contacts from stores. The footman leaves his car in front of Days Inn. Increased traffic enforcement. Confirmed if CVS will have security since having that being removed. There were 180 calls for 4400 conn avenue or block of 4400 conn. avenue that Amadeo went through. 50 were determined to be duplicates. 68 of the 90 were associated with the property. Of the 68, highest number of calls were for disorderly conduct, then domestic assaults. 2 drunk complaints and 1 found weapon.

Lt. Amodeo's email sent regarding crime data:

“Points discussed:

Total crime is showing a 3% increase, which amounts to a total of 2 additional crimes (77 vs. 79).

Our current preventative/investigative focus is robberies.

1 robbery YTD for 2021

7 robberies YTD for 2022

4 of the robberies have occurred in March. 3 of these were during the overnight/early morning hours and were street robberies. All remain active investigations.

A pick-pocket robbery occurred within the Politics & Prose bookstore. A youtube video will be published shortly.

Theft from vehicles have increased slightly. No other increases.

Motor vehicle theft has decreased.

Overnight commercial burglaries are trending throughout the District. Suspects are entering by shattering front glass doors or windows and immediately proceeding to the cash registers. This information and requests that businesses take efforts to safeguard their establishments have been made to Cleveland Park Main Street as well as Van Ness Main Street.

I acknowledge Commissioner Nemeth's request for an increased presence and additional Officers on foot. We will do our best to accommodate the request as staffing will allow.

Officer Yudis Zuniga is working as an Officer on foot in the Van Ness and Forest Hills areas. He is an asset to the Department and has proven to be a valuable partner with the Van Ness and Forest Hills community. The original areas of concentration were reduced in order to provide more focused police service. A marked vehicle has been allocated to assist in providing a visible deterrent. He is making contact with all businesses to update our Capital Watch database of emergency contacts. We have asked the businesses to not accept theft as a regular occurrence, and encouraged calls for police assistance. While this may increase our statistics it very well may serve to prevent future crime, hold those responsible accountable for their actions, and/or enable the Department to make other non-law enforcement resources available to the offender. Aggressive panhandling complaints are being addressed on a daily basis. Officer Zuniga has made a great many referrals to the Department of Behavioral Health's Mobile Crisis Response Team, to help address the root cause of the panhandling among other issues. Additionally, the 2D team is conducting traffic enforcement in and around the 4400 block of Connecticut Avenue.

An apprehension was made in reference to several thefts from the CVS. Anthony Weston of SE DC. He was released with a pending court date. As we are all aware - CVS discontinued on-site security just prior to the new year (for 2022).

Breakdown of 2021 calls for service to 4400 Connecticut Ave NW:

182 calls for service were associated with the block and address of 4400 Connecticut Ave NW.

50 calls were determined to be duplicates.

68 were confirmed to regarding the hotel property.

64 with the block.

This information of course establishes that roughly half of the calls for 4400 Connecticut Ave were regarding the hotel, but please remember MPD and DCFEMS response to the block may have also been categorized as other physical addresses such as the Park Connecticut Apartments at 4411, Uptown Market at 4465, the Burger King at 4422, etc.

- 22 Disorderly Conduct
- 8 Domestic Violence Assaults
- 5 Misdemeanor Assaults
- 5 Suspicious Persons
- 1 Suspicious Vehicle
- 4 Unknown Emergency
- 4 Check on the Welfare
- 4 Mental Health Crisis
- 4 Assist (Retrieval of property, Transport for DBH)
- 2 Missing Person
- 2 See the Complainant
- 2 Drug Complaints
- 1 Found Weapon
- 1 Theft
- 1 Threats
- 1 Animal Complaint

US Park Police District 3/Rock Creek Park Station phone number (regarding marijuana complaints in Soapstone Valley Park): 202-426-7716

The MPD will of course respond as well to all calls received, by phone or in person, to assist our Federal partner agency.

DBH Community Response Team phone number: 202-673-6495"

Days Inn Update: Jamie Howser gave update. Back to taking guests in and have finished the full investigation. The shooting was an outside incident. They put bars onto the planner box, so people do not sit on them. Have fair number of non-guests that hang out the front of the hotel. They hang out at the planter box because it's a sick place to sit. The idea is to have that there so people will not sit there. There are plans to put plants in it. There has been no other plans regarding letting people in. Community member has asked what are the plans to not let Proud Boys in the neighborhood. Member has accused Howser did not do anything regarding the insurrection and bringing Proud Boys into the area. Howser says how FBI worked with them to identify Proud Boys. Says they cannot profile guests.

District Department of Transportation presentation: Christian Pineiro gave a presentation over how to submit a Traffic Safety Investigation along with how the ANC will get involved with this. This was repeated from January's presentation.

Office of Campaign Finance presentation: Belinda Perry gives a overview of the Public Campaign process and how the process works. Discusses the purpose is to let people run without using corporate donations and there is a 5-to-1 ratio of raised funds.

Levine School BZA presentation: Jeff Tribble gave a presentation on a BZA special exemption request to allow outdoor music on their property as well as extend weekend hours.

Committee Reports

Streets and Sidewalks: There has been discussion on Brandwine Street to have traffic calming there. Will continue to push for L1 bus implementation.

Parks & Watershed: had meeting on Soapstone Sewer Rehabilitation project. Wanted to have more knowledge on the implementation of the process. Gives shoutout to Marjorie Share for her work on the project and keeping agencies accountable.

Schools & Universities: Tvonne is setting up a volunteer clean up event and will update on the date at a future data. James is aware of the Howard Law master plan and the Whittle School foreclosure. Recommended passing the Levine School of Music BZA.

Housing & Neighborhoods: There was a presentation from Rock Creek West on how it will achieve affordable housing goals.

Community Forum

- Ryan O’Leary: I’m the proposer of Initiative 82, which would increase the tipped minimum wage to the full minimum wage over 5 years with tips on top. I encourage you to learn more about the issue and send me any questions you may have. Send Initiative 82 questions to: ryan@betterrestaurantsdc.org. www.betterrestaurantsdc.org. DC Fact Sheet published by an ally: https://onefairwage.site/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/OFW_FactSheet_DC.pdf
- Van Ness Main Street update: Thank you to the ANC for the support that made our street light VN/Forest Hills/Wakefield banners possible. We installed 21 banners from VN street to Nebraska Ave. VNMS has merged with Friends of the Forest Hills Playground. More to come but visit www.vannessmainstreet.org/special-programs. VNMS just completed its Small Business Grant Program awarding \$36,800 in grants to nine businesses for projects ranging from patio builds/enhancements; new equipment; signage; and security systems. VNMS’ Annual Meeting is May 6 from 9-10am at our offices at 4340 Conn Ave. Also check our website for all of our upcoming events: Books and Blossoms 4/9; Plantings starting 3/25; Spring Pop Up Market 5/7 and Movie Nights coming 6/15, 6/22, 7/13, 7/22, and 9/23 as part of Art All Night 9/23.
- UDC: Working with MPD to do what they can regarding rising crime. Tennis court is up and running so people can request time to use it but it requires a fee along with a check. Has budget hearing on March 29 at noon. Asking 3F a resolution of support for equity and imperative. Asking support of strong capital budgets for renovation. Next UDC community task force meeting will be in April.

- Marcellus Walker: Chief of 311 operations. Submission rate was low for Ward 3. 311 is a number to contact if anyone has any concerns in the community.
- Emir Gur-Ravantab: He is the MOCR for Ward 3. Mayor is planning to reveal the budget and have the council to later this week. DPW has begun street sweeping on March 1 to October 30. There will be a virtual job fair for people to sign up. Starts tomorrow into Thursday from 10-6 on both days.
- Amy Sinnenberg: Staffer for Cheh's office. DDOT's budget hearing is on April 4th.

Adjournment

- Commissioner Cristeal moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 6 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.