

ANC 3F Public Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

ANC 3F approved the April 2025 minutes at the ANC 3F meeting on May 20, 2025, at which four Commissioners were present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, virtually on [Zoom](#). The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. A quorum was declared at the beginning of the meeting with four out of six commissioners present.

Commissioners Present: Carlson
Baer
Iglesias
Guzman

Commissioners Not Present: Rofman
David

Item	Vote
Approval of May Agenda	4-0-0
Approval of April ANC Minutes	4-0-0
Grant Proposal: Edmund Burke Student Sustainability Club	4-0-0
Grant Proposal: Van Ness Main Street Pollinator Program	4-0-0
Opposing Cannabis Application – CannaArt Medical Cannabis License	4-0-0
Quarterly Financial Report for Q2 2025	4-0-0

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjournment: 9:26 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Welcome Call to Order and Roll Call

The May agenda was adopted and the April 2025 meeting minutes were approved without objection. A quorum was established with four commissioners present.

II. Regular Agenda-Community Forum

- Police Report by Lieutenant Forrest (05:00 - 18:00): Crime statistics for the past 30 days showed decreases in many categories; one burglary and some motor vehicle thefts reported. Traffic issues at Albemarle and Connecticut Avenue near the Flagship Car Wash were discussed, with police offering special attention
- Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCR) Report by Kendall Gibson (34:00 - 39:30): Highlighted upcoming World Pride events and two community workshops by the Office of Planning. Coordination on Forest Hills Park maintenance was noted.
- Van Ness Main Street Report by Gloria Garcia (39:30 - 49:00): Reported successful annual meeting, community pollinator plantings, and ongoing business support including concerns about 911 responsiveness and shoplifting issues. Upcoming District Fringe festival preparations underway.
- University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Report by Juanita Gray (49:00 - 56:30): Summary of recent commencement, \$100,000 grant received, and upcoming budget oversight hearings. Call for community support and testimonies to advocate against potential federal funding cuts.
- Councilmember Frumin's Office Update by Shantise Wynn-Brown (56:30 - 1:03:30): Noted finalized budget oversight hearing schedule with sign-up deadlines, Pepco rate increase notification, DC Health Link enrollment pop-ups, and meeting updates regarding DC Water.
- Northwest Community Food Pantry Update by Judith Ingram (1:03:30 - 1:10:00): Announced relocation to a new facility with enhanced services including an appointment system and expanded fresh food offerings. Appreciation expressed for community and UDC support.
- Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens Presentation by Jessica Bonilla (1:10:00 - 1:19:30): Presented upcoming June programs including exhibitions, outdoor events, and volunteer opportunities. Acknowledged past grant support for environmental projects.
- Capital Memorial Church Programs by Reverend Karol Mosebay (1:19:30 - 1:30:30): Introduced youth day and overnight camping programs focusing on spiritual, physical, intellectual, and social development, offering free participation and community engagement opportunities.
- Community Announcements (1:30:30 - 1:37:30)
 - WMATA bus route changes and upcoming informational event.
 - Request for clarification on budget hearing registration details.

III. Committee Reports (1:37:30 - 2:09:00)

- **Housing & Neighborhoods:** Focus on CVS-related security issues and community policing efforts. Planning to draft a resolution addressing ongoing shoplifting and safety concerns.
- **Streets & Sidewalks:** Update on sidewalk gap program with increased funding and current projects, including a specific ongoing discussion regarding sidewalk installation on Alton Place related to the Sheridan School expansion. A resolution requesting a traffic and engineering study for 1-way conversion of the 3600 block of Alton Place was introduced and passed, with a decision to revisit the topic once further community input is received.
- **Parks & Watersheds:** No specific report during this session.
- **Schools & Universities:** Reported support for UDC and partnerships with community initiatives.

IV. Regular Agenda-Special Projects

- **DC Water 2:37:00 - 2:42:00:** Provided progress update on Albemarle/32nd Street construction with timeline for excavation, sewer lining, restoration, and street reopening by mid-September. Requested reinstatement of weekly updates to the community.

V. Regular Agenda-Votes

- **Grant Proposal: Edmund Burke Student Sustainability Club (2:42:00 - 2:48:30):** Approved grant for \$1,250 to support native plant installations and educational signage, with students participating in planting and maintenance.
- **Grant Proposal: Van Ness Main Street Pollinator Program (2:48:30 - 2:55:30):** Approved grant to expand educational pollinator plantings into residential neighborhoods alongside continued partnership with local volunteers.
- **Resolution Requesting a DDOT Study on Alton Place (2:09:00 - 2:37:00):** Discussed resolution to suspend current sidewalk installation plans and conduct a study on converting the 3600 block of Alton Place to a one-way street, considering traffic calming and bike infrastructure integration. The resolution was tabled. Further discussion to occur with neighborhood stakeholders.
- **ABCA Cannabis Application – CannaArt Medical Cannabis License (2:55:30 - 3:48:00):** After extensive community and commissioner discussion regarding prior violations and neighborhood safety and community integrity concerns, ANC 3F voted 4-0-0 to oppose the application based on prior cited illegal activity-selling marijuana without a license, location near DDOT-sanctioned school safe routes and lack of neighborhood support. The ANC remains open to future dialogue involving ABCA officials.

VI. Commission Business

- **Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Guzman (3:48:00 - 3:53:30):** Quarterly Financial Report for Q2 2025 was reviewed and approved, without any Commissioner

questions or concerns. Ongoing review of a debit card charge issue continues, to be reflected in future reports. The report is publicly available upon request.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned with the next ANC 3F meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

AR (Amy Rofman, Secretary, ANC 3F)

SG (Sue Guzman, Treasurer, ANC 3F)