

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, November 5, 2023 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

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.

Tricia Duncan

Tricia Duncan, Chairperson ANC 3D

Position in Recording HH:MM	
00:00:00	<p>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 amendments. Commissioner Horn seconded. The motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.</p>
00:01:18	<p>Metropolitan Police Department Update Officer McElwee (MPD) – Officer McElwee from the 2nd District gave an update on crime and traffic-related issues and reported that 20 offenses occurred in the previous month. Officer McElwee detailed some of the reported incidents and responded to questions from Commissioners and residents.</p>
	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
00:13:40	<p>Matthew Barclay (MOCRS) – Ward 3 liaison Matthew Barclay shared updates from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS). He announced the commencement of leaf collection from October 30th to January 20th, with new equipment funded by Mayor Bowser's FY24 budget. Barclay also highlighted the HBCU Public Service Program partnership with Howard University and UDC, aimed at fostering a pipeline for students in public service. Additionally,</p>

	<p>he discussed the Anti-Crime Trends Now Act, addressing recent crime trends and organized retail theft. Barclay concluded by responding to questions from Commissioners and the community.</p> <p>Ashlee Mercer (Councilmember Frumin’s Office) – Mercer announced that Councilmember Frumin co-introduced the Whole Government Response to Crime Act of 2023, addressing 911 operations, forensics, firearm tracking, and victim services. Additionally, DDOT's recent meeting on the Smart Street Light Project revealed operational details, including delays in shield availability. Notably, 311 requests for light dimming will remain open for progress tracking. In case of challenges reaching government agencies, attendees were encouraged to contact Councilmember Frumin’s office. Mercer concluded by answering questions from residents and the community.</p>
<p>00:27:01</p>	<p>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)</p> <p>Kevin Days (George Washington University) – Mr. Days announced that due to current community and global issues, the university has decided to scale back public events planned for the installation of President Ellen Grantberg, but updates on a more formal installation at a later date will be shared. Mr. Days also responded to questions from the Commission.</p> <p>Cory Peterson (American University) – Reported that AU recently hosted its movie night and arboretum tour with great turnout from the community.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONER UPDATES</p>
<p>00:32:09</p>	<p>Elkins- No current updates</p> <p>Duncan- Commissioner Duncan provided updates on the Arizona Avenue bike lanes, highlighting improvements to the MacArthur and Arizona intersection and potential safety enhancements, and informed the community about the MacArthur Apartments' parking issues, indicating that further decisions will be made during the December meeting.</p> <p>Colón Roosevelt- No current updates</p> <p>Davis- Commissioner Davis shared a concern raised by a constituent about wood chips at the corner of Dalecarlia and Loughboro, noting difficulties in addressing the issue with DDOT and other agencies and seeking information on any similar complaints or actions taken.</p> <p>Szymkowicz- Concerns were raised about the significant increase in citywide crime statistics, including a rise in carjackings, homicides, and other violent crimes. A need for increased resources and a rehabilitative approach to prevent such incidents from occurring was highlighted.</p>

<p>00:52:30</p>	<p>Discussion on Project Pipes and the Rate Hike by Chesapeake Climate Action Network</p> <p>Anne DeBuys, a Glover Park resident and gas customer, presented concerns about Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes, an accelerated pipeline replacement program. She emphasized the environmental impact, potential stranded assets, and the financial burden on ratepayers. DeBuys urged ANC 3D to consider a resolution on the program, highlighting opposition from various groups and intervenors in the case, including the Office of the People's Counsel. She concluded by answering questions from Commissioners and the Community and provided additional resources for more information. A video of the presentation can be viewed here.</p>
<p>01:13:52</p>	<p>Presentation from the Office of Campaign Finance</p> <p>Belinda Kittles Perry, an attorney advisor with the Office of Campaign Finance, provided an overview of the Fair Elections Program, emphasizing its role in promoting grassroots participation and reducing reliance on corporate funds. She highlighted eligibility criteria, funding sources, and the program's success in the past election cycle. Perry explained the mandatory debate participation, audits, and training for candidates, underscoring the program's transparency. She encouraged ANC members to share information about the program, as several Council and School Board seats will be open in the upcoming 2024 elections. Perry offered assistance and information through their website for those interested in participating in the program. Perry concluded by answering questions from residents and the community. A video of the presentation can be viewed here.</p>
<p>OFFICIAL ACTIONS</p>	
<p>01:26:25</p>	<p>Letter to DDOT regarding the Spring Valley Retrofit Project</p> <p>Chairperson Duncan introduced the letter to DDOT and moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. The letter expressed opposition to the project unless substantial changes were made by DDOT and questions were adequately addressed. Concerns included the project's effectiveness in resolving water drainage issues on Dalecarlia, lack of clarity on maintenance plans, and the impact on pedestrian safety due to the absence of sidewalks. The letter emphasized the need for DDOT to address these issues before moving forward with the project. The motion to approve the letter as presented passed unanimously.</p>
<p>01:35:05</p>	<p>5017 Eskridge Ter and 5024 Dana Pl PS Application</p> <p>The discussion involved 5017 Eskridge and 5024 Dana Place, homes near Key School. Chairperson Duncan moved to approve ANC 3D representation at a Public Space Committee hearing on November 16th, addressing concerns about the homes' construction. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.</p>

01:38:05	<p>4301 49th Street Small Town Vet Signage Public Space Application</p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to support the PSA for street signage at the Small Door Veterinary Clinic. Commissioner Horn seconded. The sign is located at the Spring Valley Shopping Center and serves as an identifier for the new veterinarian tenant. Concerns were raised about potential precedence for other tenants requesting similar signs. The motion to support the PSA was passed by a vote of 5-1-0 with Commissioner Szymkowicz opposing.</p>
02:44:15	<p>Resolution to DC to release funds for Trolley Trestle Bridge</p> <p>Chairperson Duncan moved to approve the letter as presented. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded. Chairperson Duncan explained that although they had previously agreed to support the idea, the letter's language was received later. The letter urges DDOT to appoint a project manager and develop a plan to utilize the \$250,000 allocated for the preservation of the Trolley Trestle. The date for a status report was amended from November 17th to December 1st. The motion to approve the letter as presented passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>Commission Business</p>
01:48:24	<p>Testimony for 5122 Cathedral BZA Appeal</p> <p>Chairperson Duncan discussed the 5122 Cathedral Avenue case, which involves withdrawn building permits and new plans under review. Awaiting a Zoning Administrator ruling, a BZA meeting on November 15th is scheduled. Chairperson Duncan moved to testify at the hearing, dependent on permit issuance and classification decision. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
01:50:37	<p>QFR Report</p> <p>Chairperson Duncan presented the Quarterly Financial Report and summarized its contents. Duncan moved to approve the QFR as presented. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>
01:53:05	<p>MacArthur Apartments</p> <p>Commissioner Szymkowicz raised concerns about the MacArthur Apartments project, suggesting a request to the BZA for a delay until January due to parking changes. Commissioner Elkins supported the idea, emphasizing the need for community input and adequate time to review the revised application. Chairperson Duncan moved to request a delay, specifying that the BZA hearing could occur no earlier than January 24th, provided the applicant presents on December 6th. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
02:00:15	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>No minutes were presented at this month's meeting.</p>

03:42:27

Adjournment

Chairperson Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Davis. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.