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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
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3F03 – Mitchell Baer, Treasurer
3F04 – Claudette David, Chair
3F05 – James Tandaric, Vice Chair
3F06 – Courtney Carlson



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Public Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2023
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 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.

ITEM	VOTE	KEYWORDS
1. Approval of Agenda and Amendment	5-0-0	
2. Approval of ANC Minutes for April 18th, 2023	5-0-0	
3. Approval of ANC 3F Quarterly Report	5-0-0	
4. Approval of Expense for Website Maintenance	5-0-0	
5. Resolution on Murch Budget	5-0-0	

Welcome **(7:00pm)**

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

Roll Call **(7:02 pm)**

I. Adoption of the May 16, 2023 ANC 3F meeting agenda (7:03pm)

- Amended to add the Murch budget resolution, passed 5-0-0.
- Lieutenant Olivier added to the Agenda
- Better Bus canceled

II. Approval of ANC 3F meeting minutes for April 18th, 2023 (7:04pm)

- Meeting minutes approved passed 5-0-0

III. Approval of ANC 3F Quarterly Report

Passed 5-0-0

IV. Approval of Expense for Website Maintenance

- Discussion of the expense and whether it is for retroactive payment of maintenance and going forward
- Payment would have been for both
- Motion to table this item, 5-0-0

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

- ANC 3F01 - Ryan Cudemus-Brunoli:
 - None
- ANC 3F02 - Teri Huet:
 - Housing committee meeting will happen June 6th, 3pm
- ANC 3F03 - Mitchell Baer:
 - None
- ANC 3F04 - Claudette David:
 - Not present
- ANC 3F05 - James Tandaric:
 - Explained that the website is down and our work to resolve that
 - CAC DDOT Committee appointments: Courtney Carlson and Bob Deyling
- ANC 3F06 - Courtney Carlson:
 - ANCs containing Murch schoolchildren have passed the resolution to support funding for additional professionals/staff, funding has been approved
 - Better Bus canceled, but the new bus routes will change what we are used to for Connecticut Ave buses
 - New green infrastructure on Broad Branch watershed more here: <https://broadbranchandspringvalley.ddot.dc.gov/>
 - Compass Coffee still interested in the Burger King space and the owner will work with our community to manage traffic concerns

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

- Streets & Sidewalks
 - Paul Harrison:

- Met May 9th for a walk around Albemarle and Connecticut Ave
 - Discussed issues with line to the car wash and its impact on pedestrians
 - Presented on conflict areas between pedestrians and auto traffic near the intersection of Albemarle and Connecticut Ave and how to approach DDOT to improve conditions at the intersection and the entrance to Soapstone
- Parks & Watersheds
 - Mitch Baer: Committee will be meeting in the next few months
- Schools & Universities
 - Will be encouraging UDC, in light of its new president, to address some community desires
 - Updates regarding the busing resolution passed last meeting regarding OSSE
- Housing & Neighborhoods
 - Last meeting March 14th, next meeting June 6th, will include discussion about shopping carts and the carwash line
 - Giant will attend the meeting

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

- University of the District of Columbia
 - Juanita Gray:
 - Not present
- Van Ness Main Street
 - Gloria Garcia
 - Not present
- Representative from Councilmember Matt Frumin's Office
 - Snow shoveling application / waiver available online
 - Metro is running most frequent service on redline in 6 years, headways are 6 minutes at rush hour
 - If you have constituent needs please sign up for the newsletter
 - Question from Teri Huet
 - Is there a list of all the buses that will be removed from service as a part of the Better Bus initiative?
 - What about buses that connect Ward 3 with Wards 7 and 8?
 - Answer: Better Bus initiative draft will keep routes that already exist but in a changed form, it is difficult to compare past routes to the proposed routes. L2 and H4 services facing changes, L1 will not be reinstated.
 - Constituents can share comments and concerns about Better Bus here: <https://betterbus.wmata.com/share> and to Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin here: cdamiana@dccouncil.gov , contact Christian Damiana.

- MOCR Matthew Barclay
 - Provided updates from the Mayor's office on events in the district and her testimony to Congress, copy and pasted below message into chat:

Announcements from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
 Matthew Barclay – Ward 3 MOCRS
 202-340-7853
 Matthew.barclay@dc.gov

Mayor Bowser Testified in Front of Congress Today.
 You can read her full testimony here. <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-sets-record-straight-about-washington-dc-committee-hearing>
 Public Safety and Justice Summit
 Mayor Bowser held a Public Safety and Justice Summit on 5/10/23.
 You can re-watch at Mayor Bowser's twitter link here.
<https://twitter.com/MayorBowser/status/1656352113235042304?s=20>

DOB new director
 Mayor Bowser announced a new Acting Director of the Department of Buildings, Brian Hanlon. Director Hanlon enters this role with 35 years of private and public sector experience. His extensive and relevant skillset makes him an excellent addition. We look forward to the work ahead.

DPR's Walking Club
 We know how important it is for our residents of all ages to stay active, and it's even better when surrounded by community.
 We invite our seniors to enjoy the springtime and get moving with DPR's Walking Club Join DPR's Senior Walk Club for regular group walks to encourage health and activity. Register - <https://seniorwalkclub.splashthat.com/>
 Sat May 20th Oxon Run Park
 Wed, May 31st, Marvin Gaye Park
 Sat, June 10th, Marvin Gaye Park

DPR's Early Bird Hype
 Across all 8 wards, our seniors are starting the party early in preparation for #SeniorFest at the end of the month. Senior Fest May 31st, 2023
 Join the pre-party and experience the HYPE <http://earlybirdhype.splashthat.com>

Events DC
 Passport DC is a month-long journey around the world highlighting DC's thriving international diplomatic community and its lively and varied culture. Celebrated annually in May, which is International Cultural Awareness Month in Washington, Passport DC is 31 days of programming by embassies and some of DC's very best cultural institutions.
<https://eventsdc.com/passport-dc?linkId=212985116>
 Fiesta Asia! – May 20th

Veterans Career Fair and Networking Event Series
 DC veterans, spouses, and transitioning service members, we are back with our Veterans Career Fair and Networking Event Series!
 When: Thursday, May 18 at 9:30 AM
 Where: DOES Headquarters (4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE,

Washington DC 20019)
To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/3M4On99
#Veterans

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!
DC Public Library is hosting MOAPIA's annual "Foodelicious Night" as part of the 2023. #AAPIHM celebrations!
Special guest:
Chef Peter Chang, Chang Chan
Chef Seng Luangrath, Thip Khao
May 22 | 6:30PM | MLK Library
Register: dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8473197

Brighten up your neighborhood with DPW's Helping Hand Program!
Organize a clean-up event, borrow tool kits, including rakes, brooms, shovels, and trash bags, and get free compost.
Apply: call 311 or visit <https://dpw.dc.gov/helpinghand>

MPD is Hiring - where you can grow your career, be supported, get high-quality training, and receive a \$25K hiring bonus.
Attend their hiring event and complete multiple steps of the process in just one day:
Saturday, May 20 9AM
<http://JoinMPD.dc.gov>

- Question from Mitch Baer regarding Wilson Aquatic Center and when it will reopen
 - Christian Damiana answered: Wilson had difficulty reopening due to inspections, update from a few weeks ago is that the Department of Health had to reinspect the facility and it has not done so. HVAC needs to be replaced at Wilson, short term solution needs to support facility until the replacement is installed in 6-9 months.

- Iona Health Services, holistic senior care services
 - Pleasance Silicki present as community outreach, psilicki@iona.org , help line: Helpline (202) 895-9448
 - Gave an overview of the services that Iona Health provides in the area

- Lieutenant Ollivierre, MPD marlon.ollivierre@dc.gov
 - PSA 203 report
 - Presented on Crime Cards
 - Large increase in theft from autos, 23 this year, 6 last year
 - Flash mob robbery at CVS, regional loss prevention working with MPD
 - 3 robberies and store burglary in past 30 days, one firearm robbery
 - Will be handing out fliers and will have increased presence in the area

- Courtney Carlson:
 - Described a situation where she arrived recently after a theft from auto, what should citizens do? Should we call the police non-emergency number or helping to clean up after one. What are the steps we should do?
 - Answer: If it's happening in real-time, call 911, if the thieves are gone, MPD will write the report on behalf of the victim
 - Courtney Carlson:
 - Question about flash mob, is it copycat crime, or an organized group that is going around the city?
 - Answer: Very few copycat crimes, it appears to be a team, using stolen vehicles, around 6 individuals.
 - James Tandaric
 - Security guards now present at CVS where flashmob occurred
 - Mental health support: A constituent has been arrested multiple times for walking in the middle of the street. What proactive efforts are there for someone experiencing this mental distress?
 - Answer: Crisis intervention officers can call DBH while on scene and DBH will give guidance on what to do.
 - Courtney Carlson
 - To Matthew Barclay, how does the Mayor's new proposal affect the potential for arrests on crime in our neighborhood?
 - Matthew Barclay: Will have to get back on that.
 - <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-announces-new-safer-stronger-dc-legislation>
 - Lieutenant: If theft is under \$100 CVS won't call police, if flash mob is gone within 6 minutes, they are gone before MPD can arrive
 - Constituent question about increased MPD presence
 - Lieutenant, will have more focused policing and present in areas that have frequent crime. When not on assignment, will walk the beat in the more affected areas.
 - Teri Huet:
 - Confirmed focused policing is already taking place, at night MPD is more often present along the Connecticut Ave corridor. A more general area than specific stores.
 - Lieutenant: If crime already occurred, still can call 911 and they will direct the call accordingly
- Other Updates

- Concerns from constituent at Van Ness East building where two side of the street parking causes car accidents and restricts access to the buildings, can cause injury
- Mary Beth Tinker
 - Questions about revised UDC campus plan, June 2021 testified at zoning commission about UDC campus master plan raising concerns about changes to the green space.
 - Zoning commission approved the campus plan, and did not mention the demolition of Building 41, the library
 - ANC demand of UDC garden club and other community input not being involved
 - Zoning commission required this input as a part of the campus plan, yet no input has occurred or been requested
 - Would like to know if community outreach has occurred or not, concerned whether students and community has been meaningfully included
- Kesh Ladduwahetty
 - Present also as a member of the UDC community garden club, confused how the project can be funded in the budget when the zoning commission has not approved demolition yet
 - Concerned that the environmental review has not been concluded yet, budget says it will finish by June 1st, 2023.

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

- Office of Campaign Finance, DC BOE
 - Belinda Perry presenting
 - Gave an overview of OCF and the details of the Fair Elections Program
 - Every single dollar donated by a DC citizen is matched x5
 - In order for candidates to qualify, have to demonstrate a certain amount of small dollar donors to be certified
- DC Street Lighting Project, DDOT, Ashley Wells
 - Covering new lighting projects across the District that will include changes to Ward 3
 - Currently in Outreach and Engagement phase, view presentation for more details
 - Ward 3 construction will occur likely after September 2023, likely 1000 lights in ANC 3F, all lighting work should finish after May 2024
 - Environmental impacts have been considered in the design and implementation of the new streetlights

- Community question on temperature of the lights
 - Contract is specific and requires 2700 kelvin and 3000 kelvin lights
- WMATA Better Bus Initiative of Proposed New Routes Along Connecticut Ave, NW\
 - Not present
- DC Water Update
 - Mitch Baer, requested DC to focus on the bypass plans
 - Next meeting will allow DC Water to present on data related to the shots
 - View recording for full presentation
 - Constituent concerned that Styrene appeared in the report for material used for liner
 - Why is styrene present when DC Water promised that they would not use that chemical
 - Styrene is only present when they open the probe, DOEE is satisfied with DC Water's work so far, DC Water will follow up next meeting to explain presence of styrene. All levels are below the action levels set by DOEE

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 pm