

**Minutes  
of the Regular Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D  
Wednesday, May 1, 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**

<b>Position in Recording HH:MM</b>	
<b>00:00:00</b>	<p><b>Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda</b> Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed the community to the meeting. Chairperson Duncan moved to pass the agenda as amended with the following amendments. 1) Added to the agenda is a budget presentation by the Executive Office of the Mayor. 2) The MacArthur High School expansion plan will be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>The motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.</p>
<b>00:04:43</b>	<p><b>Metropolitan Police Department Update</b> Officer McElwee provided the PSA 205 crime report stating crime was down. There were eight offenses, one serious. A robbery snatch occurred inside the Citibank at 5250 MacArthur Boulevard, it is still under investigation. There were three thefts and four general thefts. The update on the AU shuttle incident will be addressed by Laura Marks of American University.</p>
	<b>GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES</b>
<b>00:11:46</b>	<p><b>Matthew Barclay (MOCRS)</b> – Matthew Barclay, announced the EPA awarded \$62.4M to expand the benefits of clean solar to approximately 19,000 low and moderate households. Overall crime continues to trend downward. DPR is enrolling for BOOST</p>

	<p>Camps. The three-focus area of the Mayor’s FY25 budget: downtown, public safety and education will be presented this evening by Deputy Chief of Staff, Stephen Walker.</p> <p><b>Taylor Cogan (Councilmember Frumin’s Office)-</b> Councilmember Frumin's office provided updates through Taylor Cogan, Councilmember Frumin’s Communications Director. Cogan announced budget oversight hearing are continuing. WMATA is fielding two surveys one for busses and one on trains.</p>
<p>00:17:48</p>	<p><b>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)</b></p> <p><b>Laura Marks (American University Office of Community and Government Relations) –</b> Ms. Marks thanked the MPD for their handling for the shuttle incident. The victim was not connected AU. Students move out and graduation activities are occurring through mid-May. August 17 is the start of student move in.</p> <p><b>Gabrielle Sosa (George Washington University Assistant Director of Government Relations and Stakeholder Engagement) –</b> Students will move out of the Mount Vernon Campus through May 12. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt asked about the GW response to student protests at the downtown campus. Congressional member from the Oversight Committee walked through campus at their request. The visit required security resources from GWPD and MPD.</p>
	<p><b>COMMISSIONER UPDATES</b></p>
<p>00:25:38</p>	<p><b>Colón Roosevelt-</b> Road work on Westmorland Circle has been completed. Spring Valley Park has a clean-up day scheduled for May 11 (May 13 is the rain date).</p> <p><b>Szymkowicz-</b> No current updates.</p> <p><b>Davis-</b> Received input on the intersection at Arizona and MacArthur Blvd on the new traffic patterns related to the protected bike lanes. Increase signage would be beneficial. Additional traffic concerns at the intersection of Canal Road and the Whitehurst Freeway were discussed with input from Commissioners Szymkowicz, Nowalk and Elkins.</p> <p><b>Duncan-</b> Funding for Mac Arthur High School was removed from the agenda pending updates. Councilmember Frumin’s office announced DCPS is holding a vision meeting on the school to address space concerns. Commissioners Szymkowicz and Elkins commended the Foxhall and Palisades neighborhood associations for working together to address requirements for the high school.</p> <p><b>Elkins-</b> The Transportation Committee will meet in May and neighbor participation is welcomed.</p> <p><b>Nowalk-</b> Provided background on the proposed use of St Patrick’s fields for Mac Arthur High School’s outdoor sports use.</p>

	<p><b>Horn-</b> No current updates. Personal business required the Commissioner to drop off the call. Commissioner Duncan noted there would be six Commissioners for the balance of the meeting.</p>
00:44:46	<p><b>DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Steve Walker, Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Bowser and Director of the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments</b> –The first vote on the budget will be May 28 and the second vote will occur June 2. The Mayor's budget is focused on several guiding principles, and that is that we maintain and enhance core services that preserve investments and protect health and safety.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan stressed the importance of appropriate funding for Mac Arthur High School. Commissioner Nowalk asked about overly conservative budget estimates to which Mr. Walker that the Chief Financial Officer’s office develops the budget with long-term and strategic priorities for the District. Commissioner Elkins asked that future budgets become more user-friendly. Commissioner Szymkowicz requested the bridge over the Trolley Trestle Trail receive funding in the Mayor’s budget. Commissioner Davis was directed to budget.dc.gov for the budget and a spending overview.</p>
	<p><b>OFFICIAL ACTIONS</b></p>
01:03:06	<p><b>Letter Supporting a Special Exception for 5111 Sherier Place Back Porch</b></p> <p>Commissioner Duncan presented the motion on behalf of Commissioner Horn to support the special exception for a back porch at 5111 Sherier Place. Commissioner Nowalk seconded. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.</p>
01:04:04	<p><b>Response to Wesley Seminary Filing with the Zoning Commission</b></p> <p>Commissioner Duncan introduce a motion to send a response on the Wesley Seminary filing to the Zoning Commission. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Dr. McAllister-Wilson and Mr. Pat Brown shared a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Wesley Seminary dormitory, parking, vehicle and pedestrian entry/exit points, fencing, IZ housing options and the impact on neighbors. Debate on the proposed filing was extensive with all Commissioners commenting. One neighbor also shared her interest in the proposed plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan accepted Commissioner Nowalk’s friendly amendment to remove language that referred to excluding students from the neighborhood in the last paragraph. The motion to approve the letter as amended passed unanimously.</p>
01:51:29	<p><b>Dana Place Alleyway No Through Traffic Signage Letter to DDOT</b></p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved that a letter be sent to DDOT to add a no through traffic sign at the top of the alley behind University Terrace and Eskridge that feeds</p>

	into Dana Place. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.
<b>01:57:28</b>	<p><b>Mac Arthur High School Signage Public Space Permit #443538</b></p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved a letter be sent rejecting the public space application for the new MacArthur High School sign application. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion. Commissioner Duncan will amend the letter to include reference to the proposed Mac Arthur High School sign design being based on a May 2021 signage manual for an elementary school. The motion to approve the amended letter passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:04:35</b>	<p><b>Foundry Branch Trestle</b></p> <p>Commissioner Elkins moved to send a letter to the National Park Service to save the Foundry Trestle Bridge. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.</p>
	<b>Commission Business</b>
<b>02:07:36</b>	<p>Chairperson Duncan passed control of the meeting to Commissioner Elkins. A quorum remained with 5 Commissioners present.</p> <p><b>DOEE Testimony</b></p> <p>Commissioner Elkins moved to validate the DOEE testimony previously presented. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:09:0</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk noted the ANC is required by statute to submit a financial statement 45 days after the close of the quarter. May 15 is the date for the next filing. The ANC received is standard District allotment of \$4,472. Expenses were outlined.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins moved to delay compensation to the prior Administrator until equipment is returned. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.</p>
<b>02:16:28</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>Commissioner Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes for April. Commissioner Elkins seconded. The motion to approve the meeting minutes passed unanimously.</p>
<b>02:17:00</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

	<p>Commissioner Elkins officially noticed the next meeting June 5 at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Elkins will speak with Commissioner Duncan about the format of the June meeting (virtual or in-person).</p>
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	<p>Commissioner Elkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nowalk. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.</p>
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