

# Government of the District of Columbia

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F

**Van Ness ▪ North Cleveland Park ▪ Wakefield ▪ Forest Hills ▪ Chevy Chase**

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### ANC 3F JULY Public Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

7:00 until 9:00 PM

[July Meeting Recording \(YouTube\)](#)

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Virtual Meeting via [Zoom](#)- Timestamps added to minutes for easier navigation

ANC 3F convened their regular meeting on July 15, 2025, at which six commissioners were present. The meeting was duly noticed and open to the public.

- A copy of the July Agenda is available at <https://www.anc3f.com/archive>.
- Copies of the Signed and Approved Resolutions can be found at:  
<https://www.anc3f.com/archive>

A quorum was declared at the beginning of the meeting with six out of six commissioners present.

Commissioners Present: Carlson (Chair)

Baer  
David  
Iglesias  
Guzman  
Rofman

| Item                                          | Vote  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Approval of June Agenda                       | 6-0-0 |
| Approval of ANC Minutes for June 2025 Meeting | 6-0-0 |

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| <a href="#"><u>Resolution supporting University of the District of Columbia's (UDC) efforts to protect and care for its tree canopy.</u></a> | 6-0-0 |
| <a href="#"><u>Resolution regarding Flagship Car Wash</u></a>                                                                                | 6-0-0 |
| Recycling Can at Forest Hills Park                                                                                                           | 6-0-0 |
| Grant approval for District Fringe Festival (\$5,000)                                                                                        | 6-0-0 |
| Grant approval for Good Clean Fun for concerts at Forest Hills Playground (\$2,000)                                                          | 6-0-0 |
| Reallocation of \$5,000 into the FY 2025 grants budget to cover current grants and potential future grants.                                  | 6-0-0 |
| Approval to hire legal counsel to represent ANC 3F in the Canna Art protest proceedings (not to exceed \$20,000).                            | 6-0-0 |
| <a href="#"><u>Resolution supporting ANC 3F's application for the Office of Advisory</u></a>                                                 | 6-0-0 |

Neighborhood Commissions' Expert  
Assistance Fund Grant.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

**Call to Order and Agenda Adoption (0:00 - 1:00)**

- Meeting called to order.
- June 2025 meeting minutes approved without objection.

**Police Report: Lieutenant Forrest (1:00 - 7:30)**

- Update on a child's death from last year, upgraded to homicide; suspect arrested.
- Crime stats: One homicide, one sex abuse case, one burglary (yard work scam), two stolen autos (one recovered).
- Noted continued thefts from automobiles
- Police attention still focused on park areas.
- Community advised to be cautious of strangers claiming to be service workers.

**Mayor's Office Liaison William Owen Cox (10:00 - 12:00)**

- Announced office hours at Tenley Friendship Library
- Encouraged community attendance for raising issues or greetings

### **Van Ness Main Street Update: Executive Director Gloria Garcia (12:00 - 16:00)**

- District Fringe event ongoing with performances; tickets are \$15.
- Van Ness Main Street office converted to a speakeasy during the event.
- DoghHaus beer garden construction progressing.
- Recent Forest Hills Park cleanup event participation acknowledged.
- Planning next police walkthrough at the park.

### **UDC Update: Director of Community Engagement Juanita Gray & Javier Doussan (16:00 - 21:30)**

- Mayor's initial budget proposal included \$25 million for building 41 demolition and student housing planning.
- Recent budget changes removed funding for demolition and student housing planning; archives will remain on track.
- Council reviewing budget; ongoing communications planned.

### **Councilmember Fruman's Office Update: Shantise Sydney (21:30 - 23:00)**

- Ward workdays paused for July and August; will resume in September.

### **Northwest Community Food Pantry: Judith Ingram (23:00 - 27:00)**

- Since June, over 2,000 pantry visits and 600 families served (36% new guests).
- Anticipated increased demand due to SNAP benefit cuts.
- Pantry relies entirely on community donations; open 9 AM to 3 PM on weekends.
- Welcomes volunteers and community visits.

### **Housing and Neighborhoods Report (27:00 - 30:00)**

- Engagement ongoing regarding indoor air quality resolution; awaiting further response from Director Hanlon.

### **Streets and Sidewalks Update (30:00 - 33:30)**

- Albemarle crosswalk closure and safety concerns related to DC Water construction
- Safe Routes to School project still in progress with parent survey dissemination.
- Sidewalk installation at 35th Street near BreadFurst completed with minimal disruption.

### **Parks and Watersheds: Native Plant Program Announcement (33:30 - 36:00)**

- New native plant program in collaboration with Kathy Sykes and Van Ness Main Street.
- Pollinator gardens planned on quieter side streets.
- Residents encouraged to participate and reach out to ANC 3F for involvement.

### **School and Universities Update (36:00 - 37:00)**

- Continued activity in Safe Routes to School project; coordination with Alice Deal.

### **Councilmember Fruman Budget Report (37:00 - 53:30)**

- Budget process overview; emphasis on school funding and PKEEP program preservation.
- Added funds for main streets, villages, Alzheimer's support, and local clean teams.
- Libraries budget restored from potential cuts in hours and materials.
- Department of Human Services funding modifications: TANF cost-of-living increase restored, case management efficiency improvements, and additional housing supports.
- Archives funding restored for FY 28-31; student housing funding removed.

- Rental Act debate ongoing; focus on eviction timelines, tenant safety, and TOPA modifications.
- Councilmember open to questions afterward.

### **Cannabis Applications Discussion and Protest Status (53:30 - 1:36:00)**

- ANC 3F meetings with ABCA regarding the license application by Canna Art at 5008 Connecticut Ave.
- Protesters, including local business owners, denied standing due to narrow definition of “directly across the street.”
- Applicant owners responded to protester claims, a previous ABCA citation, and community concerns.
- Concern expressed by community members and former commissioners about legal compliance and community impact.
- Councilmember Frumin emphasized regulated market goals and urged focused protest arguments on administrative and legal grounds rather than general drug opposition.
- Confidential mediation noted but details not discussed publicly.
- Discussion on community skepticism, mistrust, and desire for transparency.

### **DC Water Update (1:36:00 - 1:42:00)**

- Ongoing manhole excavation on Albemarle Street progressing smoothly.
- Crosswalk at Connecticut and Albemarle planned to be closed July 31 for bypass installation.
- Resident concerns raised about crosswalk closure safety; DC Water and DDOT addressing pedestrian safety.

### **DC Water Notifications about Shutoffs (1:42:00 - 1:47:00)**

- Scheduled water shutoffs communicated via door hangers, email blasts, and website postings.

- Emergency shutoffs sometimes occur with little notice due to severity; efforts underway to improve notifications.
- Customers can sign up for automated alerts.

#### **Resolution Supporting UDC Tree Canopy Protection (1:47:00 - 1:50:00)**

- Resolution passed unanimously supporting UDC's tree care plan and involvement of arborist.

#### **Flagship Car Wash Traffic and Public Space Resolution (1:50:00 - 1:53:00)**

- Resolution addresses car wash traffic backing up onto public streets and blocking sidewalks.
- Calls on MPD and Mayor to enforce permits and public space regulations.
- Resolution passed unanimously.

#### **Request for Recycling Can at Forest Hills Park (1:53:00 - 1:55:00)**

- Commission supports Good Clean Fun's request for a recycling bin to address park maintenance and waste disposal.
- Resolution passed unanimously.

#### **Grant Requests and Treasurer's Report (1:55:00 - 2:05:00)**

- June Treasurer's report presented with starting balance, expenses, and ending balance of ~\$47,669.
- Grant for District Fringe festival: \$5,000 recommended (UDC discounting rent costs).
- Grant for Good Clean Fun concerts: \$2,000 recommended for two concerts.
- Motion passed to reallocate \$5,000 to grant budget to cover expenses.
- Treasurer report for June and July business approved.

#### **Legal Counsel for Canna Art Protest Proceedings Discussion (2:05:00 - 2:17:00)**

- Discussion on hiring legal counsel with fees not exceeding \$20,000 for protest representation.
- Office of ANC's Expert Assistance Fund offers \$5,000 incremental grants for technical/legal assistance.
- Commission agrees on necessity due to the complexity of the legal process and lack of in-house expertise.
- Motion passed to hire legal counsel.
- Resolution passed to seek expert assistance fund grant.

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment (2:17:00 - 2:22:00)**

- Meeting adjourned.
- Next ANC 3F meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7 PM.

Signed:

/s/:

Prepared by: Commissioner Amy Rofman, 3F01

Approved on: September 16, 2025

Attested by: /s/ Commissioner Courtney Carlson