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Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025

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I. Overview

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F (ANC 3F) represents Van Ness, North Cleveland Park, Wakefield, Forest Hills, and portions of Chevy Chase. In 2025, ANC 3F held duly noticed public meetings monthly (except August and December), maintained quorum, and advanced neighborhood priorities across transportation safety, housing and tenant protections, education, environmental stewardship, and support for local businesses and nonprofits.

In 2025, ANC 3F delivered tangible results for our community while keeping administrative costs low so that most of our budget went directly to grants. This year, we awarded more than **\$13,000 in community grants** and reallocated additional funds to expand

community benefits, demonstrating our commitment to investing in projects that strengthen and support our community.

2025 Leadership and Committees: Chair – Courtney Carlson; Vice Chair – Mitchell Baer; Treasurer – Sue Guzman; Secretary – Amy Rofman. Committee Chairs: Streets & Sidewalks – Paul Harrison; Housing & Neighborhoods – Teri Huet (through August 2025); Schools & Universities – Sue Guzman; Parks & Watersheds – Mitchell Baer (interim).

II. Key Community Engagements and Partnerships

Van Ness Main Street (VNMS):

ANC 3F collaborated closely with VNMS on corridor activation, pollinator gardens, and events. Highlights include the District Fringe Festival hosted around Van Ness and UDC, a quarterly “Good, Clean Fun” park cleanup-and-concert series, and ongoing storefront support. Community turnout reached into the thousands across events.

University of the District of Columbia (UDC):

Regular updates covered the DC Archives project, student housing planning constraints, campus retail, and campus safety and maintenance. ANC 3F coordinated with UDC on tree canopy stewardship.

Northwest Community Food Pantry (NWCF):

The Pantry completed its relocation to space behind the UDC Law School and now serves approximately 300–350 families weekly. ANC 3F supported the move and explored avenues to assist with high-priority

needs and connections to social services. Commission members also attended the ribbon cutting of the new NWCF space, volunteered at the pantry, and coordinated efforts between NWCF and Murch Elementary to support local families during the federal government shutdown in the fall.

District Agencies:

DDOT, MPD (2D/PSA 203), DC Water, DOEE, the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, and Councilmember Matt Frumin's office briefed ANC 3F regularly, enabling responsive coordination on the Connecticut Avenue Safety Project, local construction, public safety, and service delivery.

III. Legislative & Policy Actions (Resolutions and Formal Letters)

A. Housing & Neighborhoods

- Resolution supporting protections against secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing and improved indoor air quality inspection/remediation policies.
- Resolution urging adherence to the Housing First model and voucher administration guidelines for Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Tenant advocacy in Avalon Apartments transition; support for TOPA rights and community education on tenant protections.
- Opposition to legislative proposals weakening TOPA or undermining tenant rights; support for oversight and case management improvements.

B. Public Space, Transportation & Safety

- Coordination with DDOT on the \$7.1M Connecticut Avenue Safety Project to improve key intersections in 3F with curb extensions, signal timing, centerline hardening, and bike facilities.
- Multiple actions addressing congestion and pedestrian risk tied to the Flagship Car Wash, calling for enforcement of public-space rules and traffic mitigation steps.
- Advocacy to fill sidewalk gaps (Fessenden/Broad Branch “bowtie,” Upton, corridors near Burke and Levine Schools) and for a DDOT study on a one-way conversion of the 3600 block of Alton Place to integrate traffic calming/bike safety.
- Safe Routes to School coordination with Murch Elementary and DDOT on crossing guards, signal fixes, and pick-up/drop-off safety during utility work.
- Support for low-cost pedestrian safety improvements and targeted MPD enforcement/camera siting to protect vulnerable road users.

C. Parks, Environment & Infrastructure

- Resolution requesting DGS/DPR address facility conditions and maintenance in Forest Hills Park (repairs, cleanliness, and safety).
- Resolution supporting UDC tree canopy protection and professional arborist engagement for campus tree care.
- Support for native plant and pollinator initiatives on and off the corridor (with VNMS and community partners).
- Ongoing coordination with DC Water and DOEE on small-diameter water main replacements, Linnaean outfall, and related construction schedules/notifications.

D. Education, Youth & Community Wellbeing

- Resolution supporting retention of funding for the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP) and broader early childhood access.
- Regular engagement with DCPS/Ombudsman on family services and with school leaders (Murch, Edmund Burke) on safety and facilities.
- Resolution recognizing and supporting Forest Hills Connection for community reporting and information sharing.

E. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing / ABCA, ABRA & BZA Matters

- Support for ABRA licenses/endorsements and related public space approvals at 5027 & 5029 Connecticut Ave (Muchas Gracias and Honey's) and other local businesses (e.g., Tikka Restaurant; amended settlement for Big Cheese LLC).
- ANC 3F voted to oppose the CannaArt medical cannabis license at 5008 Connecticut Ave based on previous compliance violations and neighborhood-impact concerns, including pedestrian and vehicular safety; retained counsel (not to exceed \$20,000) and pursued OANC Expert Assistance funding.
- Supported BZA special exceptions/relief where appropriate (e.g., properties on Alton Place; Nebraska Avenue case).

IV. Grants & Community Investments (FY25)

ANC 3F awarded more than \$13,000 in grants and reallocated additional funds to the grants budget to expand community benefit. Funded initiatives included:

- District Fringe Festival (Van Ness / UDC): \$5,000 to support performances and community cultural programming.
- Good Clean Fun (Forest Hills Playground): \$2,000 for neighborhood concerts and stewardship/clean-up days, plus a recycling can request.
- Edmund Burke School Sustainability Club: \$1,250 for native plant installations and educational signage.
- Van Ness Main Street Pollinator Program: \$5,000 to support to extend pollinator gardens into residential blocks and sustain corridor plantings.
- Additional \$5,000 reallocated into the FY25 grants budget to accommodate current and anticipated projects.

V. Public Safety & Interagency Collaboration

MPD's 2nd District provided monthly reports, noting reduced theft-from-auto and burglary trends compared to 2024. ANC 3F engaged MPD on targeted enforcement at problem intersections, improved lighting and mobile cameras near parks, and support for crosswalk safety. Coordination with the Mayor's Office, Council, DDOT, DC Water, and UDC addressed snow removal, construction detours, water shut-off notices, and park maintenance in near-real time.

VI. Financial Summary (FY25)

ANC 3F adopted quarterly financial reports throughout FY25 and maintained a positive year-end balance exceeding \$44,000. Expenditures prioritized community grants, communications and outreach, and legal/technical support for regulatory matters.

VII. Looking Ahead to 2026

- Execute and oversee DDOT's Connecticut Avenue safety elements in 3F, pressing for quick-build fixes and school-area protections.
- Advance sidewalk connectivity and Safe Routes to School, with a focus on crossings near Murch, Deal, and high-risk intersections.
- Deepen UDC-community ties
- Grants
- Improve communications, including Commission website improvements and possible Instagram reboot.

Appendix: Select 2025 Resolutions & Actions (Chronological Highlights)

- January: Election of officers and committee chairs; support for WMATA items and intersection safety; quarterly financial report; SAFE Act hearing engagement.
- February: Support for Tikka Restaurant liquor license; amended settlement for Big Cheese LLC deliveries; bylaw amendment removing chair term limits.
- March: Resolutions on Northwest Community Food Pantry relocation; Indoor Air Quality; PKEEP funding protection; Housing First; Instagram outreach; support for Forest Hills Connection.
- April: Forest Hills Park facilities resolution; BZA special exception at 5012 Nebraska Ave; Safe Routes to School plan briefing for Murch; DC Water construction mitigation updates.

- May: Grants - Edmund Burke Sustainability Club and VNMS Pollinator Program; opposition to CannaArt medical cannabis license; quarterly financial report.
- June: Connecticut Ave Safety Project briefing; TOPA/tenant protections overview with Office of the Tenant Advocate; continued sidewalk-gap advocacy; NW Community Food Pantry open house and volunteer drive.
- July: Resolutions - UDC tree canopy; Flagship Car Wash public-space management; recycling can for Forest Hills Park; grants for District Fringe (\$5,000) and Good Clean Fun (\$2,000); legal counsel authority (not to exceed \$20,000); application to OANC Expert Assistance Fund.
- September: Direct expenditure for pedestrian safety flags at Reno & Warren; letters supporting outdoor seating for 5027 & 5029 Connecticut Ave; BZA supports at 3564/3566 Alton Place; FY25 Q3 financials and FY26 draft budget.
- October: Support for Whale Tea stipulated license; approval of FY2026 budget and September treasurer's report; continued coordination on Safe Routes, parks, and UDC updates.
- November: Discussion of crime concerns in apartment buildings along Conn. Ave, safe routes to school, proposal for a vacant lot, and the approval of the Q4 fiscal year 2025 QFR.

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