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ANC 3F Public Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Zoom- Timestamps added to minutes for easier navigation

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on June 17, 2025, at which five Commissioners were present. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public. A copy of the resolution approved is available at <https://www.anc3f.com/archive>. A quorum was declared at the beginning of the meeting with five out of six commissioners present.

Commissioners Present: Carlson
 Baer
 Iglesias
 Guzman
 Rofman

Commissioner Not Present: David

Item	Vote
Approval of June Agenda	5-0-0
Approval of ANC Minutes for May 20, 2025 Meeting	5-0-0

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjournment: 9:20 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Opening and Approval (8:48)

- Meeting called to order with quorum present (Commissioners Baer, Rofman, Guzman, Iglesias, and Chair Carlson).
- May 20, 2025 minutes approved unanimously.

- Agenda amended to move Linnean Outfall Project update to July (approved unanimously).

II. Regular Agenda-Community Forum

Police Update by Lt. Forrest (10:48)

- Crime stats: Overall down in PSA 203 – no aggravated assaults, robberies, burglaries in last 30 days; one motor vehicle theft reported; theft from auto down 53%. Predominantly retail theft.
- Special attention to the Brandywine/Connecticut park area following sounds of gunshots reported overnight, no physical evidence found but investigation ongoing; community asked to report any relevant info.
- Discussion of reports of possible sexual assault near Van Ness East Pool; Lt. will investigate and follow up with requestor.
- Discussion of break-ins and vehicle thefts around 4501 Connecticut Ave; liaison between police and tenants ongoing.
- Request made for improved lighting or mobile cameras near the Saratoga and Brandywine parks to deter crime; Lt. will explore possibilities with DPW.

Mayor's Office Update – Kendall Gibson, Mayor's Office of Community Relations (26:33)

- Hosting office hours at Park Van Ness and Chevy Chase Library. Invitation extended to community.

Van Ness Main Street – Gloria Garcia, Executive Director (27:42)

- District Fringe event confirmed for last three weekends of July; event at UDC and Van Ness Main Street office. UPS to relocate from Van Ness to Cleveland Park in November affecting mailing addresses; coordination underway to mitigate impact. Next quarterly cleanup in Forest Hills Playground is scheduled for July 12.

UDC Updates – Juanita Gray, Director of Community Engagement (31:40)

- Thanks to former Commissioner Huet for University budget testimony. Mayor allocated \$20 million for student housing in Building 41 area; archives to relocate. Emergency approval of 9th Master Agreement with faculty union. Future housing plans and partnerships underway; more detailed update expected next month.

Councilmember Fruman's Office – Shantise Wynn Brown, Constituent Services Specialist (36:35)

- Budget oversight hearings wrapping up; budget vote scheduled for July 15. Hosting "Workday in the Ward" at Dolan in Cleveland Park with coffee from 8-10 a.m. June 26.

Northwest Community Food Pantry Update – Judy Ingram (37:59)

- Transitioned to new space behind UDC Law School. Food distributions continue every weekend; served 334 households at the most recent distribution . Open house and community appreciation event on June 29 at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers needed, especially for summer; high school community service hours certified.

III. Committee Reports

Housing and Neighborhoods – Chair Teri Huet (45:00)

- TOPA process recap for Avalon apartments – 136 out of 234 units participated in tenant association vote; WC Smith selected as new owner after RFP process. Importance of TOPA emphasized; upcoming primer/training for community planned.

Streets and Sidewalks – Commissioner Amy Rofman (46:44)

- Update on advocacy against new sidewalk on Alton Place; official comment period ends June 28.

Parks and Watersheds – Commissioner Mitchell Baer (48:11)

- Concern over potential budget cuts to Department of Energy (DOE) which may impact local environmental projects; request for future budget discussions with DOE director.

Schools and Universities – Commissioner Sue Guzman (49:49)

- Safe Routes to School work continues at Murch Elementary with contractor observing school traffic patterns; survey sent out to parents recently.

IV. Regular Agenda

Department of Buildings – Director Brian Hanlon (51:57)

- Presentation of Mayor's 2026 Grow DC Budget. Recognized challenges due to federal job losses and economic pressures. Covered investments in affordable housing, safety (MPD hiring), schools, libraries, recreation centers, human services, and transportation.
- Slide on Specific Ward 3 projects include modernization of Chevy Chase Library and Rec Center.
- Discussion about indoor air pollution from smoke in apartments and nuisance abatement funding and landlord accountability efforts.
- Concerns about potential library hour reductions raised.
- Gaming and entertainment investments mentioned, with mixed community views on gambling expansion.

- Director Hanlon to follow up on issues raised by community members.

DDOT – Connecticut Avenue Safety Project – Ted Van Houten, Project Manager (1:27)

- Update on \$7.1 million safety improvements focused on key intersections along Connecticut Avenue, including six intersections in ANC 3F. Proposed improvements include closing slip lanes, relocating bus stops, installing signals, curb extensions, "centerline hardening" to restrict certain turns, green bike lane striping, and pedestrian leading intervals. Noted delayed inclusion of some intersections (e.g., Chevy Chase Parkway & Harrison) due to crash data prioritization, despite community concerns.
- Follow-up items for Ted Van Houten from the meeting:
 - Coordinate with Safe Routes to School, DC Public Schools (DCPS) transportation office, and other relevant agencies to ensure better communication and avoid conflicts with bus routes and school transportation, especially concerning the closure and changes around Everett and 36th Street.
 - Follow up with Commissioner Mitchell Baer to walk the corner of Albemarle and Connecticut Avenue to directly observe and discuss safety issues created by local traffic patterns, including the impact of the local car wash on pedestrian and vehicle safety.
 - Continue individual outreach and coordination with community members, including potentially setting up walk-throughs or site visits to discuss specific intersections and project elements.
 - Address community concerns that many previous recommendations and observations, especially those related to low-cost safety improvements, have not been incorporated into the current project plan.
 - Ensure transparency and clarity on project timelines and updates, especially given community frustration with perceived delays and lack of responsiveness in adjusting plans to input from residents and Commissioners.
 - Re-evaluate the priority and possible inclusion of intersections that are currently not part of the budget or project, particularly:
 - The intersection of Chevy Chase Parkway and Harrison (noted as very problematic by community members).
 - The crosswalks at Connecticut Avenue and Fessenden Street area, considering pedestrian safety and school access.

Office of the Tenant Advocate – Director Johanna Shreve (01:58)

- Overview of TOPA importance and current challenges including proposed legislation changes ("skinny bill"). Emphasis on community collaboration and landlord

accountability. Discussion of impacts from voucher program placements on neighborhoods, including behavioral issues and secondhand smoke complaints. Encouraged engagement with Housing Provider Association and Department of Human Services complaints process.

- Reminder of upcoming Stakeholders Meeting on June 25 featuring City Council Chair Robert White.

DC Water Update – Jerrell & Peter (Note: perhaps use last names?) (2:24)

- Excavation work at Albemarle & Connecticut intersection to start imminently with material deliveries and shoring phase; full excavation timeline delayed from initial schedule to July. Crosswalk closures and pedestrian safety around construction discussed; plans updated to minimize disruption. Acknowledgment of community frustration over delays with commitments to improved communication.

V. Commission Business

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Sue Guzman (2:30)

- Opening balance \$50,351.85; debit of \$3,841.02 primarily for personnel and bank fees.
- Quarterly disbursement from OANC received after delay due to debit card documentation issues.

VI. Adjournment

- Chair Carlson invites future suggestions from community and adjourns meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m. The next ANC 3F meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 7PM

Contact: For further questions or comments, reach ANC3F at 3f@anc.dc.gov or individual commissioners at their respective emails on ANC.dc.gov.

Signed by AR and SG