

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:00 PM
Via Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Elkins, 3D01

Duncan, 3D02, Chair

Colón Roosevelt, 3D03

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.

Andrew Davis

Andrew Davis, Secretary ANC 3D

00:00:00	<p>Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda</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. Notable additions include adding a recognition letter for Spence Spencer, a letter to the Zoning Commission regarding Wesley Seminary for an extension of the filing dates, and third, to add the school boundary letter from Commissioner Colón Roosevelt. Amendment four is that Citizen Lab pilot is now District Engage software.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins voice concern about including the school letter on the agenda, noting that not enough notice was given to our constituents. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt noted it was important to finish the letter tonight because of the deadline for boundary proposal.</p> <p>The motion to approve one, two, and four as friendly amendments. Commissioner Colon seconded.</p> <p>Motion to approve adding the boundary letter to the agenda passed 5-2 with Elkins and Szymkowicz opposed.</p>
0:08:15	Metropolitan Police Report

	<p>Officer Tony McElwee began by sharing his sadness about the loss of Spence Spencer, who he worked closely with for 18 years.</p> <p>The crime reported noted 11 offences over the last 30 days, one carjacking, one burglary, two thefts from autos, three destruction of properties, three thefts, and one hit-and-run.</p> <p>The car jacking happened on Idaho avenue after the victim parked their car. Three suspects approached and brandished handguns and took the Kia Sorrento.</p> <p>The public was reminded about AirTags and air Tiles which can be purchased and used to track property that might get stolen.</p> <p>The burglary occurred in the Phillips Estate’s Park Community on Foxhall Rd. Suspect broke in through a rear door and entered the home. A 23 year old named William Samson Wright was arrested and charged.</p> <p>Thefts from autos occurred at 5300 Sherier and 5800 MacArthur Blvd. It was noted that thefts from autos are way down compared to last November when we had 60. This is because of the work of the Crime Suppression Unit which arrested several individuals. People were reminded to keep values out of view in vehicles</p> <p>One porch package was taken and people were informed of Amazon mailboxes in front of the Second District headquarters that residents can use.</p> <p>It was noted that PSA 205 would be conducting a meet and greet community walk on Wednesday February 21st at 5pm at Compass Coffee.</p> <p>Commissioners Elkins, Duncan, Szymkowicz, and Nowalk were thanked for attending the PSA 205 community meeting last Tuesday at the Palisades Library. There was a large turnout.</p> <p>Commander Savoy discussed the car jacking on Idaho ave and CVS thefts.</p>
<p>0:24:22</p>	<p>Mayor’s Office Updates</p> <p>Matthew Barclay introduced himself and shared the following talking points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor and Council members Mendelson and Allen sent a letter to WMATA to help close the metro budget deficit and noted opposition to service cuts. • The Mayor and DCHR encourage residents to register for the Downtown winter hiring event on Feb 13th at the MLK library. • Feb 6 the Council took the first vote on Secure DC. It passed. It addresses crime trends. Email your council members to express your support. More info at brookepintodc.com. • Mayor Marion Berry Summer Youth Employment Program are open at summerjobs.dc.gov.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the HBCU Public Service Program opened Feb 1 and will close Feb 29. • The Office of the State Superintendent for Education is reminding families to apply to the My School DC Lottery before the deadline. <p>Commissioner Szymkowicz asked Mr Barclat to speak to the Mayor's visit to the FCCA on February 21st. Mr. Barclay noted that she would indeed be visiting at 6:30 pm on February 24th.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan asked about funding for WMATA: DC vs VA vs MD. Mr. Barclay mentioned that DC's contribution is 200 million. She then asked whether the vote for Secure DC was unanimous by the Council. Mr. Barclay said it was with Trayon White voting present.</p>
<p>0:30:22</p>	<p>Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin's Office Update</p> <p>Taylor Cogan shared the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The councilmember is in the middle of performance oversight hearings • He is looking for information from DPR and DGS about Wilson Pool and its status • DPW has a new communications center to address questions and concerns. New phone number is 202-673-6833. • Yard waste collection is now year-round <p>Commissioner Szymkowicz thanked Councilmember Frumin for coming to the crime meeting last week.</p>
<p>0:32:50</p>	<p>Local Institutions & Community Updates</p> <p>Mr. Peterson from Georgetown University spoke of a Student Committee meeting last week regarding Henely Village, a new residence hall with 780 beds that should open in fall of 2025.</p> <p>No other updates were offered</p>
<p>0:34:12</p>	<p>Commissioner Updates</p> <p>Szymkowicz: no updates but mentioned the murder of one of his fellow parishioners at Holy Trinity who was killed on K street the other day and the importance of taking on the crime problem</p> <p>Nowalk: for people with kids in college, they may be eligible for the TAG program Tuition Access Grant which opens Feb 11. DC is holding back until March 11.</p> <p>Horn: no updates</p> <p>Davis: thanked DDOT for quick repair of a misplaced steel plate on Norton st NW. DDOT is working on eliminating the wood chip mounds at Dalecarlia and</p>

	<p>Loughboro and have noted that responsibility will fall to the contractors that dumped them there.</p> <p>Colon Roosevelt: No updates. Mentioned an email from DDOT about bioretention project saying they are giving the entire project a second look and that he hopes they will address the concerns raised by the ANC.</p> <p>Duncan: 5510 Sherier has been filled with dirt which is a win for DOB. Well Fargo site is under contract but there is no public information. Looking forward to presentation of plans for the site. 5122 Cathedral has been a problem for over a year with builder violating permits requirements. Thanks to all who have helped on this issue. She will call 311 about stumps that remain on Loughboro.</p> <p>Elkins: Our intervention with DDOT about crosswalk on New Mexico near Horace Mann likely sped up the remedy to the issue. Hoping they'll follow through on the fix. Next meeting of Transportation Committee will be 15 Feb.</p>
<p>0:41:11</p>	<p>Community Issues and Concerns Szymkowicz introduced Jeff Dwyer who lives next door to a vacant house on Foxhall road. Mr Dwyer gave a lengthy history of why the house remains vacant and the attempts to have it razed.</p>
<p>0:43:30</p>	<p>Discussions GW Plan Mod of Consequence Commissioner Duncan introduced Adam Aaronson Lee Temlin, and Gabrielle Sosa. Both gave updates to GW's campus construction, lighting improvements for a softball field that might concern neighbors. . GWU will contact affected neighbors directly. Commissioner Elkins asked Sosa to circle back and provide the ANC with an update about contact with the neighbors.</p>
<p>0:55:09</p>	<p>Community Issues and Concerns Jeff Dwyer rejoined to discuss the abandoned house on Foxhall rd. He gave further background on the issue. Mr Dwyer described the problems the blighted house is creating and noted that the DC government is the largest creditor on the property due to unpaid taxes.</p>
<p>1:07:18</p>	<p>Horace Mann Boundary Change DCPS is required to re-evaluate the boundaries for our feeder patterns. Evaluations are done every ten years, administered by the deputy mayor's office of education. When some schools are underutilized and others are overcrowded, boundaries can be adjusted to balance. Representative Johnson of the Ward 3 Boundary Advisory Committee spoke and noted that: Janney is at 97% capacity which is overcrowded and near future estimates put it at 100%. Over 95% is considered over capacity. Adjusting boundary to allow Horace Mann to accept some students would relieve this pressure. Mann opposed the change on the grounds that it didn't have room for more students and Janney opposed on the grounds that they didn't want to change feeder patterns. Troy Kravitz advised that the ANC demand transparency in the process and made allegations that other mechanisms in changing boundaries were afoot. Most agreed that the process to</p>

	<p>count students for boundary adjustment is flawed. Mr Kravitz explained the “30%” rule that all lottery spots at schools go to at-risk or homeless children until the respective school meets a 30% of student body at-risk threshold. To reach this threshold, kids would have to be bussed in from other wards. No action was taken by the ANC but it was recommended that the ANC be ready to act when something comes up.</p>
1:36:40	<p>Oye Owolewa, US Representative of Washington Owolewa spoke to the ANC about his position and background and his interest in DC statehood. He then spoke of Tuition Assistance Grants to DC residents who want to attend college out of state- that it needs to be increased according to increases in tuition since TAG was implemented in 1999.</p>
1:43:21	<p>Official Actions Wesley Seminary Letter Commissioner Elkins spoke to a 30 day delay in Zoning Commission to give them time on their proposals. Elkins motioned that the Commission endorse Wesley Seminary’s request to the Zoning Commission for a 30-day delay. An attendee, Blaine Carter objected and discussion ensued. Commissioner Duncan called for a vote to endorse the 30-day delay that Wesley Seminary is asking for their filing. Vote was 7-0-0. The endorsement passed. Small Cell Pole Design Commissioner Duncan spoke about new infrastructure for 5G communications that will involve installations of small poles for 5G transponders. Slides were shared. It was noted that most transponders would be installed on existing telephone poles and buildings and that the design was intended to minimize the visual impact of the 5G infrastructure. Spence Spencer Recognition Letter Commissioner Duncan presented a letter of recognition for the recently departed Spence Spencer, a former ANC3D commissioner, PCA president, and community volunteer known and appreciated by so many in our neighborhood. Commissioner Duncan read the letter and information for funeral arrangements were shared. School Boundary Letter Commissioner Colón Roosevelt discussed a letter prepared regarding school boundaries. Other commissioners voiced their concerns that this seemed rushed and that the community wasn’t given time to review the letter, but Commissioner Colón Roosevelt said that this might be the last chance for the ANC to weigh in. The letter was shared on-screen, and edited, then it was proposed that Commissioners just sign the letter and not vote on it. Commissioner Duncan motioned to approve the letter as amended with new language, signed by Commissioner Horn. All voted in favor 7-0-0.</p>
2:41:43	<p>Commission Business CitizenLab or Engage Pilot Commissioner Elkins introduced District Engage, a platform the ANC could use to facilitate ANC engagement of community members. IT would cost \$4,000 for one year. Discussion was had over the software merits and its applicability. Commissioner Duncan motioned to authorize the signing of the contract for \$4,000 with District Engage after we send contract to OANC for review and after</p>

	<p>the pilot software has been more fully tested. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous 7-0-0.</p>
3:08:58	<p>Review and approval of ANC3D Testimony at Oversight for DDOT Commissioner Duncan motioned to approve Commissioner Elkin’s testimony. Commissioner Horn seconded.</p> <p>Review and approval of ANC3D Testimony at Oversight for DDOT Commissioner Duncan discussed her planned testimony regarding public space and obstructions and other problems that exist around sidewalks and other public space. She presented a motion to approve this testimony. Commissioner Nowalk seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.</p> <p>Review and Approval of ANC3D Testimony for DOB Commissioner Duncan presented her testimony for Department of Buildings oversight hearing. She noted that DOB has shut ANC out of decisions and enforcement and should be held to account. Commissioner Duncan motioned to approve the testimony. Approval was unanimous 7-0-0.</p> <p>Review and Approval of ANC3D Testimony for DOEE Commissioner Duncan noted that they didn’t have testimony yet. That they might have it before the next meeting.</p> <p>Review and Approval of ANC3D Testimony for OAH Commissioner Duncan introduced Commissioner Elkins’ testimony to Office of Administrative Hearings. Commissioner Elkins noted testimony would be tomorrow. Motion is to approve this testimony. Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.</p>
3:24:21	<p>QFR 1st Quarter Treasurer’s Report Commissioner Nowalk presented her report. Noted that there were no checks last month. Balances are \$22,000 in checking and \$45,000 in savings. Motion to approve the report was seconded by Commissioner Elkins and motion passed unanimously. 7-0-0.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes Minutes form January had been passed around. Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2024 meeting. Commissioner Duncan seconded and the minutes were approved 7-0-0.</p> <p>Next Month’s Meeting Commissioner Duncan noted our next meeting would be March 6.</p>
3:26:50	<p>Adjournment Commissioner Duncan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt offered a second. All were in favor. 7-0-0.</p>