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3F01 - Ryan Cudemus-Brunoli, Secretary

3F02 - Teri Huet

3F03 - Mitchell Baer, Treasurer

3F04 - Claudette David, Chair

3F05 - James Tandaric, Vice Chair

3F06 - Courtney Carlson



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Public Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, virtually at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82114414095?pwd=cUxsdlJBazJLaUJUVGtXV1pzNkNmQT09. 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.

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda	6-0-0	No discussion
Approval of ANC Minutes for January 17th, 2023	6-0-0	No discussion
Allotment of \$18,000 from the budget for hiring new personnel to manage public-facing information	6-0-0	No discussion outside of clarification
4. BZA Permit at 5042 Nebraska, Case #20839	6-0-0	Presentation and commissioner questions
5. Whittle School Campus Resolution	6-0-0	Presentation and discussion

Welcome (7:00pm)

Call to Order (7:01pm)

Roll Call (7:02 pm)

- I. Adoption of the February 21, 2023 ANC 3F meeting agenda (7:03pm)
- II. Approval of ANC 3F meeting minutes for January 24, 2023 (7:04pm)
- III. Approval of ANC 3F 2023 Budget Adjustments (7:05pm)
 - A commissioner clarified that this adjustment is to just set aside and have the funds available for hiring in the future.

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

- ANC 3F01 Ryan Cudemus-Brunoli:
 - Request from International Dark Sky Association to support a local campaign called **Lights-Out Hour DC** which encourages participants to turn off all non-essential lights from 8:30pm to 9:30pm on March 25th. The ANC will consider this resolution in the following March meeting.
- ANC 3F02 Teri Huet:
 - Housing Committee will be meeting either March 1st, or March 8th.
- ANC 3F03 Mitchell Baer:
 - Embassy of the Netherlands has filed a zoning application to replace their parking garage.
- ANC 3F04 Claudette David:
 - Commented that Commissioners will be hosting a town-hall to discuss issues within their own respective ANCs either virtually or in-person.
 - Commented on the success of the recent MPD walk at UDC and conversations with emergency services and public safety departments.
- ANC 3F05 James Tandaric:
 - Gathering interest in creating a composting initiative in ANC3F, requests interested constituents reach out to him at <u>3F05@anc.dc.gov</u>.
- ANC 3F06 Courtney Carlson:
 - o Comments on the success of the Call Your Mother bagel shop opening.

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

- Streets & Sidewalks
 - Group met recently, outdoor walking events have been proposed and ideally will conduct these walks in March with a focus for DDOT to bring non-capital solutions to issues in the area. Meetings occur on the second Wednesday of every month. Check ANC online calendar.
- Parks & Watersheds
 Mitchell Baer

- Mitchell Baer applauded the Forest Hills Connection article on levels of E. Coli in the Soapstone and Rock Creek Park. Claims the signage provided currently are insufficient to the risk and levels of E. Coli. Will propose a resolution to encourage the National Park Service to update and increase signage.
- Upcoming meeting in March or April, check ANC online calendar.

Schools & Universities

James Tandaric:

- Committee member reached out to UDC to understand the status of their vacant retail properties.
- Conducted a meeting with the Edmund Burke school related to the shooting that occurred there last year.
- Planning to conduct meetings with Howard Law and the Sheridan School
- Meetings are every fourth Tuesday of the month. Check ANC online calendar.

Housing & Neighborhoods

Teri Huet:

 Will conduct a meeting with property managers along Connecticut Avenue to understand their needs and issues and how they can better communicate with the relevant DC offices.

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

- University of the District of Columbia
 - Performance oversight hearing on February 27th at 2pm, public may attend.
 - Office of Zoning approved UDC's amendment to its Master Plan for the tennis court lights to be used until 8pm.
 - Retail space comment: Many companies and organizations are interested in the spaces. However, a barrier is that the renovation costs must be fronted by the renter and UDC will not dedicate any funds to their renovation. Costs/rents are similar to rents in the area. Will follow-up with specific rent rates.
 - Mom's Organic Market: Mom's is running into issues with the Commission of Fine Arts on signage size. Build-out is progressing.

Van Ness Main Street

Not present

- Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR)
 - Not present
- Representative from Councilmember Matt Frumin's Office
 - CM Frumin has conducted budget engagement activities and drafted a budget priority letter.
 - CM Frumin will introduce a resolution to establish a commission to more accurately represent DC's history in the 250th anniversary
 - CM Frumin has introduced legislation to create a Business Improvement District in Friendship Heights.
 - Constituent commented on DCHA's over-payment of rent for housing voucher recipients. Would like to see CM Frumin address this issue in the future.
- Other updates
 - None

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

- ANC 3F Public Safety Update from Second District, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Lieutenant Ollivierre (7:39pm - 8:00pm)
 - Relayed the statistics from DC crime cards for PSA 203 (includes ANC 3F) comparing to the same time period last year
 - o Incidental calls that are not crimes are not reported in these statistics
 - Constituent commented on threatening behavior and a warrant for an individual in the Connecticut House (4500 Connecticut Ave NW), Anthony Hall and Lieutenant Ollivierre commented on potential next steps and best practices for situations that might not be a crime but involve someone in mental distress.
 - If an officer gets on the scene, they may call for a CIO, or crisis intervention officer. If there is no crime, MPD will contact the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and potentially their Community Response Team (CRT). CIO is under MPD, the CRT is under DBH.
- DC Water Update (8:01pm-8:21pm)
 - Mitchell Baer introduced DC Water and gave an overview of the presentation's topics.
 - DC Water presented on the specific schedules and placement of CIPP trucks and other potential heavy equipment of concern to the community.
 - Advice and direction on reforestation and introduction of plants once the project is done has been provided by the National Park Service
 - Please view the presentation section for details, link here.

- DC Water commented on the reason for delays for the project and details regarding new tree removal.
- Department of Behavioral Health Community Response Team (CRT), Anthony Hall, LICSW,LCSW-C, Director (8:22pm - 8:42pm)
 - Gave a thorough overview of DBH and its Community Response Team, and its locations. Presentation and discussion is content heavy, please view the beginning of Anthony Hall's presentation at the link here.
 - A constituent proposed a question on the provision of Narcan to apartment buildings on an official basis.
 - Anthony.Hall@dc.gov, DC Access hotline 1-888-793-4357 24/7 telephone support system, the hotline can provide information on mental health service providers.

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

- BZA Permit, special exception to construct rear addition to attached two story house at 5042 Nebraska, Case #20839 (8:43pm -8:53pm)
 - Applicants presented on a request for relief from lot occupancy, the 10-foot rule, and side-yard relief for the rowhouse that exists in the R2 zone. The applicant has obtained support from neighbors for relief from the 10-foot rule and lot occupancy.
 - Teri Huet motioned to approve the permit, Courtney Carlson seconded, all voted aye 6-0-0.
- Resolution on an opportunity for DC government to acquire Whittle School Campus at 3400 International Drive, NW with introduction from Eric Goulet, Ward 3 District of Columbia State Board of Education (8:54pm - 9:10pm)
 - Eric Goulet gave a presentation on the resolution to support DC Public Schools' acquiring the Whittle School to convert into a DC public school.
 - James Tandaric presented the resolution's text.
 - Constituents questioned its impact on property values, traffic, and CM Frumin's ideas for affordable housing on the lot.
 - James Tandaric motioned to approve the resolution, Teri Huet seconded.
 All voted aye 6-0-0.

IX. Adjournment