Minutes

of the Regular Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D Wednesday, October 9, 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

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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. Commissioner Duncan moved to approve the agenda with amendments. Commissioner Nowalk moved to pass the amended agenda. The amended agenda deletes the MedStar Georgetown letter. Georgetown Medstar representatives will talk during the Local Institutions portion. Agenda items will be reordered with BellRinger Bike ride coming first under Official Actions. The Digest Proposal will be first followed by the proposed FY2025 budget then the annual report in Commission Business. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.
00:02:18	Metropolitan Police Department Update Officer McElwee stated there were 21 offenses in PSA 205 in the last 30 days. They include one burglary, 12 thefts from autos and eight thefts. Commissioner Duncan asked for an update on the investigation into the pedestrian traffic fatality on Foxhall Road, Officer McElwee did not have an update. Commissioner Nowalk asked on behalf of a neighbor about rush hour blocking the

	box at MacArthur and Arizona. Officer McElwee will request unmarked police cars park in the area. This topic is on the agenda for further discussion.
	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
00:16:00	Hope Cousin (MOCRS) – Ms. Cousin announced October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Leaf collection begins on October 28 th and continues until February 8 th with two passes. Updates can be found at: dpw.dc.gov/leaf
	Lauren Lipsey, Ward 3 Councilmember Matthew Frumin's Office – Councilmember Frumin sends out a newsletter every two weeks that neighbors can sign up to receive. Commissioner Colón-Roosevelt asked about hold issues with the Office of Unified Communications. The council is working to address this issue.
00:21:50	Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)
	ANC 3D Commissioner Election roundtable Tricia Duncan – Current commissioner for 3D02 running unopposed for a second term will continue to focus on bureaucracy, transportation, illegal construction and zoning issues. Quentin Colón Roosevelt – Current commissioner for 3D03 running unopposed for a second term will continue to address affordable housing. Bernie Horn – Current commissioner for 3D05 running unopposed and will continue to concentrate on legal issues particularly those regarding construction. Marilyn Nowalk – Current commissioner for 3D06 running unopposed for a second term will continue her focus on bring new businesses to MacArthur Boulevard that positively impact neighbors. JP Szymkowicz – Current commissioner for 3D07 running unopposed for a third term encourages community members to engage in the governing process. Mark Blumenthal – Running for 3D04 (Commissioner Andrew Davis is not running for a second term), Candidate Blumenthal shared his long-standing connection with the area and community involvement. As a current member of the Transportation Committee, he will continue to focus on that issue. Andrew Heimert – Running for 3D01 (he was unable to attend the meeting, but Commissioner Davis read his prepared statement), Candidate Heimert is a 20-year resident of Wesley Heights his focus will be on natural resources, education, transportation and traffic safety. He is a member of the Transportation Committee. Chuck Elkins – Current commissioner for 3D01 running opposed for a fifth term. He keeps constituents informed through list serve postings and his engagement with city government. He has worked extensively with many departments including transportation, buildings, licensing, and zoning. He is a founding member of the partnership with American University.

Kevin Days (George Washington University) – GWU is hosting Vern Harvest at the Mount Vernon campus on October 19th.

Jason Millison (American University) – The AU newsletter details upcoming events. Please join the full moon arboretum walk on October 16th.

MedStar Georgetown Hospital – Regina Woods, Allie Reschovsky and Jo Ellen Carpenter attended the meeting to address Commissioner Szymkowicz's concerns about patient discharge policies. MedStar shared discharge procedures and patient care limitations. Commissioners Szymkowicz, Nowalk, Duncan and Elkins expressed concern that there appears to be a gap for vulnerable citizens who may have nowhere to go after discharge. It was agreed that there needs to be additional resources address the gap between hospital and city services. Councilmember Frumin's office will be contacted to initiate conversations on needed resources.

German Embassy Construction Project Update – Herr Spicher overviewed the renovation of the embassy's west parking lot. Commissioner Nowalk asked for the process for neighbors to contact the embassy with concerns. Neighbors can contact Herr Spicher directly and he will update 3D again in November.

Sibley Memorial Hospital, Behavioral Health Emergency Department – Rayna Jordan and Caroline Shafa outlined plans to convert existing emergency medical space to a dedicated Behavioral Health ED. Construction is planned for mid 2025 through 2026. A Certificate of Need (CON) submission is required as is a letter of support from ANC 3D. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt confirmed the CON is due by the end of 2024. Commissioner Szymkowicz asked about separate emergency spaces for psychiatric patients and was told it is considered a best practice. Commissioner Elkins and Davis asked about community impact, Ms. Shafa shared this population is already presenting at Sibley and this is a better way of caring for them. Commissioner Duncan suggested sharing plans for the project on the community list serve.

Field School Expansion – Sherry Rutherford outlined a modest addition to its building and a reconfiguration of outdoor spaces. The project will require BZA approval and ANC 3D support. Commissioner Szymkowicz asked that outside groups be able to rent the outdoor spaces. Commissioner Elkins requested stormwater management be a priority given the topography of the Field School.

Georgetown University, Shaw Field Lights – Cory Peterson shared GU released an NOI related to adding lights to Shaw Field to allow for improved soccer scheduling. The 80-foot light poles do not require flashing red lights per FAA regulations. A full presentation will be made to 3D in November. Pending 3D

	approval GU will go to the Zoning Commission in December or January.
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01:44:57	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
	Elkins - The Transportation Committee will meet on Monday, October 21 st at
	2pm.
	Duncan – No current updates.
	Colón Roosevelt - No current updates.
	Davis- Reported a stench emanating from the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Plant. He contacted DOEE and was told there was an algae blook in the Potomac River resulting from drought conditions. While not toxic it lasted a week and some neighbors struggled greatly under the circumstances. Please be aware of yard signs on the MacArthur Boulevard median.
	Horn- Noticed the Zoning Administrator on ZA10 which pertains to additions and renovations. The letter was favorably received. Commissioner Duncan noted the Department of Buildings has not issued a permit for 5122 Cathedral due to stormwater runoff.
	Nowalk - Early voting in the district begins October 28 th . No early voting location is particularly convenient for 3D with the Georgetown neighborhood library being the closest. Please vote.
	Szymkowicz- No current updates.
	Elkins – Congratulated Commissioners Duncan and Horn for their work and noted the Department of Buildings cost neighbors and the ANC many thousands of dollars due to administrative actions and should be held accountable.
	OFFICIAL ACTIONS
01:53:28	BellRinger Bike Race Georgetown University
	Commissioner Duncan presented the motion to approve the letter outlining the race route. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion.
	The motion to approve the letter as amended passed unanimously 7-0-0.
01:57:18	Arizona and MacArthur Intersection Traffic
	Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve a letter, noting there will be amendments, for the traffic issues taking place at the intersection of Arizona and MacArthur. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Duncan accepted the friendly amendment to add language relating to left hand turns heading north on MacArthur toward Glen Echo.

	The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 7-0-0.
02:15:18	5025 Upton Street PSA #453484
	Commissioner Colón Roosevelt moved to approve a letter for an upgrade to the driveway at 5025 Upton Street. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.
	The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 7-0-0.
02:16:15	5070 Millwood Lane PSA #453498
	Commissioner Duncan moved to approve a letter for an upgrade to the driveway at 5070 Millwood Lane. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion.
	The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously. 7-0-0.
02:17:01	Claudio's Table Expansion Settlement Agreement
	Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Claudio's Table settlement agreement allow for the restaurant's 40 seat expansion. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.
	The representative for Claudio's Table, Matthew Minora will send over the final settlement agreement and ANC will support the project.
02:24:28	Georgetown University Campus Plan Amendment
	Commissioner Nowalk moved to approve the Georgetown Campus Plan Amendment that would not include downtown students in the Hilltop campus student count. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.
	Commissioner Nowalk accepted a friendly amendment to include the reference to the Car Barn "and other aspects included on the campus plan".
	The motion to approve the letter passed 6-0-1 with Commissioner Szymkowicz abstaining.
02:33:00	Commission Business
	ANC Resolution Digest Proposal
	Commissioner Elkins moved to approve \$1,000 in 2025 funding for an ANC Resolution Digest that would summarize resolutions for ANC3D Commissioners from all ANCs providing ANC3D commissioners a city-wide view of issues many of which cross ANC boarders. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the funding request passed unanimously.

FY 2025 Draft ANC3D Budget

Commissioner Nowalk moved to approve the FY2025 proposed budget. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Nowalk noted the personnel section includes \$1,000 for the ANC Resolution Digest, money was included for meeting space rental costs if needed, and the largest component of the communication line is for District Engage software but also includes Dropbox, Squarespace or wherever the website is hosted. The Purchase of Service line item allows for attorney, traffic studies, engineers or other professional services.

Commissioner Nowalk accepted Commissioner Elkins friendly amendment to remove the reference to Zoom since the district is now covering that expense, to rename District Engage to engagement software to allow for vendor flexibility and to add transcriber to the personnel description.

The motion to approve the FY2025 budget passed unanimously.

ANC 3D Draft 2024 Annual Report

Commissioner Duncan moved to approve the ANC 3D Annual Report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Duncan thanked Commissioners Elkins, Commissioner Horn and the administrator for their efforts to produce the 2024 annual report. The last item needed is the budget vs actual financial view. Commissioner Nowalk will provide the financial view. The report is due November 1st to OANC, the council and in particular Councilmembers White and Frumin.

The motion to approve the 2024 Annual Report passed unanimously.

02:56:18 Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Duncan introduced a motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

02:56:37 Notice of Next Meeting

Commissioner Duncan noticed the next scheduled meeting is November 6th. The meeting will be virtual.

02:57:42	Adjournment
	Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting without objection.