

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



ANC 3A Public Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Quorum call: Commissioners Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01) and Ann Mladinov (3A05) were present, which made a quorum. (Two of the three sitting Commissioners constitute a quorum.) Commissioner Jeremy Del Moral (3A04) arrived after the meeting was called to order.

Verification of Meeting Notice: The meeting notice was posted 7 days in advance of the meeting on the ANC 3A website, local listservs in Cleveland Park, Tenleytown, Glover Park, and McLean Gardens, which met the notice requirement.

Agenda: Chair Bradley-Lewis made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Resolutions

Vote to Approve Entering a Contract with Go Vocal for Citizen Engagement Software for 12 months
The Chair made a motion to vote on accepting a 12-month contract with Go Vocal contract (as amended to address comments and requests), once the contract gets final approval from the Office of ANCs (OANC). The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

Designation of ANC 3A Representative to AU Neighborhood Partnership (AUNP)
Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to vote on designating Chair Bradley-Lewis to represent ANC 3A on the AUNP Steering Committee. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

Resolution Honoring the Service of Commissioner Jeremy Del Moral
The Chair made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

Administrative Matters

Minutes of November 15 Regular Public Meeting. The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes.

Next Public Meeting: January 21, 2025

The Chair made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn.

FULL SUMMARY

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and called the roll. Commissioners Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01) and Ann Mladinov (3A05) were present, which made a quorum. (Two of the three sitting Commissioners make a quorum.) Commissioner Del Moral (3A04) arrived after the meeting was called to order.

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3A01	3A02	3A03	3A04	3A05
Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis	Vacant	Vacant	Jeremy Del Moral	Ann Lane Mladinov

Commissioner Mladinov confirmed that the meeting notice and proposed agenda had been posted 7 days in advance, using the ANC 3A website, email list and local listservs, which satisfied the notice requirement.

The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the agenda.

MPD Community Report

Captain Darren Haskis (MPD Second District, Sectors 1 and 2) presented an update on recent crime and public safety in the Commission area. He shared a comparison of reported crimes to date for 2024 v. 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assault with Deadly Weapon	3	3
Robberies	3	4
Burglaries	0	4
Stolen autos	13	24
Thefts from auto	62	51
Other thefts	145	79

Captain Haskis reported that in the previous 30 days there had been not been any robberies in ANC 3A. There was one assault with a deadly weapon which MPD was closing soon. There had been 4 stolen autos compared to 3 in the same time period last year, 7 thefts from auto (which includes thefts of air bags, catalytic converters and wheels as well as personal possessions) compared to 8 last year, and 20 other thefts which is a reduction from earlier in 2024 but still an increase from 12 in the same time period in 2023. He also reported on several carjackings near but not in ANC 3A, including on the 4100 block of Van Ness Street NW which was still under investigation, awaiting forensics, and a delivery vehicle in the 2300 block of Tunlaw Road, near Davis Place, also still under investigation. He provided further details on the carjacking at 10 am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, on the 3000 block of Idaho Avenue NW, reporting that two individuals had been arrested in connection with that crime and MPD was still working on an analysis of when those individuals were in that vehicle.

The Chair asked about the reports of windows shattered at multiple retail establishments along Wisconsin Avenue on Sunday, December 1, overnight into Monday, December 2. Captain Haskis mentioned several businesses in Georgetown, north to Tenleytown and Bethesda. Some reported windows broken and others reported thefts, so it appeared to be a series of “smash and grab” incidents. MPD had identified a vehicle associated with the crimes and arrested two individuals associated with that vehicle.

Resident Jim Linde asked about a domestic incident that had been called into 911 and then before first responders could get there, someone called 911 to cancel the emergency call. Captain Haskis said that normally the 911 system operated by the DC Office of Unified Communications does not cancel calls for domestic incidents.

The Commissioners also mentioned that MPD Second District Community Engagement Coordinator Kyi Branch had announced that Lieutenant Paul Johnson and other MPD officers would be participating in a Community Walk-Through in PSA 204 on Monday, December 23, at 6 pm and all neighbors were invited to participate and share their questions and concerns.

Commissioner Updates

The Chair announced the final results of the vote in the November General Election for ANC Commissioners in ANC 3A, as certified by the District Board of Elections: 3A01 Thaddeus Bradley-

Lewis, 3A02 Gracemary Allen, 3A03 Isaac Bowers, 3A04 Claire McCafferty, and 3A05 Ann Mladinov. The Chair congratulated all the successful candidates. The District-wide swearing-in ceremony for ANC Commissioners would be held on January 2 at the DC Convention Center for the new term (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2026) and the first meeting of the new Commissioners was scheduled to be held on January 21, 2025.

Commissioner Del Moral took his seat at the table at 7:38 pm.

The Commissioners reported on recent developments and hearings or meetings affecting ANC 3A, and developments on issues raised at previous ANC meetings:

- WMATA had announced several changes in Metrobus services effective December 15, including shifting Metrobus Route 33 to operate between Friendship Heights and Union Station, partly to provide increased service where the DC Circulator was ceasing operation. With that change, the 33 no longer serves Federal Triangle/Archives (including 15th Street south of I Street NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW between 15th Street and 9th Street NW), which is currently the starting and ending point for that route downtown. Metrobus Route 31 between Friendship Heights and the State Department/Potomac Park now only operates in weekday peak hours, in the morning and afternoon. Those changes preview the Better Bus plan for the Metrobus routes serving Wisconsin Avenue, which will take effect on July 1, 2025.
- At its November 21 meeting, the WMATA Board had voted to approve the proposed Better Bus plan developed by WMATA staff for renaming and reconfiguring all Metrobus services. In addition to the changes on the Wisconsin Avenue routes, the N2/N4/N6 routes will be changed, combining N2 and D2 to operate through Glover Park. The replacement buses for the N series service between Massachusetts Avenue and Cathedral Avenue will operate southbound on Idaho Avenue as is currently the case but now will also run northbound on 39th Street alongside Annunciation School where there have not been buses running previously—a change that ANC 3A and residents had opposed. The Commissioners urged constituents to continue to monitor WMATA service and reliability under the new plan and share feedback with the ANCs and with DDOT and WMATA, including at future WMATA Board meetings and budget hearings, if there are gaps and shortcomings in Metrobus services.
- At a public hearing on December 5, DDOT's Public Space Committee voted to adopt new guidelines for District streateries as of July 1, 2025, with the addition of a few amendments to allow for cleaning and rat control based on public comments. Witnesses at the hearing included District Bridges, the non-profit that manages the Cleveland Park Main Street and also filed the original applications for the five restaurants in ANC 3A that have been making use of streaterly space at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Macomb Street. ANC 3A had also submitted comments to the Public Space Committee summarizing questions and concerns received during the public review period. The guidelines bar streateries in the curb lane where there are rush-hour parking restrictions, as is the case on Wisconsin Avenue, though residents had observed that the local restaurants on Wisconsin had not been using streaterly space there for most of the year. The vote did not deal with the level of fees that would be charged for the first time in 2025 under the guidelines DDOT proposed in September, including fees for the permit and an annual rental fee of \$20 per square foot of streaterly space. DDOT announced at the hearing that fees and formal regulations will be the subject of future regulatory notice and review. Those proceedings will also provide for comments from local residents and businesses.
- Councilmember Matt Frumin had participated in a virtual meeting on December 5 with several ANC Commissioners and residents interested in improvement transportation safety, including Commissioner Mladinov. It was a meeting to share information and concerns, but not to take votes or make decisions. Participants spoke about challenges such as damaged or missing sidewalks, as well as requests for Traffic

Safety Investigations (TSIs) that had not been addressed by DDOT through its TSI 2.0 process. There was interest in continuing the discussions and also raising traffic safety concerns at the Council's Performance Oversight and budget hearings on DDOT in the new year.

- The Chair reported that DDOT's work on reconfiguring the intersection of Porter Street and 38th Street had been completed, with installation of low "armadillos" to deter motor vehicles in the areas around the mini-circle, replacing any white flexposts that had temporarily been installed. That was the final step planned at that location.
- Commissioner Mladinov noted that there is a TSI request in the 3700 block of Massachusetts (between Wisconsin Avenue and Cathedral Avenue in ANC3A02) that DDOT is still studying. DDOT had indicated the request was related to pedestrian safety but DDOT had not shared recommendations to date. Several other TSI investigations on Quebec Street in ANC3A03 had been opened earlier in the year but the ANC had also not been notified about the conclusions of those cases.
- The DC Office of Planning (OP) has asked to make a presentation at an ANC 3A meeting in early 2025 about implementing its Wisconsin Avenue Development Guidelines, issued in February 2024. OP had made a presentation at the ANC 3A July 2024 public meeting about plans for proposing zoning changes in fall 2024 to reflect the guidelines but the ANC had not received any further updates since that time.
- The Chair reported that ANC 3A's Second Annual Report was posted on the website www.anc3a.org reporting on activities and recommendations of the Commission from December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024. The report is intended to share with the community what the ANC does, issues covered and actions taken during the year.
- Commissioner Del Moral reported that there would be a meeting of the American University Neighborhood Partnership (AUNP) in December and would be further meetings of the Steering Committee in the new year, and he would no longer be able to participate, as the designated representative. He recommended that the Chair would be a good person to take that role. Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to designate the Chair as the ANC 3A representative to the AUNP for the coming month or until the ANC votes to appoint a new representative. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the motion.

Community Announcements

Owen Cox introduced himself as the new liaison to the ANCs in Ward 3 for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), working with Kendall Gibson, the new MOCRS Ward 3 Services Manager who participated in the ANC 3A November meeting. Mr. Cox said he would be participating in future ANC 3A meetings and he invited the Commissioners and constituents to contact him if they need anything from the Mayor's office or are trying to reach DC agencies and having trouble getting through about city services and programs. His email is william.cox@dc.gov and phone 202-340-7853.

He also announced the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) is operating emergency hypothermia shelters and invites people to call the Shelter Hotline 202-399-7093 if they see anyone in need of shelter or a welfare check on cold nights from November 1-April 15. Commissioner Mladinov asked if there was a hypothermia shelter in Ward 3, as was the case 10 years ago. The Chair reported that the DHS website shows the nearest shelters for single adults are located near Military Road in Ward 4, or in Columbia Heights in Ward 1. See: <https://dhs.dc.gov/page/how-access-shelter>

Joe Dweck from Matt Frumin's staff highlighted the Councilmember's weekly newsletter at <https://mattfruminward3.com/> which has more information on the WMATA Better Bus changes and other updates.

He also announced that the DPW Leaf Collection second pass is starting on December 23. Information on the plan is at <https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf> and people should rake their leaves to the tree box before the scheduled pick-ups.

Open Forum

David White reported he had attended the ANC 3B December public meeting the previous week and asked about action on requests to remove parking spaces on the north side of Fulton Street west of the intersection with Wisconsin Avenue to improve safety by allowing space for vehicles turning into Fulton to fit on the roadway on that block, where DDOT installed a micromobility corral on the south side of the street. The ANC 3B Chair said they had adopted a resolution, as the ANC with jurisdiction over the south side of Fulton, but they hadn't heard any updates. Commissioner Mladinov, whose SMD includes the north side of Fulton in that block, added that in contrast to ANC 3B, ANC 3A had adopted a resolution asking DDOT to remove the parking spaces as residents there had requested, to coincide with installing the micromobility corral, but DDOT had gone ahead with the corral installation but had not yet selected that location for a Traffic Safety Investigation under TSI 2.0, which would be necessary before DDOT could remove parking spaces. TSI 2.0 does not give any weight to the number of constituent requests for safety improvements or to the recommendations of ANCs. The difficulty in getting attention to safety priorities which is the reason that ANCs have been taking their concerns about TSI 2.0 to DDOT and the Council in its oversight hearings, and are hoping this will be a topic for public comments at Council hearings about DDOT in spring 2025.

Abby Demopulos, resident and Board member at the Crestview Condominiums at 3601 Wisconsin Avenue NW, spoke about problems that residents there have observed since DDOT relocated the Metrobus stop from south of Porter Street to north of Porter Street immediately adjacent to the entrance to the Crestview. Many residents and ANC 3A had protested that proposal and asked to maintain the previous Metrobus stop next to the Washington Ballet, with the support of the ballet officials, but DDOT went ahead with the change. WMATA said the new location would save 3 seconds for buses operating on Wisconsin. Now residents are seeing more disturbances at the Crestview, including trespassers, people getting into the front vestibule and even trying to sleep there, vandalism at the entrance, thefts, as well as trash and noise. The condominium building is constructed directly along the public sidewalk so there is no space for benches or waiting area in public space. The Chair noted that ANC 3A had suggested shifting the Metrobus stop from the intersection of Wisconsin and Porter Street to closer to the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Quebec Street where a bus stop had previously been located, and the concrete bus pad is still in place. DDOT had rejected that request and denied the request to change the location of the new bus stop. The residents said they have contacted DDOT repeatedly about the problems since the bus stop was changed. They have called MPD about trespassing and vandalism, and shared the concerns with MOCRS and with Councilmember Frumin. Mr. Cox and Mr. Dweck committed to checking on the issue. The ANC 3A Chair asked Ms. Demopulos to reconnect with the ANC and work together to make a vigorous new effort, using the evidence of the consequences the residents of the Crestview had cited. She recommended also including Linda Bostrom, President of the Crestview condominium association, who has been taking a lead on the issue and has video footage as well. Commissioner Del Moral also observed that in other locations DDOT and WMATA have not followed the practice they are citing for the corner of Wisconsin and Porter Street, notably on Connecticut Avenue where bus stops are not located right in front of building entrances.

Administrative Matters

Commissioner Mladinov had prepared draft minutes of the November ANC 3A public meeting. The Chair made a motion to vote on the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Del Moral presented the ANC 3A November financial report.

ANC 3A November Financial Report

Opening Balance (November 1): \$24,326.30

- Income: \$3,306.06 District Allotment - First Quarter of FY2025
- Cash Withdrawals: None
 - Expenditures: None
 - Bank Fees: None (Monthly Fee waived)

Ending Balance (November 30): \$27,632.26

Commissioner Del Moral explained that the December financial statement would be available at the end of the month and he offered to get the December bank statements and assist other ANC 3A Commissioners if needed to prepare the monthly financial report and Quarterly Financial Report for the First Quarter (October 1-December 31) after the end of his term on January 1, 2025. The Commission discussed whether it would be necessary to have a Treasurer in place between the December and January meetings, but the Chair is officially authorized to access the ANC bank account so it should be possible to prepare the needed reports without a new Treasurer in place. (By law, the ANC Chair cannot also serve as the ANC Treasurer at the same time. Electing a new Treasurer requires completing paperwork with OANC and the bank, which can be done as part of the election of new officers at the ANC 3A January public meeting.) The Chair announced that going forward the ANC 3A bank account will be handled by the Spring Valley branch of PNC Bank since the branch at Wisconsin Avenue and Warren Street has closed.

The Chair introduced a resolution in appreciation of the service of Commissioner Del Moral on ANC 3A. Commissioner Mladinov noted his work representing his constituents, first on ANC 3D and then for the first term after ANC 3A was created in 2022. Commissioner Del Moral noted it is hard to leave the neighborhood and expressed his appreciation for the chance to serve on the ANC and his belief in the importance of giving back to the community. The Chair made a motion to adopt a resolution honoring Commissioner Del Moral. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Mladinov reported that the ANC had continued to work on a contract for citizen engagement technology with the company Go Vocal, after hearing the presentation on options at the October ANC 3A meeting. Each proposed contract has to be reviewed to ensure compliance with DC laws governing contracting, and that was still in process. The Chair made a motion to vote on a resolution to enter a contract with Go Vocal, once ANC has given approval to the final terms. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution.

The Chair announced that the next public meeting would be Tuesday, January 21, on the regular third Tuesday of the month.

The Chair made a motion to vote on adjournment. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The minutes were approved by the Commission by a vote of **3 - 0** at its duly noticed public meeting on January 21, 2025, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five sitting Commissioners constitute a quorum.)