

**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F**  
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3F06 – Courtney Carlson



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**Public Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2023**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**MINUTES**

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82114414095?pwd=cUxsdlJBazJLaUJUUVGtXV1pzNkNmQT09>. Meeting number: 9821 1441 4095 Password: Y9qzAp. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. Copies of resolutions approved are available at [www.anc3f.com](http://www.anc3f.com).

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ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda as Amended	6-0-0	Amended to include Murch Resolution
2. Approval of ANC Minutes for March 21st, 2023	6-0-0	No discussion
3. Grant application for Friends of Peirce Mill on the Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair and Conference	6-0-0	Presentation
4. BZA Permit with Parlor Wines at 4221 Connecticut Avenue, NW	6-0-0	Presentation
5. Resolution Regarding Transportation to School for Students with Special Needs	6-0-0	Presentation and discussion
6. Resolution on Murch Budget	6-0-0	

Welcome **(7:00pm)**

Call to Order **(7:01pm)**

## Roll Call (7:02 pm)

### I. Adoption of the April 18, 2023 ANC 3F meeting agenda (7:03pm)

- Amended to add the Murch budget resolution, passed 6-0-0.

### II. Approval of ANC 3F meeting minutes for March 21st, 2023 (7:04pm)

- Meeting minutes approved

### III. Regular Agenda - Commissioner Updates and Announcements (7:06pm- 7:16pm)

- ANC 3F01 - Ryan Cudemus-Brunoli:
  - Petition received about street and sidewalk safety, circulated it to the commissioners and to our MOCR.
- ANC 3F02 - Teri Huet:
  - .Housing committee meeting May 2nd
- ANC 3F03 - Mitchell Baer:
  - Received a request for DDOT to conduct a traffic study from Albemarle to East of Conn. Ave.
- ANC 3F04 - Claudette David:
  - None
- ANC 3F05 - James Tandaric:
  - None
- ANC 3F06 - Courtney Carlson:
  - Addition of Chevy Chase to the header of the minutes/agenda

### IV. Regular Agenda – Committee Reports (7:17pm - 7:27pm)

- Streets & Sidewalks
  - Paul Harrison:
    - Fessenden sidewalk gap issue, looking at traffic calming tools and other non-capital intensive projects to increase safety. CM Frumin’s safety walk, concerns with the carwash at Albemarle and Connecticut Ave, along with the potential addition of Compass Coffee. Next meeting, June 13th.
  - Courtney
    - CM Frumin safety walk, Friday afternoon to walk intersections around Murch. Spoke to crossing guards about the dangerous conditions for kids crossing streets and crossing alone. 32nd and Fessenden not adequately striped behind the BP Gas Station. Nebraska and Reno, people trying to take a left some people don’t respect the crossing guard.
  - Mitch
    - Flagship Wisconsin Ave carwash has similar difficulties with traffic issues.

- Parks & Watersheds  
Mitch:
  - May 8th (tentative) meeting to talk about the soapstone project more in-depth. Working with DC Water on negotiating a date for the meeting.
- Schools & Universities  
James Tandaric:
  - Attended UDC faculty meeting, gave perspective from the professor side. Hoping Juanita will share updates about properties. Howard Law drafting a new master plan. Whittle School tour is in the works. Encourages Murch parents to attend the meetings, on public calendar.
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- Housing & Neighborhoods  
Teri Huet:
  - Meeting May 2nd, will work with streets and sidewalks, regarding noise concerns and traffic congestion at the intersection.

**V. Regular Agenda - Community Forum (community leaders and agencies give brief updates) (7:28 - 7:38pm)**

- University of the District of Columbia
  - Juanita Gray:
    - Commencement at the convention center, concluded first round of interviews for UDCs next president, there will be an opportunity for community members to go to the presidential presentations and submit questions to the candidates. Sign up for UDC updates/newsletter at this link: <https://www.udc.edu/udcforward/>
    - In negotiations with a restaurant in the previous Acacia space, there is also initial negotiations for a restaurant in space Van Ness Main Street occupies.
    - MOM's Organic Market, no current update from UDC on the signage issue.
- Van Ness Main Street
  - Gloria Garcia
    - MOM's Organic
      - Sign permit being held up by the Commission of Fine Arts, 4250 on a grounds lease from WMATA. Has prolonged since October, 2022.
      - April 29th, first in-person fundraiser in 3 years.
        - Edmund Burke, UDC Jazzalive, Carli Harvey (Levine) Quartet, DC Crushfunk Band, honoring President Mason's service to Van Ness.

- Movie Nights return this summer
  - Mental health crises continuing up the Connecticut corridor to 5000 block
  - Carwash is affecting Breadfurst and the Hasting's building. Patrons can't get into the Breadfurst parking lot or exit.
- Representative from Councilmember Matt Frumin's Office
  - Councilmember America 250 resolution passed Council, encouraging the Mayor to begin planning for the 250th celebration of America.
  - CM wrapped up budget oversight.
  - Constituent service update, DC tax reform commission holding public meeting in early May.
  - CM Frumin Office pushing on OSSE bus delays
  - Wilson school closure being pressed due to lack of interagency communication
  - Parking for visitors is changing, use the ParkDC System, more information in CM newsletter
  - Beginning April 10th, DPR rec centers will have longer hours and improved programming.
  - Elias Benda
- Compass Coffee with CEO Michael Haft
  - Founder and CEO of Compass Coffee, early in the process for looking at new locations and early in the process for the Burger King space. Presentation posted to the ANC website. Can be reached at: [michael@compasscoffee.com](mailto:michael@compasscoffee.com).
- Save ConnAve
  - Lee Mayer: Dedicated to stopping the bike lanes on CT Ave, gave a presentation on what his organization believes the cons of bike lanes along CT Ave to be.
  - More info at: <https://saveconnecticutave.org>
- BOE Rep Eric Goulet
  - Open to suggestions on how to improve the BOE meetings (view recordings for more detail)
  - Has testified to the Council and the Mayor to increase funding for the Ward 3 schools

**VI. Regular Agenda - Information Items (ANC 3F will not take a vote on these items) (7:39pm - 8.43 pm)**

- DC Mayor's Budget Presentation and Q&A with Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Lindsey Appiah
  - Link to full presentation here:  
[https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayormb/page\\_content/attachments/FY2024%20BUDGET%20PLAN Presentation%20to%20Council a.pdf](https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayormb/page_content/attachments/FY2024%20BUDGET%20PLAN%20Presentation%20to%20Council%20a.pdf)
  - Gave a presentation about the Mayor's budget, explaining a gap and decrease from the previous years during the height of the pandemic. View or listen to the recording for more details.

- Best way to get your voice heard would be to testify in the DC Council hearings.
- Discussion from Commissioners and the public ensued, listen to the meeting's recording for more information. You can contact the Deputy Mayor here: [Lindsey.Appiah@dc.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Appiah@dc.gov).
- DC Archives Project Update with State Archivist and Public Records Administrator for DC, Dr. Lopez Matthews
  - DC Office of Public Records will be building on the UDC Library plot to build DC's new archives building
  - Can view information at the following links: <https://twitter.com/dcstatearchives> ; <https://opr.dc.gov/home>
  - A commissioner requested that the UDC Library be sufficiently documented as it's a good example of brutalist architecture
- DC Water Update
  - Mitch Baer:
    - Wished to reiterate that the Soapstone Valley project area is closed to the community
  - DC Water gave a presentation updating the public on the work thus far, view the recording for more detail
  - 24/7 Project Hotline:
    - 202-301-8058
  - DC Water 24/7 Command Center:
    - 202-612-3400
  - Project Email
    - [soapstone.info@dcwater.com](mailto:soapstone.info@dcwater.com)

## VII. Regular Agenda - (ANC 3F will vote on these items) (8:43pm - 9:10pm)

- Grant Application for Friends of Peirce Mill on The Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair and Conference
  - James Tandaric introduced Angela Kramer of Peirce Mill to present on the fair. Cost can be upwards to \$7,000 to close the street Peirce Mill wishes to close, the main reason for applying for the grant of \$3,000.
  - Grant application approved, unanimous 6-0-0 in favor.
- BZA Permit with Parlor Wines at 4221 Connecticut Avenue, NW
  - James introduced the applicants
  - Owned by husband and wife team, internet sales only for wine, no on-premise sale, consumption, and no browsing by the public.
  - Passed unanimous, 6-0-0 in favor.
- Resolution Regarding Transportation to School for Students with Special Needs
  - James Tandaric and Stephanie Maltz presented on the resolution

- Issues with OSSE bus services in the District and our community
- If the buses don't come, DC encourages families to use public transit or private transportation like Uber or Lyft. For families with children 14 and under, cannot use those services. Reimbursement is slow and often at the wrong rate.
- Many families cannot change their schedule daily and cannot front the costs for alternate modes of transit.
- Many compounding issues related to the delay of adequate bussing, including the denial of these children their required services at school and the requirement of school faculty to stay late
- Resolution calls for increased funding for OSSE an better service to parents, their children, and the community at large
- Passed 6-0-0, unanimous.
- Resolution Regarding the Budget at Murch Elementary School
  - Courtney Carlson presented on the resolution
  - Murch parents are asking for additional funds to address a shortage of students at the school
  - Elias from CM Frumin's office presented the Councilmember's position on the issue at Murch regarding class size.
  - Community members Allison Fitzsimmons and others presented, including the Co-Chair of the local LSAT organization
  - Requesting around \$230,000 from the Council to hire sufficient staff to meet student needs
  - 6-0-0 passed, unanimous.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at: 9:35 pm