

**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**

*Van Ness • North Cleveland Park • Wakefield • Forest Hills*

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



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**Special Public Meeting –August 18, 2022**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**MINUTES**

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82114414095?pwd=cUxsdlJBazJLaUJUUVGtXVl1pzNkNmQT09>. 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](http://www.anc3f.com).

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

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Appah	5-0-0	
2. Commissioner Nemeth moves to deny Consideration of Proposed Medical Cannabis Dispensary at 4215 Connecticut Avenue	5-0-0	
3. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Appah	5-0-0	

Call to Order: 7:01 PM  
Adjournment: 8:40 PM

## AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

Consent Items: N/A

Amendments: N/A

### **Community Updates:**

#### **2. Regular Agenda – Action Items**

The meeting started with a presentation about the dispensary, Uxolo LLC. The owner, Sulee Clay, claims that they will work with the Pill Plus and not take the business over. The purpose is to help ease pain for patients via cannabis. They say most of the patients are older and the majority are White. Research shows that the introduction of a dispensary does not lead to an increase of crime. There will be security posted onsite.

Commissioners: Wall asked has there been any evidence of increase of crime. They have seen only anecdotally but lots of research showed how it helps the community. He also asked how given a loosening of rules. She said she would not know why people would lie on getting cannabis. Cristeal asked why Van Ness. She said it is close to a metro and have lots of density along with a variety of people living close to it. David asked how does Security work for the building. There will be a security guard along with cameras inside and outside the building. Also all of their products are locked up at the end of the day. Nemeth asked how do most people consume cannabis. Most popular is edibles but they try to push other ways to ingest including waxes and vapes.

VNMS: They felt the current site would not be the best place for it but they support the idea of a small, minority-owned business and would be open for it on the corridor. It would increase foot traffic and help to make Van Ness more competitive. There has been one on Barracks Row for a long time and it brought no increase of crime. Other main streets are also very interested in this matter. President Mason also supports this initiative as long as it is not on UDC campus.

Public: Question was asked to how products would be the same across DC. She said they will work on making sure they will have. They are applying for a cultivation license. Another question was parking. They encourage people to take the metro and bus but there is a parking garage nearby. They intend to have armed security at the dispensary. They do not plan to push out Pill Plus. They mentioned how there are many other dispensaries in the district so it is likely.

They will provide education about how to use it responsibly with their consumers along with signing a code of conduct. They would like to offer delivery. They are an independent business and not with any major corporations. They have to show ID to get in and it is 21+ business so it will stop teenagers from getting into the place. They are open to other places too. FDA has not approved it but it taking a long time to pass along with Hemp. There has been a lot of confusion about how the site is working with Uxolo. In the beginning of communications, Uxolo assumed that Pill Plus wanted to leave but now they are interested in staying. They are working on how that partnership will work out. Nemeth mentioned how there are 3 sites on Connecticut Avenue that are potential questions. Appah mentioned how there was only a 30 day ABRA process when it is usually 45 days.

The vote was 5 people in favor of not passing the ABRA resolution and 0 people against the matter.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Appah moved to adjourn. Motion was approved with 5 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.