

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D

Government of the District of Columbia



ANC 3D Annual Report 2020 (January 2020 - November 2020)

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. 2020 Commissioners of the respective Single Member District (SMD) include: Chuck Elkins (3D01), Troy Kravitz (3D02), Paige Ela (3D03), Michael Sriquei (3D04), Alan Karnofsky (3D05), Virginia Gorsevski (3D06), Taylor Berlin (3D07, January-August, September-December Delegate), Christine Warnke (3D08), J.P. Szymkowicz (3D09), and Jeremy Del Moral (3D10). New officers were elected: Chuck Elkins as Chair, Paige Ela as Vice-Chair, Jeremy Del Moral as Secretary, Christine Warnke as Assistant Secretary, and Troy Kravitz as Treasurer.

The Commission passed minor amendments to our by-laws in September 2020. The amendment is designed to appoint a delegate to represent a constituency or interest, that does not otherwise have representation, in meetings of the Commission. Such delegate may serve for 1 year and be reappointed by the Commission. The delegate shall have the right to author and introduce motions at Commission meetings but must be seconded by two Commissioners. The delegate shall have the right to be recognized by the Chair to participate in discussions among Commissioners but shall not have the right to vote and shall not count towards the quorum.

In 2020, ANC3D meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month except for January when our meeting was held on the second Wednesday of the month and August when no meeting was held. In October a special meeting was held to discuss the development of the old Safeway site and the American University Campus Plan. In 2020, due to COVID-19 and DC quarantining requirements all meetings after February 2020 were conducted via Zoom Conference. 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. In an effort to



promote transparency and community participation, whenever possible resolutions were posted to the website ahead of the meeting so community members could comment directly on the particular wording at the meeting.

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 2020, compared to 2019, total violent crime decreased from 10 (January 1 to October 20, 2019) to 0 (January 1 to October 20, 2020). Total property crime increased from 204 (January 1 to October 20, 2019) to 220 (January 1 to October 20, 2020) or 7.8%. The increase in property crime came from auto theft increasing 9.2% to 130 thefts in 2020.

The city allocated to ANC3D \$26,563 in appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2020 (ending September 30, 2020) and in Fiscal year 2021 (ending September 30, 2021) the budget remained at \$26,563. 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 2020, the Commission approved 3 grants totaling \$5,000 to three groups, Palisades Village, Ward 3 Mutual Aid and Friendship Place. Palisades Village used the grant to respond to the changing work environment that was created by COVID-19 with the purchase of a laptop and technical support for remote telework. Ward 3 Mutual Aid used the grant to support Ward 3 residents who cannot safely shop with groceries and personal protective equipment for the volunteers delivering the groceries. Friendship Place used the grant to support people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness with diapers, pull-ups, wipes, baby hygiene, feminine hygiene, and toiletries.

In addition, the Commission organized several panel discussions to present and discuss information to the community on important issues within our commission, topics included:

- [Presentation](#) about the Marine Corps Marathon (January 2020). ANC3D [approved](#) the Marathon route (January 2020)
- [Presentation](#) by Trammell Crow regarding the Safeway site (March 2020)



- Discussion with Council Member Robert White
- Briefing on the [Framework](#) for American University's next Campus Plan including an overview of the [AU Community Partnership](#) (July 2020)
- Discussion on digging in your yard safely with PEPCO
- [Presentation](#) from American University on its reopening plan (July 2020)
- [Presentation](#) on the DC November Ballot Initiative 81 (September 2020)
- [Presentation](#) on the Storm water Improvements at the Palisades Recreational Center (Cecillia Lane, DDOE)

Between January 1, 2020, and November 30, 2020, 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 2020. They are separated into categories by the Commissioner proposing the resolution and the resulting actions. 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.

Resolutions with multiple Commissioners contributing:

Dalecarlia Parkway Committee and Final Report

- ANC formed a special committee in response to some unpopular proposed changes to Dalecarlia Parkway (would close two lanes to car traffic in favor of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure).
- Committee formed by the ANC produced a [very good report](#) on the subject, which was [accepted by the ANC](#).
- DDOT dropped the proposal, a total victory for the ANC.
- Dalecarlia Committee led to the creation of a general Transportation Committee, which advises the ANC on traffic and transportation issues.
- [Resolution](#) asking for curb extensions for crosswalk at New Mexico and Lowell.
 - DDOT repainted the intersection and installed new flex posts, but no curb extension.

Resolutions offered by a particular Commissioner:

Kravitz (3D02):

- [Resolution](#) opposing bill that would restrict contributions by PTAs.
 - Relates to [Bill 23-569](#). The DC Council has taken no action on this bill after a public hearing.
- [Resolution](#) was passed commenting on some inadequacies in the Comprehensive Plan.



- ANC's resolution was made part of the official record and the comprehensive plan was revised in response to public comment.
- [Resolution](#) regarding need for crossing guard at Nebraska and Rockwood Parkway.
- [Resolution](#) proposing to close alley at Spring Valley Village temporarily to allow expansion of restaurant seating.
 - Request granted as part of DC's Streatery program.
- [Resolution](#) to DDOT urging roadways to be temporarily closed for recreation and exercise during pandemic.

Szymkowicz (3D09):

- [Resolution](#) requesting increases to car insurance minimums.
- [Resolution](#) requesting City Council to expand geographic area for which ANCs can give grants.
 - DC Council passed a bill granted ANCs more flexibility for grant making.
- [Resolution](#) regarding issues with absentee ballots during recent primary election
- [Resolution](#) regarding improving 911 operators' ability to locate callers.
 - A positive [Response](#) received from Office of Unified Communications

Sriqui (3D04):

- [Resolution](#) opposing elimination of D5 Bus route.
 - No permanent changes have been made to D5 bus route.
- [Resolution](#) opposing planting of trees on Potomac Ave due to obstruction of views.
- [Resolution](#) supporting Capital Crescent Trail access point near Arizona Ave and Canal Road.

Karnofsky (3D05):

- [Resolution](#) opposing redevelopment plan for 2700 Chain Bridge Road.

Elkins (3D01):

- [Resolution](#) requesting DDOT widen the sidewalk temporarily along MacArthur Blvd to allow safer walking during the pandemic.
- [Letter](#) to the Mayor regarding testing for Coronavirus in sewage
 - DC is now doing this testing.
- [Resolution](#) regarding DDOT's Slow Streets Initiative
 - Sherier Place was designated as a Slow Street

This Annual Report was approved by the Commission at a duly-noticed public meeting on November 4, 2020, at which a quorum was present.

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ANC 3D Commissioners for 2020:

Chuck Elkins, 3D01, Chairman

Paige Ela, 3D03, Vice-Chair

Jeremy Del Moral, 3D10, Secretary

Troy Kravitz 3D02, Treasurer

Michael Sriqui, 3D04

Alan Karnofsky 3D05

Virginia Gorsevski, 3D06

Taylor Berlin (3D07, January-August; September-December Delegate)

Christine Warnke, 3D08

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