

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



ANC 3A PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:00 - 9:00 pm

(This was a “hybrid” meeting—virtual on Teams and in-person in Room 109 at the National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW.)

Quorum: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01), Judy Havemann (3A02), Hans Miller (3A03), and Ann Mladinov (3A05) were attending, making a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) Jeremy Del Moral (3A04) was not able to participate.

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

Agenda: The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Resolutions Approved:

1. *Resolution RE OSSE School Transportation for Students with Special Needs* urging the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the Mayor, and Council to give priority attention to remedying the recent failures of OSSE’s bus and van service to provide timely and safe transportation to and from school for students with special needs. The Chair made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the resolution as presented.
2. *Resolution RE additional support for small ANCs* urging the Council to approve new baseline funding to ANCs with 6 or fewer Single Member Districts, to allow them to cover administrative costs. The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the resolution as presented.

Votes on Administrative Matters

1. *Minutes of February 21 Public Meeting.* The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes as presented.
2. *Expenditure on Zoom Business account* that provides transcriptions of meetings. The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed expenditure of \$199 plus any fees and taxes for a Zoom Business account. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the proposed expenditure.
3. *ANC 3A Revised Budget for FY 2023* to allow for the above expenditure. The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed revision to the budget. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the revised budget.
4. *Location of Future Monthly Meetings.* The Chair made a motion to vote on holding two additional monthly ANC 3A meetings at the National Presbyterian Church (April and May) and then vote on future locations. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the proposal.

Next monthly public meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Adjournment: The Chair made a motion to vote on adjourning. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

FULL SUMMARY

Chair Bradley-Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. He made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda, with the addition of one item under Administrative Matters to discuss a proposal raised by ANC 3D Commissioner Chuck Elkins for the Council to provide additional funding to cover ANC administrative costs. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the agenda.

Community Report by MPD Second District Captain Tatjana Savoy

Captain Savoy reported:

- MPD 2D has a new Commander as of March 20, John Branch, who has been with MPD 30 years in several districts and functions including Special Investigations and Presidential escort working with 2D.
- MPD's Crime Cards system has been updated to reflect the new ANC and Ward boundaries so the maps and reported crime data are now available for ANC 3A on <https://crimecards.dc.gov/>
- The one violent crime in ANC 3A for the year to date, a robbery on March 5, was an "inside" job by a known suspect. In the previous 30 days, there was one stolen vehicle in the 4200 block of Wisconsin, after the motor was left running. Most of the other reports were for general thefts, which are primarily "crimes of opportunity" such as purses or possessions left unattended on porches or public spaces.
- MPD and the District are making available free "clubs" for owners of Kias and Hyundais through local police stations to reduce the likelihood those vehicles will be stolen, after a series of reported thefts.
- After the February 21 ANC 3A public meeting, Chair Bradley-Lewis requested MPD attention to 39th Street above Newark Street in McLean Gardens. Traffic Safety Officer was dispatched and issued 21 citations including for speed, running STOP signs, driving with expired tags or no driver's license.

Captain Savoy agreed to assign Traffic Safety Officers to Cathedral Avenue between 39th Street and Glover-Archbold Park and the 3800 blocks of Garfield Street in Cathedral Heights for enforcement of traffic safety, at the request of Commissioner Mladinov who had asked for residents to call with safety concerns. A meeting participant asked to add 38th and Macomb Street to the list of areas for observation.

Commissioner Havemann asked about prospects for signs alerting seniors and people with disabilities where motorized scooters or one-wheel micromobility devices may be using the sidewalks. The Chair agreed to ask Christian Piñeiro, DDOT Community Engagement liaison for Ward 3, to look into options.

Presentation on American University (AU) additions to sports center along west edge of campus

Cory Peterson, AU's new Assistant Vice President of Community and Government Operations, presented slides showing the two proposed new buildings on the current site of outdoor basketball and tennis courts: the Alan and Amy Meltzer Center housing a small arena for volleyball, wrestling, and basketball practice, and the Sports Center Annex (SCAN) for Sports Medicine Offices, physical therapy facilities and an 18,000-square foot turf field for daytime movement and sprints to help with recovery from injuries. The projects were part of the 2021 AU Campus Plan approved by the DC Zoning Commission in ZC Order No. 20-31, effective April 8, 2022. The Zoning Commission requires a processing application for the projects, and presentations to affected ANCs (3D and 3E, and now 3A).

Resolution Regarding OSSE School Transportation for Students with Special Needs

DC's Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is responsible for providing transportation for special needs students in the District to get to and from school across the District. In recent months, OSSE has been the subject of multiple reports by parents, guardians, and others about failures to provide timely and safe transportation for students who are signed up to receive these services. After hearing from residents and adjoining ANCs, the Commission took up a resolution urging that OSSE, the Mayor and Council give priority attention to resolving these problems for students, families and caregivers. The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the resolution as presented.

Presentation on Psychiatric Institution of Washington (PIW), 4228 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Commissioner Bradley-Lewis described the services of PIW, which is the only free-standing psychiatric facility in the District with space for 130 outpatient, inpatient, and hospital care patients. He noted residents' concerns about patients discharged from PIW without adequate clothing or transportation, and ambulances idling on the sidewalk outside. His conversations with PIW's Director of Business Development and Director of Clinical Services, the DC Department of Behavioral Health, MPD, and nearby businesses are helping create a baseline for assessing progress in discharge planning, case management including transportation, arrangements with ambulance companies, and processing time for new hires at PIW. He will be talking further with DBH, which is developing an action plan for working with PIW, and he will report on further developments.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Miller reported that Councilmember Matt Frumin had made a second visit to Hearst Park. The budget has \$250,000 for the historic rec center which is used for afternoon programs, and needs a number of improvements, including the boys' bathroom that is currently in an outbuilding.

Commissioner Mladinov reported that DPR is extending the hours at Hearst Park Rec Center on April 24 to be open from 12 noon - 8 pm Monday-Friday instead of 3:30 - 8 pm. Also after April 15, the Visitor Parking Passes issued in 2020 will no longer be valid and residents will need to use the ParkDC system to get parking permits for visitors, contractors, or home aides. Use www.parkdc.com/pages/permits or the ParkDC app or call (202) 671-2631 for assistance or to get a Temporary Single Print Visitor Pass, which DDOT is offering as an alternative to printing a parking pass at home for each visitor.

Commissioner Havemann asked about progress toward improved bus service on Wisconsin Avenue, which was the subject of a presentation at the February meeting. Chair Bradley-Lewis reported that WMATA was not adjusting area bus routes or taking public feedback on bus schedules in this year's budget hearings for board vote in March, but that would be coming in the next 12 months. He also shared the feedback from DDOT on the ANC 3A letter about improved bus service to the new high school on MacArthur Boulevard, which said that WMATA will be increasing service on the D6 from Georgetown to MacArthur and the 33 on Wisconsin Avenue.

Community Announcements

Matthew Barclay, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services for Ward 3 (202-340-7853)

- The Mayor's Budget for FY2024 would be issued the following day, for Council and public review.
- From February 20 to May 15, DC Water is switching disinfectants in the water from chloramine to chlorine as it does each spring, to clean the water distribution system and improve water quality, which can affect the color and taste of the water temporarily but does not represent a safety hazard.
- DC Small and Local Business Development was accepting applications for Citywide Robust Retail grant program through April 10 at 2 pm. <https://dslbd.dc.gov/robustretailgrant>
- DPW had started street cleaning for the season. Alley cleaning can be requested via DC 311. <https://dpw.dc.gov/page/street-and-alley-cleaning>
- DPR was launching extended hours at rec centers citywide, with an initial group of 8 centers March 27, 37 more on April 10, and additional centers later in the month including Hearst Rec Center in ANC 3A.
- DPR initiated a lottery open till April 5 for its summer camp sign-ups instead of first come first served.
- Grants are available to support community recreational programs and events for DC youth ages 6-18. Applications can be submitted through July 30. <https://recforallgrants.splashthat.com/>
- DOEE announced it will be restarting its River Smart Homes rain barrel program in summer 2023. <https://doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-homes-rain-barrels>
- Capital Bike Share introduced its new generation of e-bikes around the District the week of March 20.

Beau Finley, Chief Licensing Officer for the new DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, announced that the District has adopted a prohibition on flavored tobacco products (including menthol) and sale of e-cigarettes or other smoking devices within ¼ mile of a public, charter or private middle school, high school, or other school with students between Grades 6 and 12. He shared the addresses of the 7 establishments in ANC 3A that are licensed to sell tobacco products, by address and SMD, and said he would be doing a walk-through at those establishments March 24 about compliance with the new law. Anyone who sees a violation can report it at www.dlcp.dc.gov/ under “Consumer Protection Assistance.”

Open Forum

A resident suggested that the Commissioners have name plates that show their names and SMDs for participants in the room and using the virtual link. He also asked if it would be possible for people participating remotely to see all the people attending the meeting in-person. The Chair responded that the ANC had approved purchasing name plates for Commissioners, but showing everyone in the room would require an additional camera or electronic device. Another question related to opening the Chat function for those participating virtually. The Chair noted that the Q&A function is available, and ANCs, other Commissions and the Council are not using Chat and are not required to under Open Meetings laws.

Administrative Matters

1. Minutes of February 21 Public Meeting

The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed minutes that were circulated for the ANC 3A February public meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

2. February Monthly Financial Report

The Chair reported that the Commission officers had opened a checking account for ANC 3A at PNC Bank which did not require an immediate deposit. The bank account did not yet have any funds in it, but the Commission had voted to approve participation in the ANC Security Fund at the January meeting, so with that paperwork and the bank account, the District would soon be sending the first allotment of funds.

3. Expenditure for Zoom Business Account

The Commission had voted at its February 13 administrative meeting to approve expenditure for a Zoom Pro account in the name of ANC 3A at \$149, to use for virtual meetings and hybrid meetings. In working toward that purchase, the Commissioners became aware that Zoom Pro would not provide free automatic transcription of the meeting proceedings, and to get that service would require purchasing a Zoom Business account at \$199. The Chair made a motion to vote on making the expenditure for a Zoom Business account and adjusting the ANC 3A budget for FY2023 to put an additional \$200 into the Communications line item to allow that expenditure. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the expenditure and the associated adjustment in the budget.

4. Decision on Location of Future ANC 3A Meetings

The Chair reported that the Commission had hoped to have additional information on costs and services at several possible meeting sites within the Commission area, but the information was not yet in hand. To exercise due diligence, the Commissioners still wanted to evaluate alternatives. The National Presbyterian Church had the meeting space and technology needed, and had served as the site for the first three ANC 3A meetings. He asked if it would be possible to meet at the church for two additional meetings (April and May) while the Commissioners gather further information for a decision on future meeting locations. Diane Stewart of National Presbyterian Church staff was participating in the meeting and agreed that would be possible. The Chair made a motion to vote on holding the ANC public meetings at the church for two more months. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve that proposal.

5. Resolution RE Additional Funding to Cover ANC Administrative Costs

The ANC took up a proposal from ANC 3D Commissioner Chuck Elkins for the Council to provide a base amount of annual funding to ANCs to cover administrative costs. The Commissioners discussed the option of including all ANCs or just the smaller ANCs that have the greatest difficulty paying administrative costs. The Chair made a motion to vote on a proposed resolution to provide a base level of funding to the nine smallest ANCs, which have six or fewer Single Member Districts (including ANC 3A). The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to write a letter to the Council stating: "The Commission supports the proposal for a base amount of annual funding to be provided to smaller Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), i.e., ANCs with fewer than 7 members, to supplement the allotments that they already receive."

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm, at the National Presbyterian Church.

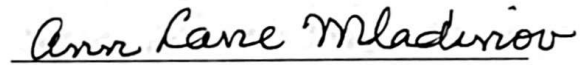
The Chair made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve these minutes at a duly-noticed public meeting on April 18, 2023, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)



 Chair



 Secretary