

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
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
Colón Roosevelt, 3D03
Blumenthal, 3D04
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	Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda Vice Chair Duncan called the meeting to order and moved to adopt an amended agenda. Deleted items are RA- Zoning Text Amendment DC Water Night Work Hours. Commissioner Blumenthal seconded the motion. Vice Chair Duncan accepted as a friendly amendment Commissioner Nowalk's request to discuss MacArthur High School Summer Work Hours The motion to approve the agenda as amended was approved unanimously 6-0.
00:01:50	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
	Anthony McElwee (Metropolitan Police Department Update) Officer McElwee provided a traffic report, noting a decrease in offenses compared to previous months, with 13 total offenses, including one motor vehicle theft and five thefts from automobiles. He emphasized the importance of removing valuables from vehicles and locking them and encouraged attendees to report suspicious

	activities to 911. Officer McElwee reported increased speeding on the newly repaved section of MacArthur Boulevard and announced plans to increase enforcement presence, with a meeting scheduled next week to discuss traffic calming solutions. He also informed the community about road closures for the Palisades parade, requiring vehicles to be removed from both sides of MacArthur Boulevard by 9am on Friday. Commissioner Nowalk inquired about the effectiveness of new pylons at the Foxhall and Reservoir intersection, and Officer McElwee agreed to investigate. Commissioner Elkins reminded neighbors to encourage their contractors to park in driveways to avoid incidents. Mr. Beath inquired about ebike speed limits and license plate covers. Ebikes are speed limited to 20 MPH. William Owen Cox (MOCRS) Mr. Cox met with Commissioner Duncan earlier today to discuss some logistics, and walked the parade route up, and then back down, to check for any issues. There was a tree branch down and a 311 request was made. Ms. Norah Charles (Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's Office) Ms. Charles reported on budget work sessions and the Committee on Human Services' efforts to protect critical programs despite budget cuts. Upcoming community events were highlighted, including a workday at Cleveland Park Library and the Palisades 4th of July parade. Sign up for the Ward 3 newsletter at mattfruminward3.com.
00:23:33	Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, PTAs, and Local Civic Associations and other Community Groups) Mr. Erick Castro (Georgetown University) Mr. Castro provided an update on the Henley Village redevelopment project with a projected student move in date of mid-August. Mr. Kai Spicher (German Embassy) Mr. Spicher reported on the progress of the German Embassy construction, estimating completion by the end of October or early November.
00:27:27	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
	Szymkowicz – No additional updates Nowalk - The DC TAG scholarship fund remains open. Note the earlier closure date this year of August 15th. Blumenthal – Thanked DDOT for removing excess wood chips at the Galena Road end of the trolley Trail. Reported lane shut down to do emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer line under the Clara Barton Parkway will occur only between 9:00PM and 5:00AM to minimize traffic disruption.

	Duncan – RA-1 zoning would allow multiple dwelling units, as a matter of right, without BZA approval if they meet all zoning regulations. RA-1 amendment still requires adherence to existing setback rules. This topic will be on the next meeting agenda. Colón Roosevelt – No additional updates. Elkins – No additional updates.
0:35:45	DISCUSSIONS
	Slope Stabilization Project for Canal Road Canal Road Construction Ms. Hadiyah Jordan, DC Water’s Clean Rivers Project, presented details on the Canal Road slope stabilization project with work taking place between 7 AM and 7 PM Monday through Saturday in 2025-2026. The presentation outlined traffic and pedestrian changes related to construction on Canal Road. Ms. Hadiyah explained that the 4-lane section would be reduced to 3 lanes, with one lane closed during peak hours and a shuttle service provided for alternate transportation. Mr. Matt Woniak further detailed the traffic patterns, including lane closures and a temporary median crossover, while emphasizing that the towpath would remain open. 3D Commissioners and community members expressed concerns about the impact on traffic and pedestrians, particularly during rush hours, the lack of sidewalk improvements, the shuttle bus plan, and the communication of the proposed project to DC, VA, and MD commuters. Nick Bartolomeo clarified the National Park Service's role regarding the trolley trestle bridge, explaining that they do not own the bridge but would need to approve any demolition or new construction. Commissioner Duncan asked the DC Water and DDOT to be mindful of the additional projects which is scheduled to happen on Canal Road, and to confirm that are not scheduled at the same time.
	OFFICIAL ACTIONS
	MacArthur and Arizona Intersection Letter to DDOT Commissioner Blumenthal moved to approve transmission of a letter to the DDOT regarding the MacArthur and Arizona intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan.
	Bike Lane Removal NOI

	Commissioners discussed concerns about traffic and transportation changes in the area, particularly focusing on the proposed removal of protected bike lanes on Arizona Avenue. The commission voted to send a letter to DDOT requesting they withdraw their notice of intent to remove the bike lanes, as the community was not properly consulted before the proposal. They also approved a separate letter addressing traffic signal timing issues at the MacArthur and Arizona intersection. The discussion highlighted ongoing tensions between different transportation priorities and the need for better community engagement in decision-making processes. The ANC discussed concerns about a proposed bike lane design change, with Greg Billing from DDOT explaining that his team was directed to reconsider the current design due to community feedback about vertical separation and operational issues. The ANC expressed frustration that the design change was made without their consultation, despite their usual role in the process, and approved sending a letter to DDOT regarding their concerns. The conversation ended with a vote to transmit a shorter recap letter to Director Kirschbaum and to proceed with reviewing proposed improvements to the Fox Hall and reservoir intersection. The motion to approve an amended letter was passed by a vote of 6-0.
	Foxhall Road Safety Improvements The ANC 3D Transportation Committee discussed safety concerns at the Foxhall Road intersection, particularly regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety, with Andrew Heimert presenting proposed changes including eliminating slip lanes, reconfiguring northbound lanes for left turns, and exploring a roundabout option. Commissioner Elkins proposed an amendment to remove the roundabout request from the letter, suggesting further community discussion is needed. A community member raised concerns about northbound Reservoir Road access and parking issues, while Commssioner Nowalk emphasized the need to maintain a lane between Foxhall and Hoban streets for delivery vehicles. The committee agreed to send their recommendations to DDOT for review, with Commissioner Duncan noting that community input would be sought during the NOI process.
	Transportation Committee Report - Roundabout Proposal Feasibility Discussion The meeting focused on a discussion about a roundabout proposal at a specific intersection, where concerns were raised about the feasibility and public opposition to the idea. Commissioner Elkins proposed removing a paragraph from the letter to DDOT that had been previously approved by the Transportation Committee, citing the need for further community dialogue about roundabouts. The group agreed to table a motion to fund a transportation study to determine physical

	feasibility, with Commissioner Elkins committing to bring it back for discussion at a future Commission meeting. The modified letter was approved unanimously for transmission to DDOT.
	DCPS Kindergarten Enrollment Changes State Board of Education Member for Ward 3, Eric Goulet, reported to the Commission about changes implemented by DCPS that would require all five year olds in DC to attend kindergarten, regardless of their readiness or prior educational experience; similarly all six year olds would be required to attend first grade, regardless of whether they had previously been to kindergarten. This has caused concern among parents and educators alike, who believe assessments should be completed for individual children when a family or teacher believes the child may be better served in the lower grade. Mr. Goulet reports the SBOE had drafted legislation for the Council to address this issue, but not council member had agreed to move it forward. The Commission voted X-X to send a letter to the Council urging then to enact the proposed legislation
	Parking Space Addition Request at CVS
	MacArthur HS Extended Work Hours Request Commissioner Nowalk brought forward a request from the MacArthur HS construction team to expand their working hours. She proposed that the ANC approve the extended hours, with the caveat that the ANC would be able to reassess if the neighbors complain. It was approved 6-0-0.
01:18:48	COMMISSION BUSINESS
01:31:21	Treasurer Report - On behalf of Commissioner Elkins shared the ANC monthly opening balance was \$XX and the closing balance was \$XX. - The treasure's report was approved unanimously 6-0-0. Approval of Minutes - Commissioner Nowalk moved to approve the July meeting minutes as published. The motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes passed unanimously 6-0-0.
01:33:29	Adjournment

	The Commissioners agreed that an August meeting seemed unnecessary, and noticed the Vice Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:35 pm.
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