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Public Meeting – July 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82114414095?pwd=cUxsdlJBazJLaUJUVGtXV1pzNkNmQT09>. 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, Wall, David, Mehta, Nemeth, Tandaric, Appah

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner David	7-0-0	
2. Commissioner David moves to approve Public Space Permit at Buck's Fishing & Camping Restaurant BZA request	7-0-0	
3. Commissioner Nemeth moves to approve Van Ness Main Street Participation in 2022 Art All Night resolution	7-0-0	
4. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Appah	7-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:03 PM
Adjournment: 9:40 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Approval of the June 22, 2022, Meeting Agenda (includes Consent Items listed below).

Consent Items:

1. June 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. FY22 Q3 Quarterly Report (April 1 2022 - June 30 2022)

Amendments: Commissioner David amends to add Van Ness Main Street resolution to action items. Resolution passed with 7-0-0.

2. **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Tandaric: Plans to run for ANC 3F05 next year (SMD changed)

Commissioner Wall/Treasurer update: approved the quarterly report. Getting close to grant evaluation season. IT will be during our September meeting. Must be submitted 24 hours before the meeting. Award the grant in October.

Commissioner Nemeth: Plans to not run for ANC next year

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Commissioner Mehta: There will be letter from DDOT in response to a memo about traffic safety mitigations. Many of the mitigations are delayed or denied. When DC water speaks, she will also share info about them.

Commissioner David: There is a crime prevention training on July 21.

Commissioner Cristeal: NPS has proposed to reopen Beach Drive after the summer ends. There is a public review process for it. With Conn. Avenue Bike Lanes, there is a design process and it is an ongoing process. With his home, it will not be in ANC 3F.

3. **Committee Reports**

Streets and Sidewalks: The Streets and Sidewalks Committee met and will be following up with the commissioners about the need for a multi-ANC response to the National Park Service's plan to reopen Upper Beach Drive to cars 75% of the year. We will also discuss with them the need to ask DDOT to improve its public outreach capabilities regarding the Connecticut Avenue Study. And, we took an initial look at how DDOT could bridge sidewalk network gaps when either money or physical constraint are a problem.

Find out more about Beach Drive here, including a link to the comments. Get 'em in by August 18th!!!

<https://www.foresthillsconnection.com/news/national-park-service-proposes-car-free-summer-on-upper-beach-drive/>

Parks & Watershed: Hearst Park is open now for the pool, tennis courts, and soccer field. It is getting great use!

Schools & Universities: Tvonne Donovan has stepped down as committee chair so we are looking for a new one! Last meeting was one with Judith and Juanita and there was discussion on the Food Pantry in UDC. There will also be further talks about the Whittle School.

Housing & Neighborhoods: Ryan Keefe will be the new committee chair! Meetings will resume in September.

Community Updates:

Van Ness Main Street: There is development on Art All Night happening this September. VNMS is working on summer events series along with movie nights. Acacia is sadly closed down so VNMS is working on getting a new restaurant in that space. Flavor Garden has opened!

UDC: For UDC, we will be testing the tennis court lights the week of August 8th. Those impacted will receive a notice in their physical mailbox with a link to a survey. Additionally, the University will have a meeting with Council member Cheh and several community members regarding the courts on August 3rd. Hopefully, MOM's organic market will be in Van Ness by the end of the year. Commissioner Wall has asked the President to attend the September meeting about their long term plans and facilities. Many questions have been asked about the Food Pantry in UDC.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services: Homeowner's assistance fund is available for people. Affordable connectivity fund. Anyone that is one any federal government program can apply for the affordable connectivity fund. People can also apply a program to reimburse a camera for their property. It is up to \$200. There are also shots available for the Monkeypox vaccine.

Negar Mortazavi: Per DC Animal Control Act, all dogs on any public space, other than the dog parks, are required to be on a leash. We all want to be great neighbors to each other. We kindly ask people to leash their dogs in public spaces. In addition, I would also like to remind the community and dog owners that dog walking on the Howard and UDC campus is prohibited. Including the green spaces.

GoPuff: There is a branch now in the Van Ness area, on the corner of Connecticut and Van Ness. People can go online or use the app to purchase groceries or toiletries. VNMS has concerns that

is taking up 2 retail front spaces.

4. Regular Agenda – Information Items

Public Safety Update from Metropolitan Police Department (Bredet Williams): LT. Williams have showed a monthly update on crimes. All crimes have gone down except for auto theft which went up by one. There has been no major update on Attempted robbery at Saratoga and AVA Van Ness shooting. There have been increased patrols and traffic enforcement recently. Have been talks of hosting a talk with MPD in Van Ness.

Public Safety Update from Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor, DMHSS and Director, DHCF: Have been doing apartment building tours with voucher residents. They have heard the issues some residents have been complaining along with tenant managers while saying the city's response is not going fast enough. They are trying to make a communication portal where residents can send existing complaints. Looking into on-site housing for residents.

DC Water Update: There have been noise concerns at Site 1. It is because of two pumps that are supporting the site. Site 1 will be completed at the end of month. There have also been more noise mitigating efforts. There is an ongoing conversation about the CIPP process with agencies and neighbors.

5. Regular Agenda – Action Items

Public Space Permit at Buck's Fishing & Camping Restaurant (5031 Connecticut Avenue NW, No. 393942): There is a permit to allow a public tent that is permanent to be set up. There are letters of recommendations from Little Red Fox and Muchas Gracias that support this. VNMS also supports this. Resolution passed with 7-0-0.

Van Ness Main Street Participation in 2022 Art All Night Resolution: Gloria brought up the resolution to give a blanket support to all the permits that may be needed for Art All night this September. Resolution passed with 7-0-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Appah moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 7 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (7-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm