Minutes

of the Regular Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D Wednesday, June 5, 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

Position in Recording HH:MM	
00:00:00	Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed the community to the meeting. Chairperson Duncan moved to pass the agenda with the following amendments. 1) Deleting DDOT Stormwater discussion. 2) Adding MacArthur High School expansion plans to discussions. 3) Deleting Nation Park Service plans from official actions. The Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda.
00:01:03	Metropolitan Police Department Update Officer McElwee provided the crime report for ANC 3D over the last 30 days. Ten offenses including two burglaries, one vehicle theft and seven thefts from autos took place. A serious traffic accident occurred on June 5th at the intersection of Foxhall Road and Q Street. The Major Crash Unit responded, Officer McElwee declined to provide details out of respect for the victim and to not influence any ongoing investigations.

	Commissioner Szymkowitcz noted speeding complaints in Foxhall Village and requested traffic calming intervention. Commissioners Elkins and Nowalk also expressed concern about cross walks in that area. Speeding, redlight violations and unpaid ticket concerns were raised and Commissioners would like traffic enforcement to be reprioritized at the City Council level.
	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
00:25:55	Matthew Barclay (MOCRS) – Matthew Barclay, announced the Mayor sent Chairman Mendelson a letter with her concerns on the proposed budget. Several of the Mayor's key initiatives are not funded in the \$530M in new taxes and fees represented in the City Council's proposed budget. The Mayor announced June is Caribbean American Heritage Month and the Pride Parade will be held on June 8 th .
	Elias Banda (Councilmember Frumin's Office)- Elias Banda stated the budget was developed in a difficult fiscal year. However, Councilmember Fruman successfully advocated for an additional \$20M for MacArthur High School capital projects in FY 26. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt asked about the opening of the Wilson Pool, Mr. Banda said it is still slated for late Spring.
00:34:06	Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic
	Associations and other Community Groups)
	Laura Marks (American University Office of Community and Government Relations) – AU President Burwell is leaving American and will be replaced by Jon Alger who previously served as president of James Madison University. The Army Corps of Engineers safety disposed of munition-related items located on the campus. AU kept the surrounding community informed which was acknowledged by Commissioner Duncan.
	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
00:36:31	Elkins- The Transportation Committee will meet later in June.
	Duncan- Commissioner Horn will run the July meeting. 5122 Cathedral Avenue had its building permits revoked in May and new building plans have not been submitted nor has a Raze Permit been filed. Stairs were removed from the sidewalk on Eskridge Terrace and drainage facilities are being built under driveways and between houses. The Palisades Community Association is hosting its July 4 th Paraded at 11:00 am. The neighborhood hoedown is at Palisades Park on July 3 rd .
	Nowalk- No current updates.
	Davis- During Official Actions a letter will be presented regarding cut-through traffic on Arizona Avenue. Residents are encouraged to utilized 311 for signage and abandoned cars concerns.
	Szymkowicz- No current updates.

	Colón Roosevelt- Requested participation in Better Bus Initiative survey.
00:44:05	DISCUSSIONS
	Proposed Changes to Bus Routes Commissioner Duncan thanked Commissioner Elkins for bringing up the District Engage software platform that will provide community survey capabilities. The first use will be for WMATA service changes, they are finalizing changes to the bus system which is important to 3D as there is no Metro service in the neighborhood. The survey will query participants on bus routes, timing, etc. The survey is available on the ANC 3d website, at 3Dconversations.org, and will be posted to neighborhood list serves until June 24 th . Survey data will be analyzed and presented to the Transportation Committee with the goal of reporting results at the July 10 th ANC3D meeting.
	Updates on MacArthur High School Commissioner Duncan shared slides outlining current and proposed school access during construction phases. Commissioner Nowalk asked about a traffic light on MacArthur and potential lefthand turn traffic congestion on MacArthur Blvd.
	OFFICIAL ACTIONS
01:23:53	Letter Supporting Zoning Relief for 4913 Rodman Street BZA
	Commissioner Duncan presented the motion to support the BZA application for 4913 Rodman Street. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion. The motion will allow for an addition that is closer that 25 feet to the wall of the ADU but sufficiently far away from the rear property line. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.
01:25:48	Letter for AU Metzler Center Construction Hours
	Commissioner Duncan introduce a motion to approve holiday hours for AU construction contractors to work on holiday hours through 2025. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt seconded the motion. The motion requests "AU will make a good faith effort to limit disruptive and noisy work to the hours between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. ANC 3D reserves the right to resend this approval should we receive complaints from neighbors that are not being addressed." The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.
01:27:18	Letter Supporting the Retaining Wall at 5328 Carolina Place
	Commissioner Davis introduced a motion to approve a retaining wall higher than the 42-inch height limit at 5328 Carolina Place. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion. The current retaining wall is crumbling, and the lot elevation requires a special exception. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.

01:29:42	Letter for Improved Signage to Prevent Cut-Through Traffic on Arizona Ave
	Commissioner Davis introduced a motion to approve a letter addressing new signage to prevent cut-through traffic from Sherier, Dorsett, Carolina, and Potomac thouroghfares. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. Current signage is degraded making it difficult to read. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
	Commission Business
01:33:35	Approval of Minutes
	Chairperson Duncan introduced a motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
01:34:03	Treasurers Report
	Commissioner Nowalk stated payment was made to the former administrator and all assets had been returned.
01:35:08	Notice of Next Meeting
	Commissioner Horn will run the next meeting scheduled for July 10 th .
01:35:22	Adjournment
	Commissioner Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.