



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3D
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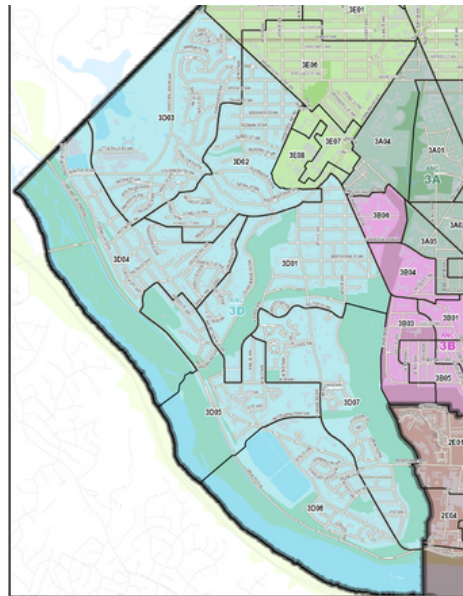
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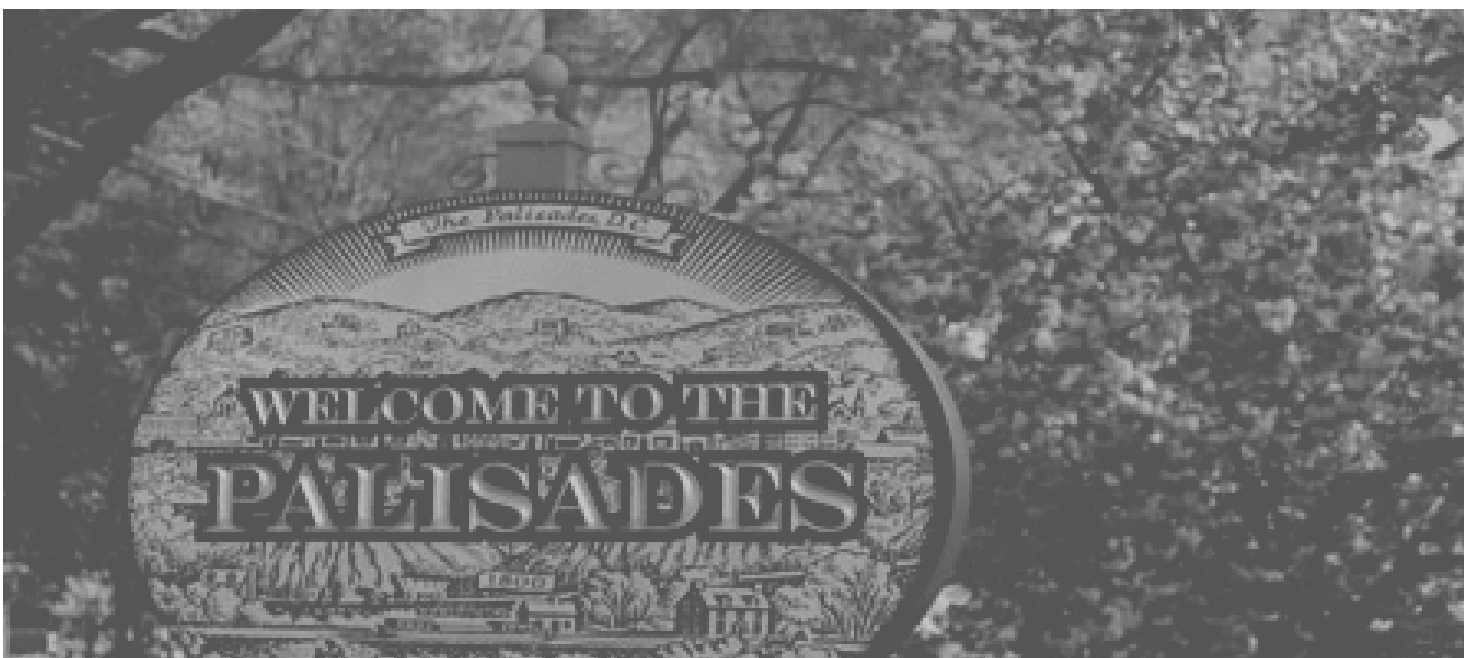
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Map of ANC 3D and Single Member
District Boundaries



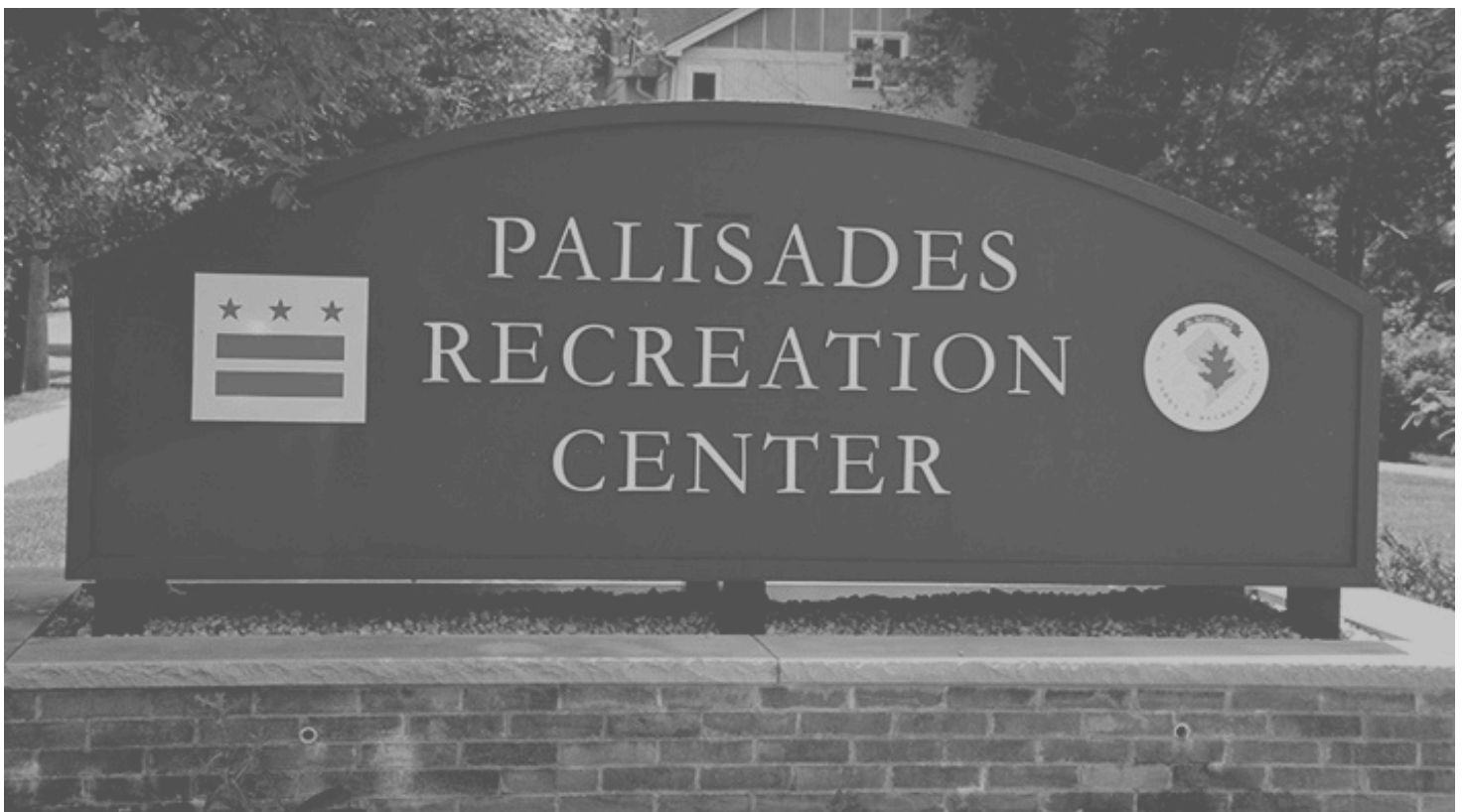
14,000+ Residents Served

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 seven members, each representing about 2,000 residents in the community.

ANC 3D meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month. The date of the next meeting is posted on the ANC3D website along with the proposed agenda for the next meeting. ANC 3D invites residents to comment on current agenda items and submit additional agenda items for future public meetings.



INTRODUCTION

The 2024 term was a productive one for ANC 3D. We started the year with a list of priorities that were approved at our January 10, 2024 meeting, which included transportation safety improvements, increased frequency of our bus service, bicycle infrastructure, improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks, adherence to land use codes and construction, focus on maintaining public space, crime prevention, campaign finance and fair elections enhancements, and preservation of our tree canopy, and we were able to make progress on almost every priority.

Our priorities were ambitious, and we were able to accomplish these goals in addition to the numerous issues that regularly come before the commission. Our top priority, always, is improving our neighborhoods and informing and assisting neighbors in navigating the City's bureaucracy.

All ANC meetings are recorded and transcribed and you can find links to these on our website www.anc3d.org. You can find any meeting by clicking on Recent Meetings and searching for the year and scrolling through the months.

This year ANC3D contracted with District Engage to provide us with an interactive platform to interact with our constituents. District Engage is project-based software that allows the ANC to engage with our constituents on issues relevant to our neighborhoods. The software allows for surveys and polls, but also can collect feedback and ideas from constituents that everyone can view and comment on. The idea is to create a "conversation" through the software as opposed to just receiving feedback one way from neighbors to commissioners.

One such project that garnered over 950 responses was the Better Bus Initiative Project. The ANC was able to use this information to send a very detailed letter to WMATA providing feedback on the bus service within ANC3D. Other projects included the Spring Valley Storm Water project and Foxhall Rd Safety Improvements. This fall we will be using the software to examine the infrastructure and routes to Key Elementary School.



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

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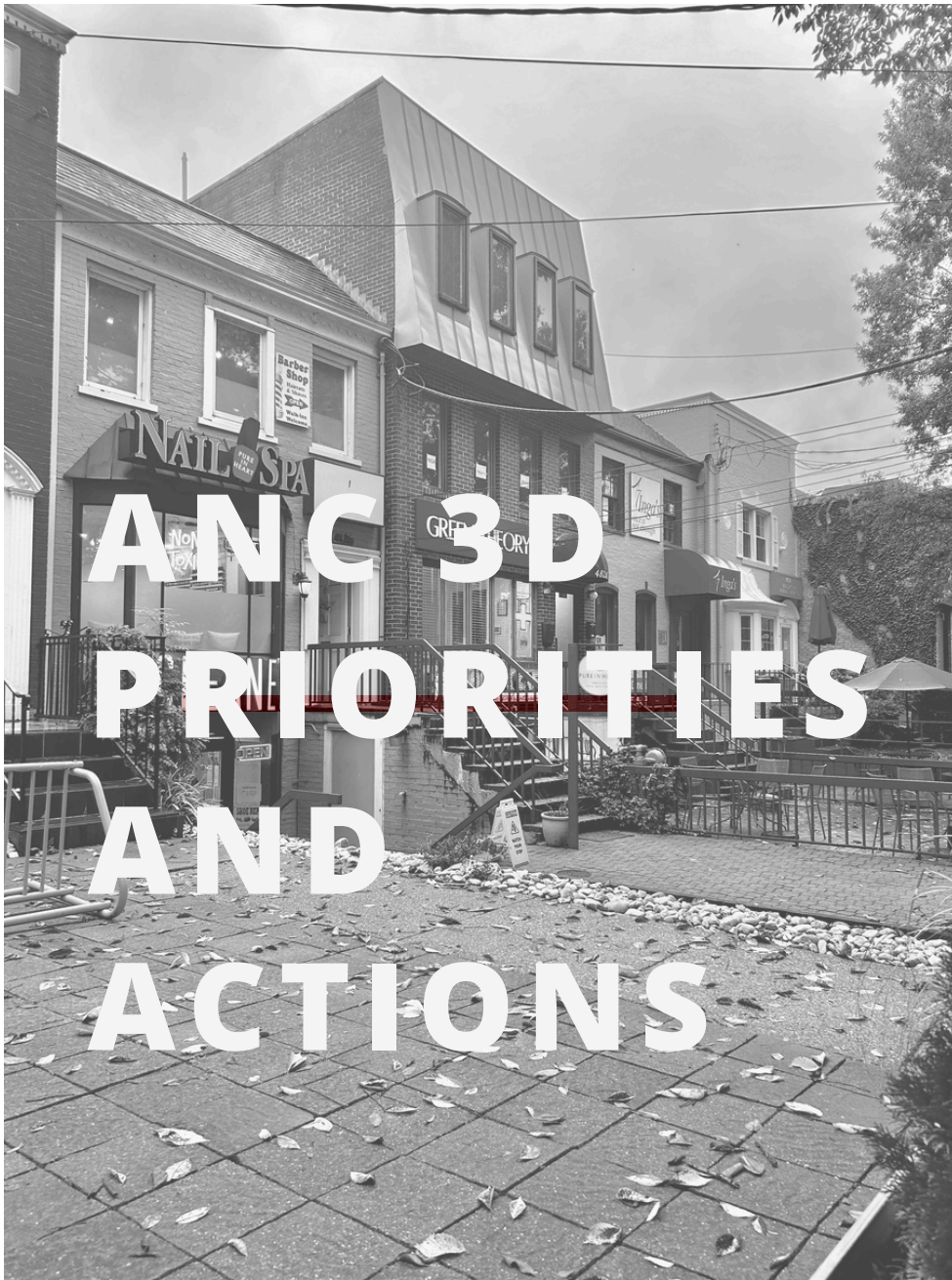
+Former ANC Commissioner

Many of the issues of most interest to ANC3D involve transportation, including vehicle traffic, public transportation, bicycles, pedestrians, and the infrastructure that is needed to support them safely, such as roads, bicycle paths and sidewalks/crosswalks.

These issues typically require attention and advice to city agencies that is more detailed than the Commission is able to provide without some assistance. Thus, ANC3D has a standing Transportation Committee. The membership consists of active residents and Commissioners who care about both the safety and the access to transportation in our neighborhoods.

ANC3D's Transportation Committee was very active during this year. It met 9 times and prepared 11 letters for the ANC to consider at its monthly meetings and to submit to District Agencies and the Council. In the process, the Committee has also developed close working relationships with City officials, especially at DDOT.

Many of the recommendations developed by the Committee have been adopted by the City and the results can be seen in the neighborhood. The two most visible recent results are multiple improvements to New Mexico Ave., NW, and Arizona Ave., NW.



This section highlights ANC 3D's actions on the following topics: **Transportation, Neighborhood Livability, Local Institutions and Informing the Community.** All of our resolutions are linked in each section so you can read exactly what our official actions have been.



A. Making Our Streets and Sidewalks Safer

A major focus of ANC3D has always been the safety of our neighborhood's transportation infrastructure. This year, the Commission undertook major efforts to work with the District Department of Transportation to make a section of Foxhall safer for pedestrians and to help the Department re-design their criteria for which streets that do not have sidewalks should be given priority. The Commission also worked to get a crosswalk near Horace Mann school redesigned so that children and others crossing to the school could do so more safely. Many important safety improvements for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians have been included in the New Mexico Ave., NW, and Arizona Ave., NW, projects.

Transportation Safety Resolutions

[Intersection at Canal Road and Reservoir Road](#)

[Horace Mann Intersection - Letter to DDOT](#)

[ANC 3D Response to DDOT's Letter of Nov. 22, 2023 re: Spring Valley Retrofit Project](#)

[NOI 24-02-TESD Reduce Speed Limit on Nebraska Avenue between Macomb Street NW and Military Road NW](#)

[Alleyway Designation for Dana Place, 3121 Case No. 24-00139697](#)

[311 Case No. 24-00298136 - Cut through traffic on Arizona Avenue](#)

[No Right Turn On Red Public Education Campaign](#)

[Making Roxhall Road Safer for Pedestrians](#)

[Re: Making Foxhall Road Safer for Pedestrians](#)

[RE: Need for a public education and enforcement campaign for the January 1st ban on Right Turn On Red](#)

[NOI#24-214-TESD: Safety Treatment on Foxhall Road](#)



B. Access To Alternative Forms Of Transportation

While vehicles are an important means of transportation in our neighborhoods, many of our residents rely on other forms of transportation, such as buses, bicycles and scooters. This year ANC3D actively pushed for improvements for these other forms of transportation. In particular, the Commission gathered constituents' views and presented them to WMATA about changes that are planned in bus routes serving our neighborhoods. The Commission also worked closely with the Department of Transportation to design and finish the protected bike lanes and other improvements on New Mexico Avenue and Arizona Avenue. ANC3D also testified successfully at the Council's budget hearing for an increase in funding for more rapid repair of tripping hazards on the District's sidewalks.

Transportation Access Resolutions

[DDOT NOI 24-77 Diplomatic Parking on 3200 Block of 44th Street NW](#)

[ANC 3D Comments on Better Bus Initiative](#)

C. Ongoing Projects - Looking Ahead

The Transportation Committee and the ANC are continuing to work on improvements to several problematic intersections on MacArthur Blvd., the DDOT Spring Valley Stormwater/Green Infrastructure Project, bike path connectivity, pedestrian safety improvements and safe routes to school.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY

People who choose to serve as an ANC commissioner have a desire to improve our neighborhoods and to assist our neighbors directly. ANCs work directly with neighbors when they plan additions to their homes that require a zoning variance. We weigh in on public space applications when a new fence or driveway is installed. We review new and renewal liquor licenses for our restaurants in accordance with the City's laws and every new license that is issued within our ANC is accompanied by a Settlement Agreement that holds the license owner accountable.

One of our priorities this year was holding contractors accountable to the city's various zoning laws. We had noticed that time and time again new homes were being built that violated our zoning and public space codes. We began an aggressive effort to set this right and ANC3D took legal action on a number of projects this year.



II. NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY CON'T

A. Public Space, Permitting, Licensing, and Zoning Variances

Many of the actions ANC3D take in this area are constituent led, meaning constituents come before the ANC and ask for approval for a variety of things from building a fence or driveway in public space, putting an addition on their house that needs a zoning variance, or a restaurant looking to renew the liquor license. There are some entities in the City that are required by law to give ANCs "great weight" when considering an application. The bodies we deal with most frequently that fall under this category are the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), the Zoning Commission (ZC), and the Public Space Committee (PSC).

This year ANC3D reviewed the BZA application for 19 new apartment units above Black Coffee. The developer sought relief from the setback requirements and loading dock requirements due to the odd configuration of the building. We spent months negotiating with the developer and informing the neighbors of what the plans are. In the end the developer made many changes after listening to neighbor feedback. In total we reviewed multiple public space permit applications and zoning variances for homeowners, and negotiated settlement agreements for the licenses with Claudio's Table and Green Theory.

Public Space, Permitting, Licensing, and Zoning Variance Resolutions

[2750-2754 Chain Bridge Road PSA](#)

[ANC 3D Response to Stormwater Retrofit NOI](#)

[BZA Case #20946 - 4885 MacArthur Blvd](#)

[Small Door Vet Signage 4301 49th Street](#)

[Spring Valley Stormwater Retrofit Project- Reply to DDPT](#)

[Washington Gas Project Pipes -Rate Hike Opposition](#)

[2825 Hurst Terrace Homew Addition - BZA Application Support](#)

[2828 Hurst Terrace Day Care Parking Relief](#)

[Online Liquor Distribution 5185 MacArthur Blvd](#)

[BZA Application 5009 Weaver Terrace](#)

[Marine Corps Marathon Route](#)

[Extend Work Hours at 4865 MacArthur Boulevard, NW](#)

[BZA Application 21095 - 3210 45th Street NW](#)

[Public Space Application #440912 - Van Ness & 49th Street](#)

[Green Theory Medical Cannabis License #126813](#)

[Acquisition of the Harrington Hotel Site](#)

[DDOT NOI 24-77 Diplomatic Parking on 3200 Block of 44th Street NW](#)

[Liquor License Renewals](#)

[BZA Application 21130 - 5111 Sherier Place NW](#)

[Broad Branch and Spring Valley Storm Waster Retention Installation Project](#)

[BZA Case No. 21147 - 4913 Rodman St, NW](#)

[DOB Permit #B2401650 - AU Construction on DC Government Holidays](#)

II. NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY CON'T

B. Illegal Construction and Problematic Development

Throughout the year, our ANC receives a substantial number of complaints from residents about construction near their homes, especially renovations and new houses. The DC Departments of Buildings (DOB), Transportation (DDOT) and Energy & Environment (DOEE) have authority over such construction and they will usually protect the community when our ANC is able to prove that a developer or contractor has violated city laws or regulations.

Over the past year, the ANC has successfully: prevented the construction of a house that would violate both the side lot and rear lot setback requirements (repeatedly arguing this case before the Board of Zoning Adjustment); forced the redesign of front steps that were improperly built in the public space (arguing this case before the Public Space Committee); helped completely close down construction that was endangering a nearby house; ensured that a tree preservation plan was created and approved before any building began; and obtained multiple "stop work" orders from the DOB. The ANC has also brought matters to the attention of the Zoning Administrator and continues to seek more transparency in the enforcement of an obscure but important rule about renovations called "ZA-10" and in the way front lot setback requirements are interpreted.

Illegal Construction and Problematic Development Resolutions

BZA Appeal for 5122 Cathedral Avenue

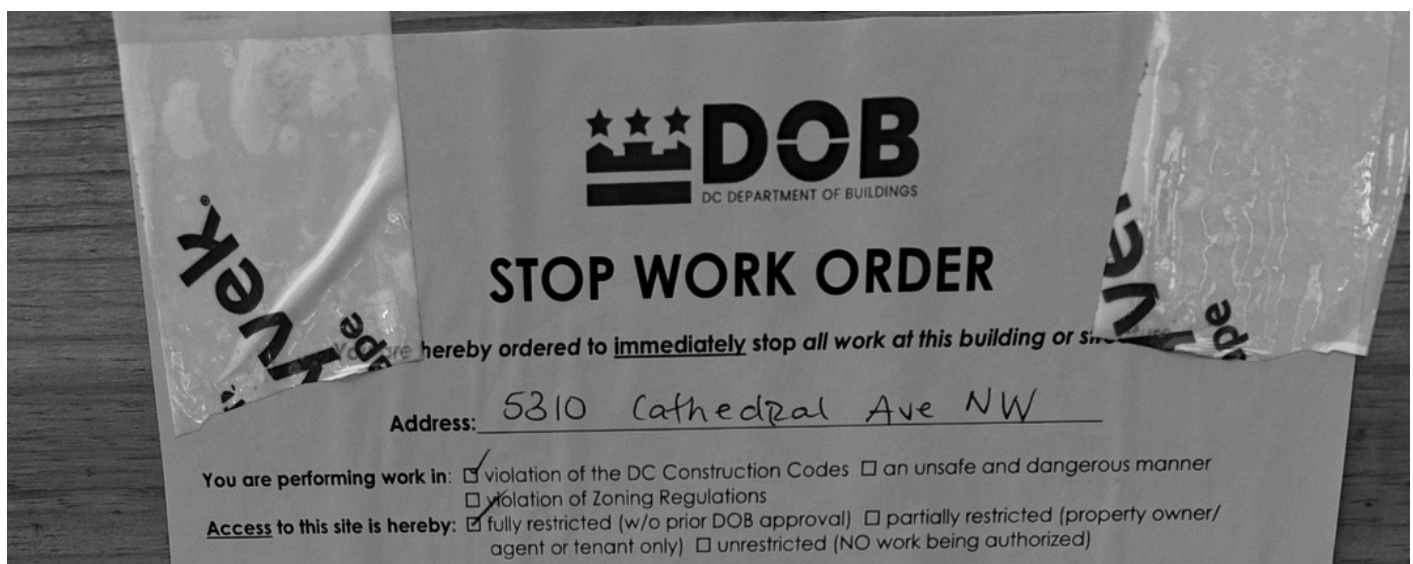
Construction 5017 Eskridge Ter and 5025 Dana Pl

Permit for 5122 Cathedral Avenue NW and Related Policy Issues

Blighted and Vacant Building at 2207 Foxhall Road NW

Public Space Permit # 446388 - 5328 Carolina Place NW

Permit #B2310109 5310 Cathedral Avenue





III. LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

ANC3D is home to many institutions that operate under a Campus Plan. A Campus Plan is a five to ten year plan approved by the Zoning Commission that lays out the development and use plans of institutions. ANCs are given great weight when commenting on any proposed plans of institutions within our border such as George Washington University Mt. Vernon Campus, St. Patrick's Church and Day School, The Lab School of Washington, Sibley Memorial Hospital; and those adjacent to our borders including Georgetown Medstar University and Hospital, Wesley Theological Seminary, and American University. This year ANC 3D weighed in on changes to some Campus Plans such as incorporating a building into St. Patrick's Campus Plan and approving lighting on the softball field at George Washington University.

Most of our time was spent evaluating the project proposed by the Wesley Theological Seminary. The Seminary is seeking to build a modern dormitory that will house American University students along with their own students. The proposal is still before the Zoning Commission. Wesley is proposing a text amendment to DC's zoning codes in order to allow this type of development would be allowed under their Campus Plan.

Local Institutions Resolutions

[Wesley Supplemental Letter with Certificate](#)

[Response to Wesley Submission](#)

[SBOE Resoultion on Teacher Contract](#)

[GW M. Vernon Campus Modification of Consequence](#)

[Wesley Seminary Filing Extension - Cases 23-08 and 23-08\(1\)](#)

[Response to Wesley Seminary Filing](#)

[MacArthur High School Signage - PS Tracking 443538](#)

[Case #24-09 Wesley Theological Seminary Setdown Hearing](#)

[Spence Spencer Recognition Letter](#)

One of the major functions of an ANC is to provide means by which residents can learn about programs and services of the District Government and other entities affecting the neighborhood. At every monthly meeting ANC3D invites the Metropolitan Police Department, the Mayor's representative, Councilmember Frumin's representative and representatives of the nearby universities to update the Commission and residents about issues of interest.



In addition, during the past year, ANC has invited additional speakers to update residents. These presentations have covered:

- The Department of Buildings (Acting Director Hanlon)**
- Washington Gas' plans to replace their pipes**
- The Department of Motor Vehicles (Director Robinson)**
- The Office of Campaign Finance**
- The Office of the Mayor concerning the Mayor's proposed budget**
- The Department of Transportation (Acting Director Kershbaum)**
- The Spring Valley Bioretention Project (DDOT)**
- The Lead Pipe Replacement Project (DC Water)**

Commissioner Testimony

- Foundry Branch Trolley Trestle Funding DDOT
- Opposition to Initiative Amendment Act of 2023
- Permit for 5122 Cathedral Avenue NW and Related Policy Issues
- Cmte on Public Works OAH Testimony Elkins
- DDOT Oversight Hearing Testimony Elkins
- DOEE Hearing Storm Water Bio-Retention Testimony Duncan



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

ANC 3D FY2024 Budget vs Actual		
	Budget	Actual
Balance Forward	\$16,375	\$13,674
Receipts		
District Allotment	\$17,890	\$17,565
Interest	\$22	\$5
Other	\$0	\$0
Transfer From Savings	\$5,500	\$0
Total Receipts	\$23,412	\$17,570
Total Funds Available	\$39,787	\$31,244
<i>(Balance Forward + Total Receipts)</i>		
Disbursements		
1 Personnel	\$12,000	\$6,375
2. Direct Office Cost	\$3,400	\$12
3. Communication	\$1,500	\$6,074
4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing	\$500	\$0
5. Grants	\$0	\$0
6. Local Transportation	\$0	\$0
7. Purchase of Service	\$10,000	\$0
8. Bank Charges	\$280	\$168
9. Other	\$0	\$50
Total Disbursements	\$27,680	\$12,679
Savings Balance	\$45,600	\$45,505
Balance - Checking + Savings	\$57,707	\$64,070