

ANC 3D Annual Report 2019 (January 2019 - November 2019)

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D ("Commission", "ANC3D") is located in Northwest DC. It contains the neighborhoods of Wesley Heights, Spring Valley, Palisades, Kent, Foxhall Village, and Berkley. ANC3D holds public meetings open to every member of the community to discuss issues affecting the area, share information, and make policy recommendations to city decision-makers. The Commission has ten members, each representing about 2,000 residents in the community. 2019 brought many new faces to ANC 3D. There were 4 commissioners returning to the Commission: Chuck Elkins (3D01), Troy Kravitz (3D02), Michael Sriqui (3D04), and Taylor Berlin (3D07). New Commissioners were Paige Ela (3D03), Alan Karnofsky (3D05), Virginia Gorsevski (3D06), Christine Warnke (3D08), J.P. Szymkowicz (3D09), and Jeremy Del Moral (3D10; sworn-in September 2019). New officers were elected: Chuck Elkins as Chair, Paige Ela as Vice-Chair, Alan Karnofsky as Secretary, and Michael Sriqui as Treasurer for January through June 2019 then Taylor Berlin for July through December 2019. The Commission passed minor amendments to our by-laws in February 2019.

In 2019, ANC3D meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month except for April and July when our meetings were held on the second Wednesday of the month and for August when no meeting was held. In 2019, all meetings for ANC3D were held at Wesley Theological Seminary. The schedule of ANC3D meetings is announced at the beginning of the year and the date of the next meeting is posted on the official ANC3D website, www.anc3d.org, along with the proposed agenda for the next meeting, which is shared at least a week in advance via the website and local listservs. The Commission invites residents to suggest agenda items for future public meetings and each public meeting includes time for "Community Concerns and Updates" in which anyone can raise issues, make comments, and ask questions.

ANC3D shared the detailed minutes from each meeting on the website after they were approved. Furthermore, a copy of the recording of the meeting is posted on the website and for many of the meetings, an unofficial transcript of the recording is also posted. Copies of official resolutions are posted, along with quarterly financial reports, the ANC annual budget, meeting dates, grants and guidelines for making grants.

When not meeting, the ten commissioners consult with constituents, participate in local and city-wide meetings on issues affecting the Commission area, share information about emerging issues, and are available to answer questions and help resolve concerns of residents. In the past year, the Commissioners have paid particular attention to transportation, including improving the condition of streets and sidewalks, and attending to areas where pedestrian and traffic safety are particular concerns.

The Commission invites representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Second District to each meeting to present local crime statistics and discuss public safety issues of interest to the Commission area, including traffic safety. In 2019, compared to 2018, total violent crime increased from 3 (January 1 to October 20, 2018) to 10 (January 1 to October 20, 2019). However,



total property crime decreased from 233 (January 1 to October 20, 2018) to 203 (January 1 to October 20, 2019).

The city allocated to ANC3D \$22,497 in appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2019 (ending September 30, 2019) and \$26,563 in Fiscal year 2020 (ending September 30, 2020). The Commission does not have an office but does have one contractor who provides administrative services.

Organizations are invited to apply for grants throughout the year. An awarded grantee must submit a report within 60 days of the disbursement of funds that details the disbursement of the funds they have received and a description of the progress they have made with the funds. In 2019, the Commission approved 2 grants totaling \$3,060 to two groups, Iona Senior Services and the Palisades Village. Iona Senior Services used their allotment to distribute 1,000 sets of File of Life materials to individuals to make it easier for first responders to provide appropriate treatment and reach emergency contacts in a medical emergency. The Palisades Village used their requested allotment to acquire a contract with Helpful Villages for data migration and technological upgrades so that they could serve the community more effectively.

In addition, the Commission organized two panel discussions to present and discuss information to the community on important issues within our commission: overcrowding of public schools in Ward 3 and the use of the Old Hardy school by the current occupant, The Lab School; and on 5G installation. Other presentations from district agencies and councilmembers in 2019 included:

- Changes in Right Care, Right Now program by DC Fire and EMS (February 2019)
- Winter Operations by the Department of Public Works (DPW) (February 2019)
- Trolley Trail Feasibility Study <u>Presentation</u> by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) (February 2019)
- Discussion with Councilmember Mary Cheh (March 2019)
- <u>Presentation</u> about the Marine Corps Marathon (March 2019). ANC3D <u>approved</u> the Marathon route (March 2019)
- Discussion with Councilmember David Grosso (April 2019)
- Discussion with Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) Director Ernest Chrappah (May 2019)
- <u>Discussion</u> with DC Water on lead service line replacement assistance legislation (May 2019)
- Discussion with Deputy Director Michael Carter of DPW (June 2019)
- Presentation from the Office of Campaign Finance on the Public Financing Program (September 2019)
- <u>Presentation</u> by DOEE on run-off control at the Palisades Recreation Center (September 2019)
- Presentation from the Urban Forestry Division of DDOT (plus Casey Trees) (October 2019)



Between January 1, 2019, and November 30, 2019, the Commission voted to approve many official actions, including resolutions on city policy matters; letters were sent to city officials and Councilmembers advising them on proposed policies or requesting specific actions to meet community interests; and resolutions supporting local community activities. Below is a list of items taken up by ANC3D in 2019. They are separated into categories by either the corresponding agency in which an official letter was sent or by topic. There is a link to the corresponding resolution or relevant document(s) as well as a note to the corresponding month in which the item was considered and voted upon.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA):

- <u>Letter</u> to ABRA commenting on a concern raised by the "Group of 30" about Millie's restaurant (February 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to ABRA to protest a <u>petition</u> to amend or terminate the Settlement Agreement between Golden Eagle doing business as Al Dente Restaurant (May 2019). A new Settlement Agreement with Golden Eagle was signed in June 2019 and accepted by ABRA.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) cases:

- <u>Letter</u> to the Board of Zoning Adjustment Case Number 17944A for The Lab School of Washington to request continuation to operate its school at 4470 Q Street NW from September 30,2019 to December 31, 2023. Notably, we wished the school to operate only until August 31, 2023 should their lease not be extended so that students are not displaced in the middle of a school year (September 2019). The BZA included the August 31, 2023 date in its action.
- Special Exception Case 20071 for 5405 Sherier Place, NW (June 2019).
- Special Exception Case 20043 for 4505 Foxhall Crescent, NW (June 2019).
- Special Exception Case 20036 for 4844 Reservoir Road, NW (June 2019).
- Special Exception Case 20049 for 5011 Garfield Street NW (July 2019).

DCRA:

• <u>Letter</u> to DCRA to allow Boathouse restaurant time to resolve seating capacity issues (July 2019).

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR):

- <u>Letter</u> to DPR in support of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association's application to create a fenced-in, off-leash Dog Park in the outdoor area near the Hardy Recreation Center (June 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to DPR asking that the lease renewal for Maret School use of Jelleff Recreation Center be reopened for evaluation (September 2019).
- Letter to DPR in support of renaming the Hardy Recreation Center (November 2019).

DPW:

• <u>Letter</u> to DPW to support a third leaf collection in the far northwestern neighborhoods west of Massachusetts Avenue, NW and north of Glover-Archbold Park (March 2019).



• <u>Letter</u> to DPW expressing concern and questions regarding DPW's Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (October 2019).

DDOT:

- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT on important infrastructure matters the ANC would like to see executed in the upcoming year. (February 2019).
- DDOT proposed to place a Traffic Light at the intersection of Arizona and Loughboro. The Commission, with much community input, <u>urged DDOT</u> not to move forward with this project (February 2019). The proposal from DDOT was withdrawn.
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT supporting increased bicycle infrastructure in and around ANC 3D (March 2019). A Notice of Intent for bicycle infrastructure along Nebraska Avenue between 42nd Street and Ward Circle has been issued by DDOT.
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT in support traffic calming measures on University Terrace and Chain Bridge Road (May 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT to support Residential Parking Permit for a resident with a disability (June 2019). A disable parking space dedicated to the resident was installed.
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT to remove two parking spaces on Fordham Street to increase vehicular and pedestrian safety (June 2019). The Department will be removing one space and making other safety improvements to the area.
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT requesting status updates regarding Kent Corner Traffic Calming Plan (June 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT to support Notice of Intent for construction of a sidewalk adjacent to the French Embassy (July 2019).
- Resolution to DDOT on their suggestions form the Rock Creek Far West Livability Study (September 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT in support of the installation of an additional sidewalk width along Nebraska Avenue, NW between 42nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue (September 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> in support of a bikeshare station located at Hardy Recreation Center (September 2019).
- In October 2019, a <u>Special Committee</u> was created to deal with matters concerning potential transportation-related changes from DDOT on Dalecarlia Parkway (October 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to DDOT approving MedStar Georgetown University's Hopsital request to extend parking restrictions on the south side of Reservoir Road during morning rush hour until the expected completion of the project (2023) (October 2019).
- <u>Comments</u> on DDOT's Terms and Conditions for Dockless Bikes and Scooters for 2020 (October 2019) and testimony before the Committee on Transportation and Environment, November 4, 2019.
- Public Space Applications:
 - o 329481 for 4241 Hawthorne Street, NW (June 2019).
 - o 326893 for 4300 Massachusetts Avenue, NW (June 2019).
 - o 333065 for 4014 49th Street, NW (July 2019).
 - o 333310 for 4891 MacArthur Blvd, NW (September 2019).
 - o 334965 for 5024 Dana Place, NW (September 2019).



- o 334909 for 5017 Eskridge Terrace, NW (September 2019).
- o 335353 for 2105 Foxhall Road, NW (September 2019).

Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB):

- Letter to HPRB with no objection of the renovation of 4419 Q Street NW (January 2019)
- <u>Letter</u> to HPRB in support of an application for historic designation of the Hillcrest/National Presbyterian Church Historic District (September 2019). Historic designation was granted.

Zoning Commission cases:

- Zoning Case 19-10 Valor "Lady Bird" project endorsed by ANC 3D <u>letter</u> to the Zoning Commission (September 2019). Currently scheduled for Zoning Commission vote on November 18, 2019.
- <u>Letter</u> to the Zoning Commision supporting Wesley Seminary's request for a campus plan extension (September 2019). The requested campus plan extension was granted.

Other:

- The Commission <u>supported</u> American University's request for extended work hours at their Science Building through July 2019 (January 2019). Extended work hours were granted with no reported impact on the surrounding community.
- The Commission sent <u>letters</u> to each Councilmember advocating for public education use of the Old Hardy building due to general overcrowding in Ward 3 schools (March 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to Councilmember Cheh encouraging the Council to take up B23-0146, the Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2019 (April 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> supporting Georgetown University's request for an after-hours work permit to facilitate construction of the East-West Road project (May 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to National Park Service asking them to work with DDOT on improved access to Fletcher's Boathouse and the C&O Canal National Historic Park (June 2019).
- <u>Letter</u> to extend the Georgetown University after hours work permit to October 31, 2019 (September 2019).
- <u>Settlement Agreement</u> with Pizza Paradiso (July 2019).

This Annual Report was approved by the Commission by a vote of X-X at a duly-noticed public meeting on November 6, 2019, at which a quorum was present.

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