

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7:00 PM
Via Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:02 PM.
Commissioners in attendance:

Elkins, 3D01
Duncan, 3D02, Vice Chair
Blumenthal, 3D04
Horn, 3D05, Chair
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 Chair Horn moved to approve the agenda, amending it to remove DC Water's participation and adding a discussion of the Omnibus Text Amendment. The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously.
	GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES
00:03	Anthony McElwee; Captain Darren Haskins (Metropolitan Police Department Update) Officer McElwee provided a crime report, noting eight offenses in the past 30 days, including two robberies. One was a purse from a customer in a Massachusetts Ave restaurant, the other was the phone of a resident of MacArthur Blvd. The remaining six offenses were theft from automobiles, which Officer McElwee outlined. He emphasized the importance of removing valuables

	<p>from vehicles and locking them and encouraged attendees to report suspicious activities to 911.</p> <p>Comm. Elkins cited his concern about drivers ignoring stop signs in Wesley Heights; Officer McElwee will increase patrols in the area.</p> <p>William Owen Cox (MOCRS) Mr. Cox highlighted the upcoming MOCRS office hours at the Cleveland Park Library, and pointed residents to the DPW website for detailed information about the upcoming leaf pickups throughout the District.</p> <p>Ms. Norah Charles (Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's Office) Councilmember Frumin announced that beginning on October 1st, families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families will see an increase in child support pass through payments from \$150 to \$200 per month. This change enacted through the Child Support Reform Amendment Act of 2025 ensures that more money collected from non-custodial parents goes directly into the hands of District families. The next Workday in the Ward event will be on Thursday, October 23rd in Glover Park. I think the location will be Point Chaud, but stay tuned for details.</p> <p>Ms. Monique Diop (Office of Council Chair Phil Mendelsohn) Ms. Diop announced the following opportunities to interact with the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Up with Mendo in Ward 3 on Saturday, October 25th at Politics and Prose from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. • October 29th quarterly ANC meeting from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. on Zoom <p>At Chairman Horn's request, Ms. Diop also committed to share with the Chairman the concerns held by ANC 3D about the upcoming Omnibus Text amendment, though she did highlight that others in her office typically handle legislative affairs.</p>
00:21	<p>Other Institutions (Hospitals, Schools, and other Community Groups)</p> <p>Jason Millison (American University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 10: Classes without Quizzes will be offered to members of the community, with particular focus on government workers. <p>Kevin Days (George Washington University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trick and Eat Food Drive scheduled for October 18 • Harvest Festival scheduled for October 25, family friendly and neighbors are encouraged to attend. <p>Cory Peterson (Georgetown University)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, October 25th, will be the annual Bell Ringer Ride. This is our annual ride to support cancer research at the Lombardi Cancer Research Center. There are currently over 1,100 riders registered. <p>Sherry Rutherford (for the Field School)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rutherford highlighted that permits continue to be processed for their upcoming improvements, and that she has been in touch with the Transportation Committee about the scheduling of a traffic study.
00:30	COMMISSIONER UPDATES
	<p>Elkins: Comm. Elkins relayed that his work on a task force surrounding the possibility for a senior center in Ward 3 has concluded. He summarized by saying that Tenleytown would make an ideal location for said center because it is a transportation hub. The next step would be to consider budget for the center, which would be in the millions, and has yet to be funded by the Mayor. Additional updates will follow as available.</p> <p>Duncan: Comm. Duncan reported on her work, and success, in getting more frequent bus service to MacArthur HS around the end of the school day. Also discussed was an update on Black Coffee and the retail space on the Fitzgerald – unfortunately the parties report Black Coffee will not be moving into that space, but does continue to seek options in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Colón Roosevelt: Reported that DDOT has started construction on repaving an alley between Yuma and Albemarle Street. It should only be a week, but until then, they'll pick up trash in front of the houses.</p> <p>Blumenthal: The preliminary plan for the Arizona Ave bridge and ramp has been presented to the neighborhood and feedback is being collected until October 23.</p> <p>Nowalk: Attended the MacArthur HS SIT meeting the prior week, and will be working with the school admin to see how the ANC might fund some of their outstanding needs which are not being met by DCPS.</p> <p>Szymkowicz: Thanked Comm. Duncan for her work on MacArthur HS buses. Discussion of the death of Patricia Bollinger followed, as the ANC was joined by Alex Meehan, cousin of Ms. Bollinger. She thanked the ANC for their work to investigate the death of her cousin, and shared that her family was satisfied with the outcome of the punishment for the driver who killed Ms. Bollinger. She concluded by asking that safety does not come at the cost of retribution against the driver, who the victim's family does see as genuinely contrite.</p>
0:52	DISCUSSIONS
	Massage Parlor Application (Mr. Joseph Busch, on behalf of owner JiangYan Li)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're trying to open a business called Eastern Reflexology Spa that would provide foot massage and other forms of deep tissue massage, and then some other Chinese medicine practices. • Location would be in the strip of business townhouses across from the Fitzgerald, above Little Ivies. The applicants have been working with the owner of Little Ivies. • There are three treatment rooms. There will be no more than three clients or customers at one time, so will not cause traffic or noise issues. There's no electrical, water, or sonic equipment that would be employed. • BZA hearing is scheduled for December 3; ANC will vote on application at November meeting.
1:07	OFFICIAL ACTIONS
	<p>AU Campus Plan Amendment <i>Moved by Comm. Elkins, seconded by Nowalk</i></p> <p>Sherry Rutherford presented on behalf of American University, which wishes to remove an open mezzanine in the Metzger Sports Center and replace it with offices on the second floor.</p> <p>Comm. Elkins moved to approve a letter that says that we don't see any impact on the neighborhood from this, and that we encourage the Zoning Commission to go on and consider this matter without holding a hearing. Resolution passed 7-0.</p>
1:19	<p>Omnibus Text Amendment #9 - Vehicle Parking Changes <i>Motion by Comm. Duncan, second by Horn</i></p> <p>Comm. Duncan outlined the changes, which would allow buildings built under the 1958 zoning codes for parking to change, by right, to the 2016 parking rules. While she acknowledges this could work in much of the District, for those neighborhoods without high frequency bus service, we do not have alternatives. Comm. Duncan's letter suggests is that they go ahead with their text amendment, except for buildings that are not within a certain distance of Metro rail or high-frequency bus service. And if they were to adopt that, if they gave us high-frequency bus service, we would be all subject to the 2016 zoning regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion ensued: Comm. Horn pointed out this change impacts 80 percent of buildings in the District, and perhaps the loss of 10,000 parking spaces. Nowalk supported the metric of proximity to high frequency bus service because it is an objective criterion, not a subjective judgement about whether given parking is good or bad. • Friendly amendment added to allow either Duncan or Horn to testify on behalf of the Commission.

	Resolution passed 7-0.
1:28	<p>Omnibus Text Amendment #15 <i>Motion introduced by Comm. Elkins, seconded by Horn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed amendment deals with setback from the street, without variance, for new or renovated homes. The Office of Planning is suggesting that we change this to a special exception, which is basically a question of whether the light and air for your neighbors is affected. Comm Elkins indicated it is substantially harder to get a Special Exception than it is a Variance, meaning it will be much easier to builders to crowd the streetscape. Comm. Elkins added a friendly amendment to the letter to state that we feel there has not been enough public discussion and advertisement about the details of these proposals. <p>Resolution passed 7-0.</p>
1:43	<p>Little Red School House PCA Proposal <i>Moved by Comm Duncan, seconded by Elkins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to send a letter to the National Park Service in support of the Palisades Community Association's bid to lease the Little Red Schoolhouse. The PCA board developed the plan; Comm. Duncan indicated that although she is a member of the board, she was not part of that committee. The proposal is that PCA would lease the space, do capital improvements, the cost of which would offset lease payments, and then rent out the space. <p>Resolution passed 7-0.</p>
1:45	<p>Public Space Application Loughboro Rd <i>Moved by Duncan, seconded by Horn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comm Duncan summarized a letter of opposition, with some proposed modifications. Request is for an extended curb cut. Suggestion is that the fence and hedge at the corner of the property be setback on the diagonal in order to provide greater visibility to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. <p>Resolution passed 7-0.</p>
2:02 2:12	<p>Public Space Application Albemarle St <i>Moved by Colón Roosevelt, seconded by Duncan</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for the extension of lead walks; friendly amendment offered to include language that DDOT should be anticipating this inclusion of a sidewalk in the plans. <p>Resolution passed 7-0.</p>
2:07	<p>MacArthur High School After Hours Construction Letter <i>Motion by Comm. Nowalk, seconded by Comm. Duncan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nowalk proposes a letter to the DOB asking them to approve extended work hours for the construction teams working at MHS. The Commission had passed an earlier resolution for extended summer hours, this would refer to school year work. Although the team requested to work until 11 PM weeknights, Comm. Nowalk shared that she thought this was excessively intrusive on neighbors and would support 8 PM weeknights, and 8-4 on weekends. <p>Resolution passed unanimously, 7-0</p>
	COMMISSION BUSINESS
2:11	<p>Roundabout funding retraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive and spirited discussion held between commissioners about whether or not the Commission should rescind the approval to spend on a traffic study for a roundabout at the intersection of Foxhall and MacArthur Blvd. Commission voted 5-2 in favor of rescission.
2:24	<p>Treasurer's Report by Comm. Elkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$79 K in assets, more than enough to continue unfunded for several years. No vote required or taken.
2:35	<p>Approval of Q4 QFR <i>Moved by Comm. Elkins, seconded by Nowalk</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comm. Elkins presented the Q4 QFR, which represents the period of July 1 to Sept 30. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.
2:39	<p>Final Budget for 2026 <i>Moved by Comm Elkins, Duncan seconds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comm. Elkins presented the budget (incorporated herein by reference) Discussion included the fact we do not budget for grants, but they are individually approved and the budget amended throughout the year.

	<p>The one exception is a grant approved in the FY25 FY that has not yet been funded, so that will carry over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific items included by name in the budget are the administrator's fees, transcription, meeting space rental (in the event the Commission decides to meet in person in 2026); website hosting, supplies, engagement software, and \$3,000 for other professional services to be named later. <p>Budget was approved by a vote of 7-0.</p>
2:44	<p>Approval of the September minutes <i>Moved by Comm. Nowalk, seconded by Szymkowicz</i></p> <p>Minutes approved by a vote of 7-0</p>
2:46	<p>Notice of next meeting/Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of the next meeting – Nov 5, 2025. • Chair Horn adjourned the meeting at approximately 09:46 pm.