

**Minutes  
of the Regular Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D  
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:00 PM  
Via Hybrid Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Elkins, 3D01

Duncan, 3D02, Chair

Davis, 3D04

Horn, 3D05, Vice Chair

Nowalk, 3D06

Szymkowicz, 3D07

Public notice of the date, time, location, and agenda for the meeting was published on ANC 3D's website (anc3d.org) and local listservs within the proper notice period.

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Tricia Duncan, Chairperson ANC 3D

<b>Position in Recording HH:MM</b>	
<b>00:00:00</b>	<p><b>Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed the community to the meeting. Chairperson Duncan moved to pass the agenda with amendments. Commissioner Horn seconded. Notable additions include addressing hazardous crosswalks, responding to the BZA on sidewalks, and submitting a letter to the Zoning Commission about Wesley Seminary PUD. Commission business includes changes to the post office box and a letter supporting the State Board of Education's resolution on the teacher's union contract.</p> <p>The motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.</p>
<b>00:03:35</b>	<p><b>Metropolitan Police Department Update and Carjacking Discussion</b></p> <p>Officer Tony McElwee provided a crime report for the last 30 days, covering offenses such as burglaries and thefts from autos. He highlighted successful closures of cases due to tracking stolen devices and encouraged the use of AirTags for vehicle tracking.</p> <p>McElwee discussed crime prevention measures, emphasizing the importance of removing valuables from plain view in vehicles, parking in well-lit areas, and using</p>

	<p>steering wheel clubs. He also introduced the city's camera rebate program for residents to install surveillance cameras.</p> <p>The traffic report focused on targeted areas for monitoring speeding violations, and McElwee mentioned the significant number of tickets issued. He encouraged residents to report any suspicious activities, particularly involving contractors.</p> <p>Captain Haskins discussed recent carjackings and presented safety tips, including being aware of surroundings, keeping valuables hidden, and avoiding confrontations during a carjacking. Haskins also addressed specific incidents and mentioned trends, such as BMW X3s being targeted.</p> <p>The presentation concluded with safety measures for entering and exiting vehicles and instructions on what to do during a carjacking, emphasizing the importance of not resisting and relying on tracking devices.</p> <p>The floor was then opened for questions and discussions. A video of the presentation can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES</b></p>
<p><b>01:00:15</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew Barclay (MOCRS)</b> – Matthew Barclay, Ward 3 MOCR, shared updates during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPW's leaf collection for ANC 3D's section D starts on December 11th.</li> <li>• Prepare for winter weather and sign up for real-time weather alerts.</li> <li>• Mayor Bowser released the Carbon Free DC Plan for carbon neutrality by 2045.</li> <li>• Career Ready DC with Eightfold AI was launched for job matching.</li> <li>• I Buy DC challenge encourages support for local businesses.</li> <li>• Immunization compliance restrictions for DC schools began on December 4th.</li> <li>• EdFEST, DC's Public School Fair, is scheduled for the upcoming Saturday.</li> </ul>
<p><b>001:08:35</b></p>	<p><b>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Days (George Washington University)</b> – Mr. Days provided an update on the University's enrollment. GW's Mount Vernon campus enrollment complies with the 2002 campus plan. The daily headcount, as of October 7th, 2023, was 1,725, well under the cap of 1,725. The Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment cap of 1,100 was also maintained, with a peak of 868 on Monday. The report was shared with commissioners, and the university remains within the specified limits.</p> <p><b>Cory Peterson (American University)</b> – During the meeting, Cory Peterson, AVP for Community Government Relations, reported on AU's enrollment and housing status. At the recent CLC meeting, it was discussed that the university complies with housing requirements. AU is obligated to maintain on-campus housing for 100% of full-time freshmen and sophomores and 67% of all full-time</p>

	<p>undergraduates. Currently, the university is meeting the housing requirement at 67.67%. Peterson provided a link for attendees to access the detailed report and answered questions from Commissioners.</p>
	<p><b>COMMISSIONER UPDATES</b></p>
<p><b>01:12:45</b></p>	<p><b>Elkins-</b> Commissioner Elkins addressed the need to prepare for upcoming oversight hearings in January and February for the council. He emphasized the ANC's role in providing advice on department policies and budgets. Referring to last year's active involvement, particularly with the Department of Transportation, Elkins suggested setting priorities in the January meeting for community members to endorse during testimonies. He encouraged fellow commissioners to testify at relevant hearings, enhancing community engagement with the council.</p> <p><b>Duncan-</b> Chairperson Duncan shared updates on the houses at 5017 and 5019 Eskridge Terrace, reporting a setback issue. Despite discrepancies in the property line and concerns about proximity to the street, the Public Space Committee sided with the builder. The builder plans to address the concern by moving steps, allowing home completion and sale. Duncan expressed frustration with the committee's oversight of public space encroachment and sought input from fellow commissioners.</p> <p><b>Davis-</b> Commissioner Davis appreciated the work of DDOT, despite their absence, for installing new sidewalks in 3D04. He commended the quality and aesthetics of the sidewalks, emphasizing their significant positive impact on neighborhood mobility.</p> <p><b>Horn-</b> Commissioner Horn provided an update on the MacArthur apartments, highlighting the initial assumption of needing six parking spaces and subsequent revelations of a required special exception for 12 spaces. The project faced delays, and the BZA hearing is now scheduled for Valentine's Day. The owner's decision on pursuing the exception, redesigning, or postponing remains unclear.</p> <p><b>Szymkowicz-</b> No current updates.</p>
<p><b>01:28:20</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion with Green Theory Medical Cannabis Dispensary</b></p> <p>Commissioner Horn introduced the presentation by Robert Martin, co-owner of Green Theory, an applicant for a medical cannabis retailer license. Mr. Martin provided background on the shifting cannabis regulations in DC, emphasizing the transition from I-71 gifting stores to fully regulated medical cannabis establishments. He highlighted Green Theory's commitment to security, quality, and education. The presentation included information on their small-scale operation, inconspicuous signage, and a focus on serving both experienced and novice consumers. Mr. Martin mentioned their request for a delivery endorsement and an educational tasting facility. The presentation concluded with a graphical confirmation of compliance with proximity regulations and a timeline for potential openings in early 2024. The floor was then opened for questions and comments. A video of the presentation can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

	<b>OFFICIAL ACTIONS</b>
<b>01:57:26</b>	<p data-bbox="381 233 1308 268"><b>Letter of Support for SBOE Resolution on Teacher’s Union Contract</b></p> <p data-bbox="381 306 1380 373">Chairperson Duncan introduced a letter of support for the SBOE Resolution on Teacher’s Union Contract. Commissioner Horn seconded.</p> <p data-bbox="381 411 1393 695">School Board Member Eric Goulet was invited to the floor and addressed the commission about a resolution on teacher contract negotiations. He emphasized the urgency due to the contract's expiration and potential challenges in retaining teachers. Goulet sought the commission's endorsement for the resolution, urging collaborative leadership. He also discussed efforts to improve school report cards, sought input for essential information, and expressed concern about transparency in the boundary study process. Goulet welcomed collaboration with the commission and suggested hosting a forum on the educational system.</p> <p data-bbox="381 732 1318 768">The motion to endorse the amended resolution was approved unanimously.</p>
<b>02:09:48</b>	<p data-bbox="381 806 1097 842"><b>Washington Gas Project Pipes 3 Letter of Opposition</b></p> <p data-bbox="381 879 1401 1058">Commissioners discussed the Washington Gas Project Pipes 3 and associated rate hikes. The Commission received a statement from Washington Gas in response to the Commissions previous letter. The company highlighted the benefits of the PROJECTpipes program, but the DC government and the Office of People's Counsel oppose it.</p> <p data-bbox="381 1096 1419 1274">Chairperson Duncan proposed a motion to approve the resolution opposing the rate increase, and Commissioner Horn seconded it. Commissioner Elkins suggested adding language to the resolution calling for an aggressive climate change strategy from Washington Gas. The motion to approve the letter as presented was passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Commissioner Davis abstaining.</p>
<b>02:28:42</b>	<p data-bbox="381 1310 1156 1346"><b>Letters re Intersection of Canal Road and Reservoir Road</b></p> <p data-bbox="381 1383 1382 1629">Commissioner Elkins presented three letters related to the Canal Road and Reservoir Road, and Fletchers Cove intersections. Commissioner Nowalk suggested voting on them as a block, which was agreed upon. The letters, addressing the National Park Service, expressed support for planning to improve safety and reduce congestion in the mentioned areas. Commissioner Elkins commended Mr. Blumenthal for his work on these letters. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion, and the letters were approved unanimously.</p>
<b>02:30:52</b>	<p data-bbox="381 1667 1114 1703"><b>Letter to the Zoning Commission on Wesely Seminary</b></p> <p data-bbox="381 1740 1409 1881">Commissioner Duncan proposed a motion for ANC 3D to approve a letter to the Zoning Commission regarding American University's statement on the Wesley Seminary PUD campus plan. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The letter supported the project, highlighting AU's neutral stance and the absence of adverse</p>

	impacts. The vote for commission endorsement was unanimous with no opposition.
<b>02:34:54</b>	<p><b>Letter re Spring Valley Stormwater Retrofit Project</b></p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to approve a letter to DDOT's Interim Director about issues with the Spring Valley stormwater project. The letter requests a meeting and highlights concerns about the maintenance of bio-retention fields, with additional photos suggested. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:37:43</b>	<p><b>ANC Response to BZA regarding sidewalk costs provided by Trammell Crow</b></p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to approve a response from ANC 3D to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding Trammell Crow's sidewalk cost estimate. The letter emphasizes compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and suggests specific sidewalks, potentially reducing the estimated cost. Commissioner Horn seconded, and Commissioner Elkins proposed a friendly amendment to request Trammell Crow to do a detailed estimate for the recommended sidewalks. The amendment was accepted, and the motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:45:32</b>	<p><b>Hazardous Crosswalk at Newark St and New Mexico Ave NW</b></p> <p>Commissioner Elkins addressed a hazardous crosswalk issue on New Mexico Avenue, presenting a video demonstrating the problem and suggesting solutions. The commission approved a letter to DDOT seeking support in resolving the hazard during bike lane construction. Commissioner Elkins proposed an amendment authorizing negotiations with DDOT, and the motion was unanimously approved.</p>
	<b>Commission Business</b>
<b>02:57:20</b>	<p><b>Approval of Annual Report</b></p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to approve the annual report as presented. Commissioner Elkins seconded. The motion to approve the report as presented passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:58:54</b>	<p><b>Letter to ZC on Wesely</b></p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to approve the letter sent by Commissioners Duncan and Elkins to the Zoning Commission regarding AU's statement on the Wesely PUD. Commissioner Horn seconded. The motion to approve the letter was passed unanimously.</p>

<b>02:59:33</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> No minutes were presented at this month's meeting.
<b>03:00:05</b>	<b>Treasurers Report</b> Commissioner Nowalk provided the Treasurer's report, noting that the Commission will transition to paying its transcription contractor via electronic payment.
<b>03:02:00</b>	<b>ANC PO Box</b> Chairperson Duncan moved to close the ANC PO Box and move the Commission's official mailing address to the home of the Chair or other designated Commissioner. Commissioner Elkins seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
<b>03:05:12</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> Chairperson Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Szymkowicz. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.