

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, March 5, 2024
7:00 PM
Via Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Elkins, 3D01

Duncan, 3D02, Vice Chair

Blumenthal, 3D04

Horn, 3D05, Chair

Nowalk, 3D06

Szymkowicz, 3D07

Public notice of the date, time, location, and agenda for the meeting was published on ANC 3D's website (anc3d.org) and local listservs within the proper notice period.



Marilyn Nowalk, Secretary ANC 3D

Position in Recording HH:MM	
00:00:00	<p>Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>Chairperson Horn called the meeting to order and welcomed the community to the meeting. Chairperson Horn amended agenda to add the Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of Licensing during Discussions and to delete Zoning Commission project 24-20 and the letter pertaining to Foxhall and Reservoir Roads during Official Actions.</p> <p>Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion to pass the agenda as amended passed unanimously 6-0-0. Commissioner Colón Roosevelt was not present.</p>
00:01:34	<p>GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES</p>
	<p>Anthony McElwee (Metropolitan Police Department Update)</p> <p>Officer McElwee, liaison officer with the Second District in PSA 205, stated there were 24 offenses in the last 30 days. Two burglaries, 15 thefts from autos, and several general thefts. There has been an uptick in theft from autos with in the 4800 block of</p>

	<p>Massachusetts Avenue around the Spring Valley shopping Center. Officer McElwee stressed removing items from vehicles before leaving the vehicle.</p> <p>Officer McElwee addressed Ms. Tersoff's question about an accident that occurred at Foxhall and Reservoir which resulted in property damage but no serious injuries. Traffic enforcement will focus on Foxhall from Reservoir to Volta. Traffic increases have been noted and special attention will be given to cut-through violators. Captain Haskis is focusing on thefts from autos and the use of stolen credit cards.</p> <p>Kendall Gibson (MOCRS) Ms. Gibson introduced herself at the Ward 3 MOCRS manager. Ms. Gibson provided updates on events for Women's History Month, RFK stadium and the Rental Act to protect and build affordable housing in DC.</p> <p>Ms. Nora Charles (Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's Office) Ms. Charles introduced herself as the new representative for Councilmember Frumin. Street sweeping began on March 3rd. Tickets will be issued for parking during sweeping hours beginning March 17th. A website, fedsupport.dc.gov has been established for unemployed federal workers. Oversight hearings are taking place. City revenues are projected to decline by \$1.1B over the next 4 years in the financial plan. Councilmember Frumin will submit a budget letter to the Mayor.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan asked where the drop in revenue was coming from and was directed to the CFO's report. Commissioner Duncan further inquired about funding for DC Public Schools should the Federal Department of education go away. Ms. Charles stated the funding impact would be significant on programs like Title 1, Title II and IDEA.</p>
00:22:58	<p>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups)</p> <p>Jason Millson (American University) The university will continue its current safety protocols, less-than-lethal equipment approach, which includes pepper spray and ASB batons in the event of an emergency response situation. The local community was involved in the continuation of this policy.</p> <p>AU men's basketball team is in contention for the Patriot League championship and a potential bid for the March Madness tournament. Additional updates include a community garden and the formal inauguration of President Jonathon Alger on March 27th.</p> <p>Cory Peterson (Georgetown University) The university launched the Maker Hub Neighborhood Program for the community to share special talents or skills. A new residents hall, Henley Village,</p>

	<p>will open in the fall. A new hotel and conference center will open in the fall; there will also be a renovation of the Faculty Club to be a restaurant.</p> <p>Commissioner Szymkowicz commended GU for the Maker Hub program and the renovation of the Faculty Club.</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk inquired about the hotel's opening date. Since the building has been used at a residence hall the modifications are a refresh to bring it up to world-class hotel standards with a projected opening date of fall 2025..</p> <p>Kai Spicher (German Embassy Construction Project Update) Herr Spicher addressed neighborhood concerns over idling trucks producing noise and fumes and noted most of the earth movement is finished. Commissioner Szymkowicz requested assistance from the embassy to secure White House tour tickets. Herr Spicher said it is not in the embassy's scope to assist with these requests but will try to find out more information.</p> <p>Sherry Rutherford (The Field School) The BZA voted to unanimously approve the Field School's application. The next step after a summary order is permitting.</p>
00:40:58	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
	<p>Elkins – No additional updates.</p> <p>Blumenthal – Claudio's Table will be applying for a renewal of their liquor license. Letters of opposition must be sent by April 21st. Drainpipe reconstruction in the alley between Carolina and Sherier is projected to complete in a few weeks.</p> <p>Horn – Et Voila has a liquor license up for renewal, it will be discussed at the April meeting.</p> <p>Nowalk – The Bangbop settlement agreement will be discussed at the April meeting.</p> <p>Duncan – The BZA agreed with ANC 3D's position on 5122 Cathedral Avenue. A property tax bill of \$75,000 has been issued and it is hoped that will result in a home built to the zoning code.</p> <p>Szymkowicz- DC faces budget cuts of 10% which will have a significant impact across the District. Math and English proficiency scores at the MacArthur High School were 11% and 40% respectively. This performance level could impact the high school's desirability. Extended student commute times have been identified as a contributing factor. A neighborhood tutoring program was discussed an option.</p>
0:52:43	DISCUSSIONS

	<p>Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection</p> <p>Ms. Shakira Richardson overviewed the role of the Consumer Protection Unit (CPU) at the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection whose mission is to protect consumers and businesses while ensuring economic growth throughout the District.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan asked how to support a constituent scammed by a travel agency. The District's Consumer Protection Procedures Act can issue fines, revoke or suspend licenses, and work with the Attorney General's office in the case of fraud. Commissioner Szymkowicz about illegal contractors and unlicensed rental properties. Proactive inspections of illegal construction do take place and the CPU works with the Department of Buildings to identify violators. The CPU reacts to unlicensed rental complaints and if there is no business license, issues fines. Commissioner Elkins inquired about the DCRA database limitations. Information can be sent directly to Ms. Richardson who will investigate.</p>
01:11:15	OFFICIAL ACTIONS
01:11:15	<p>4632 Charleston Place BZA Request</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk introduced Mr. Sullivan to present an overview of the exemptions requested for 4632 Charleston Place. Commissioners, the homeowner, and the affected neighbor presented views for and against the 3 requested variances. Concerns included type of structure, roof height, view, shade, and size.</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk moved to approve the motion for zoning relief sought by the homeowner. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion and asked for a roll call vote. Commissioners voted as follows:</p> <p>Elkins – No Duncan – Yes Blumenthal – Yes Horn – No Nowalk – Yes Szymkowicz – No</p> <p>The roll call vote to approve the motion for zoning exemptions did not pass with 3 Commissioners voting yes and 3 Commissioners voting no. The Commissioners then asked for a roll call vote to oppose the motion for zoning relief. Commissioners voted as follows:</p> <p>Elkins -Yes Duncan – No Blumenthal – No Horn – Yes Nowalk – No Szymkowicz – Yes</p>

	<p>The roll call vote oppose the motion for zoning exemptions did not pass with 3 Commissioners voting yes and 3 Commissioner voting no.</p> <p>ANC 3D Commissioners voted to approve a letter to the BZA outlining the positions for and against approving the requested building exemptions at 4632 Charleston Place. Commissioners approved moving forward with a letter detailing for and against positions unanimously 6-0-0.</p>
02:15:50	<p>Sibley Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health ED CON</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan noted Sibley Memorial Hospital is required to inform ANC 3D of their plans and if the ANC does not weigh in, the project will be considered without ANC input. Commission Duncan will share a letter for a Commission vote.</p> <p>Commissioners inquired of Ms. Caroline Shafa, Vice President of Operations, what the path from the emergency department to the bus stop looks like and how and where patients are discharged. Ms. Shafa said patients exit the hospital at the main circle and then access the sidewalk to the bus stop. Ms. Rayna Jordan and Ms. Safta shared hospital protocol requires patients have an appropriate housing situation before they leave the hospital. If the person is unhoused the hospital works with the District to secure a shelter bed and provides a ride share.</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk noted ER wait times since COVID have increased and could get longer due to increase staff time required for mental health patients. Ms. Rayna Jordan said the plan is to hire additional staff and add beds to support the requirements of the new Behavioral Health emergency department. Sibley is not expected to be the go-to destination for behavioral health emergencies as ambulances go to the closest hospital.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins encouraged continued neighborhood engagement with Sibley Memorial Hospital with the hope of smoother interactions in the future. It was noted by Commissioners Elkins and Duncan the process was delayed due to the inattention by the appropriate Commissioner for the SMD in which. Sibley Hospital resides.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved to approve the letter of support for the Sibley Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Emergency Department. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>
02:48:32	<p>Bangbop Settlement Agreement</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk provided an update that the settlement agreement will be voted on next month.</p>

02:49:10	<p>Letter to CM Allen on Storm Water Retention Long Term Funding</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved to approve letters to Councilmember Allen and Mayor Bowser regarding the long-term funding for storm water retention projects. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion to approve the letters passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>
02:51:00	<p>Better Bus Proposal MacArthur Blvd* and Q Street</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved to approve a letter of support for the notice of intent from DDOT for a minor modification at the intersection of Q Street and MacArthur Blvd. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p> <p>*The official agenda incorrectly listed the intersection as Foxhall Road and Q Street. The correct intersection is MacArthur Blvd and Q Street.</p>
02:52:22	<p>Foxhall Road Safety</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan moved to approve a letter of support for a notice of intent for safety improvements at the 1800 block of Foxhall Road. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>
02:56:43	<p>COMMISSION BUSINESS</p>
	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins reported 5 actions have taken place since January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commissioner Nowalk reimbursement for transcription services -Administrator received two checks -OANC payments (2) of approximately \$8,800 <p>Administrator Hourly Rate</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk asked the commission to approve an increase in the Administrator's hourly rate from the current \$25 an hour to \$33 an hour. Commissioner Szymkowicz seconded the request.</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk put forth the current rate was below market value for services performed. The effective date requested is March 2025. No amendment to the Administrator's contract is required to adjust the hourly rate.</p> <p>The request to approve the increase in the Administrator's hourly rate passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>

03:00:28	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Commissioner Nowalk introduced a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>
03:01:07	<p>Other Discussion</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins requested Dropbox be backed up in case document access is blocked due to OANC funding changes. Commissioner Elkins has personally paid Dropbox fees and will ask for reimbursement if DC Home Rule does not appear to be going away. Commissioner Nowalk noted the primary method for communication with constituents is via list serves which would continue if government email were discontinued.</p> <p>Commissioner Duncan discussed the possibility of an engineering study for the Foxhall Road and Reservoir Road intersection. The engineering study would evaluate the square footage available and the feasibility of a traffic circle for this busy intersection. The engineering study could be a couple thousand dollars. The commission is not prohibited from using funds to hire outside contractors. A request will be made of DDOT to support a traffic circle study at the request of Commissioner Szymkowicz. In parallel, the Transportation Committee will explore study options. The District's financial picture makes roundabout study funding tenuous.</p>
03:10:44	<p>Notice of Next Meeting</p> <p>Commissioner Horn noticed the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 2, 2025.</p>
03:10:52	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chairman Horn moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nowalk seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously 6-0-0.</p>

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