

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, September 4, 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	<p>Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed the community to the meeting. Commissioner Nowalk moved to pass the amended agenda. The amended agenda deletes the vote on Spring Valley Storm Water Management and adds a letter for 5310 Cathedral Avenue construction. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.</p>
00:05:45	<p>Metropolitan Police Department Update Officer McElwee stated there were no major crimes to report. There was one assault with a dangerous weapon, two burglaries, three thefts from autos and six thefts. A special traffic blitz was conducted on MacArthur Boulevard resulting in 35 moving violations.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan asked for an update on the investigation into the pedestrian traffic fatality at Foxhall and Q. Captain Haskis stated the Major Crash Unit did not have enough evidence to go forward. The case is before the OAG's office however the OAG can't prosecute with the same severity as the US Attorney's Office. Commissioner Szymkowicz asked what more the Attorney General needed to move</p>

	<p>forward; Captain Haskis stated it was viewed as accidental. Commissioner Davis asked if a citation was given; Captain Haskis will confirm. Commissioner Nowalk asked about the status of the vehicle which is still in impound. Mr. Beath requested a written statement on why the USAO chose not to paper this case. Commissioner Elkins suggested suspending the automobile's registration license and not releasing the automobile.</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk thanked the MPD for their support of the festivities on July 3rd and 4th.</p>
	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
00:25:51	<p>Hope Cousin (MOCRS) – Ms. Cousin, announced she is the new Ward 3 MOCRS manager and provided her contact information in the chat to reach her with any questions, comments or concerns to be elevated to the Mayor's office.</p> <p>Hana Fouladi, Ward 3 Councilmember Matthew Frumin's Office – The FAA announced incoming planes to DCA will track closer to the Potomac River with the hopes of reducing noise. Efforts continue for outbound planes. DDOT will begin roadway maintenance on MacArthur between Foxhall Road Northwest and Ridgeview Way Northwest.</p>
00:32:43	<p>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)</p> <p>Jason Millison (American University) – Mr. Millison introduced himself as the new Director of Community Relations. An event was held at a Washington National's game for AU students, staff and neighbors. A new newsletter is in development, and it is best way to stay in contact with AU. The new AU President, Jon Alger, is hosting an event at Constitution Hall on September 10th. The university is having an outdoor movie night on September 20th for the community.</p> <p>Cory Peterson (Georgetown University)- Students have returned to campus. The McCourt School of Public Policy is now open at the Capitol Campus.</p> <p>Kevin Days (George Washington University) – The GWU campus plan virtual meeting is September 19th. September 14 the Mount Vernon campus will host a pickle ball event.</p>
	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
00:17:15	<p>Elkins- The Transportation Committee will meet on the 12th at 2pm.</p> <p>Duncan – The building permit for 5211 Cathedral Avenue should be approved as all parties are satisfied with the design.</p> <p>Colón Roosevelt- No current updates.</p> <p>Davis- No current updates.</p>

	<p>Horn- DC Water shut off service to Black Coffee on August 28th. He will prepare a letter requesting commercial tenants receive shut off notices in addition to the landlord.</p> <p>Nowalk- Applications for DC tuition aid and grant assistance for state universities and HBCUs are due September 6th.</p> <p>Szymkowicz- The FCCA will be holding a meeting later in September. Date TBD.</p>
<p>00:48:48</p>	<p>DISCUSSIONS</p> <p>Spring Valley Bioretention Project Commissioner Duncan introduced the Broad Branch Spring Valley Stormwater Bioretention Project that includes bioretention curb cutouts and some resurfacing. Representing DDOT were Eric Schwartz, Christian Pinero and Movarid Ganjalizadeh. Since the initial design many of the facilities were removed or reduced in size in the Spring Valley sub watershed. The project has both impervious surface removal and bioretention.</p> <p>Commissioner Colón Roosevelt noted the proposed project on 52nd Street appears to be high ground and not likely to capture rainwater. Commissioner Nowalk asked about runoff on the 4700 block of Quebec. DDOT confirmed engineers had been involved in selecting sites but will revisit.</p> <p>Mr. William Clarkson expressed concern about the length of the ISR project at 5010 Sedgwick Street. Ms. Ganjalizadeh will further investigate and agrees it is a long ISR. Mr. Clarkson asked about ongoing maintenance for the project. Commissioner Duncan noted DDOT has maintenance duties during the establishment period and DOEE has ongoing responsibility in the out years.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan asked about drainage on Dalecarlia and was told DC Water cleared the stormwater inlets in July. Commissioners are to keep an eye out for standing water following storms.</p> <p>MacArthur and Arizona Traffic & Cut Through Traffic Commissioner Duncan overviewed traffic challenges at the MacArthur and Arizona intersection and the increase in traffic on Dorset, Carolina and Sherier due to traffic apps that are rerouting cars through this neighborhood. Neighbors shared their experiences with the new traffic patterns which will be discussed at an upcoming Transportation Meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Basil asked about the volume of bike lane users. Commissioner Duncan stated the infrastructure needed to be in place for a while before a utilization assessment can be made. Commissioner Elkins noted an environmental assessment has been completed on the connection between the bike lane and the Capital Crescent Trail. There is no date for construction/completion.</p>

Ms. Halpern expressed concern that bike stanchions require drivers to make wider, slower turns that result in crossing the double yellow line to execute the turn. Commissioner Duncan will share everyone's traffic comments at the Transportation Committee meeting.

German Embassy Construction Project and Parking Request

Commissioner Duncan welcomed the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the meeting to overview their year-long west parking plaza construction project. Mr. Kai Spicer, Mr. Drueing and Mr. Lacorzana represented the Embassy. The project will expand the number of parking spots within the Embassy compound and create two bioretention filters. Construction will occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm beginning September 9th.

Commissioner Nowalk asked about parking accommodations for construction workers. The Embassy is requiring the construction firm, Gilbane, to use carpooling for workers. Commissioner Szymkowicz shared the success Georgetown Hospital had utilizing a shuttle van for construction workers. The Embassy will go back to Gilbane and discuss options.

Commissioner Nowalk noted neighbors want to be good neighbors to the Embassy and felt a solution to welcoming 30 staff cars was possible but accommodating construction worker vehicles was not doable. The Embassy noted workers are not likely to come in and out of the construction project frequently due to security parameters. The Embassy has identified the north side of Reservoir Road for its staff parking.

Mr. Anthony Andrews, Director of International affairs and Protocol for the District of Columbia, introduced himself and said he will meet with DDOT and make a recommendation. Mr. Andrews confirmed street parking would be for a specific duration and not exclusive to diplomats.

Mr. Avery suggested the Embassy send letters to the affected neighbors explaining the project. Commissioner Duncan recommended a point of contact at the Embassy for neighborhood feedback. Commissioner Elkins reiterated the need to transport construction workers to the Embassy to avoid causing pain in the neighborhood.

Mr. Lacorzana reminded call participants this project is on a much smaller scale than the 2011 build. They will monitor the speed of construction trucks noting the limit is 25 miles per hour. They will talk to Gilbane about the carpooling situation. Commissioner Duncan asked for an update on the project and construction worker parking status at the October meeting.

Commissioner Nowalk reiterated the need for the Reservoir Road spaces to be shared with residents, not the exclusive domain of Embassy staff.

	<p>Lead Pipe Replacement Project</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan introduced Mr. Sean Moore from DC Water to discuss Lead Free DC. Lead Free DC is a program to eliminate all the lead service lines in the District. To date, 6,500 lead service lines have been replaced with an emphasis on prioritizing environmental justice and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Eight blocks have been selected for 2025 representing 108 premises in 3D. This year 51 blocks and 611 premises in Ward 3 were identified. Commissioner Nowalk confirmed households are responsible for costs on the private side of the line; DC Water will install a new line and a new shut-off valve and connect household plumbing to the new shut-off valve.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins asked about verification of lead pipes and Mr. Moore shared the new lead map is color coded and more accurate than a couple of years ago. Commissioner Szymkowicz asked about test pits to confirm the type of service line material at a home. DC Water confirms service line material by looking inside the house, digging a test pit at the property line and at the meter.</p> <p>Mr. Clarkson inquired about the cost to homeowners of replacing the private side of the service line. The amount can vary greatly due to individual factors but could be in the range of \$2,00-4,500 for homeowners. Ms. Samolyk questioned how long it could take for homes in her area which are identified with lead pipes to get fixed if they are not on a current construction schedule. Since 2019, 6,500 out of 42,000 service lines have been upgraded.</p>
	<p>OFFICIAL ACTIONS</p>
<p>03:16:23</p>	<p>DDOT NOI #24-214: Safety Changes on Foxhall Road</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins presented the motion to approve the letter to DDOT responding to the notice of intent for the safety changes at Foxhall Road. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins accepted a friendly amendment to include <i>“Take a particularly hard look at the slip lanes.”</i></p> <p>The motion to approve the letter as amended passed unanimously 7-0-0.</p>
<p>03:39:15</p>	<p>5310 Cathedral Avenue Residential Construction Permit</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve a letter for the 5310 Cathedral Avenue construction project that does not conform to BZA requirements.</p> <p>The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 6-0-0 with Commissioner Elkins absent.</p>
<p>03:41:03</p>	<p>Commission Business</p>

	<p>Grant Application – Friends of the Palisades Library</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved to approve a grant for the Friends of the Palisades Library. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion. Commissioners approved funding the grant request pending review by OANC to ensure it meets statutory requirements and OANC grant guidelines.</p> <p>The motion to approve the grant as amended with the caveat OANC review the expenditure passes unanimously.</p>
03:50:53	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>FY2025 Draft ANC 3D Budget</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk reviewed the 2025 budget and indicated OANC allotments will remain flat year-over-year. Personnel costs were increased by \$1,000 to accommodate the production of a monthly digest of ANC resolutions. The increase in Communications reflects District Engage software expenses of \$4,000. The budget reflects a proposed reduction for office expenses because the Commission is not currently paying for meeting space, but some funds are included to allow the Commission to rent space for some months of next year. Money is included for possible use for a land attorney or a traffic study, or other support for Commission actions. Commissioner Duncan expressed the interest in increasing the hourly rate for ANC3D’s administrator.</p> <p>The FY2025 budget will be voted on at the October meeting.</p>
03:57:37	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan introduced a motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.</p>
03:58:07	<p>Notice of Next Meeting</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan noticed the next scheduled meeting is October 9th. The meeting agenda will be corrected to note the October meeting is on the 9th.</p>
04:01:10	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting without objection.</p>