

Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3F
Van Ness • North Cleveland Park • Wakefield • Forest Hills

3F01 – David Cristeal
3F02 – Carolinn Kuebler, Vice Chair
3F03 – Naomi Rutenberg, Treasurer
3F04 – Leah Frelinghuysen
3F05 – Andrea Molod, Secretary
3F06 – Monika Nemeth, Chair
3F07 – Vacant



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Annual Report of ANC 3F for Calendar Year 2020

Pursuant to Sec. 1-309.10(n-1) of the Code of the District of Columbia, ANC 3F has prepared the annual report that summarizes the activities of the Commission in service to the community over the preceding 12 months. This report includes highlights of key issues voted upon, comments submitted to District agencies, and the issuance of community grants.

ANC 3F Year in Review

The year 2020 was a challenging year for ANC 3F as it was for everyone throughout DC and the Country due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to adopt to new ways of doing business while remaining physically separated.

ANC 3F consists of seven single member districts (SMDs). At the beginning of the year two SMDs were vacant – SMD 3F01 and SMD 3F07.

The first order of business was for the ANC to determine its officers with the following Commissioners named as officers:

1. Monika Nemeth (3F06), Chair
2. Carolinn Kuebler (3F02), Vice Chair
3. Naomi Rutenberg (3F03), Treasurer
4. Andrea Molod (3F05), Secretary

The ANC determined that it would continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of August and December.

David Cristeal was appointed Commissioner for SMD 3F01 and was sworn in by Councilmember Mary Cheh during ANC 3F's first virtual meeting on April 21. No one ran for the vacant seat in SMD 3F07. SMD 3F07 remained vacant for all of 2020.

The vacancy of 3F01 and 3F07 at the beginning of the year put a considerable strain on the Commission especially as the COVID-19 emergency hit. The continuing vacancy in SMD 3F07 continued to put a strain on the ANC as other Commissioners had to take on the duties of tending to the needs of SMD 3F07. At first, this primarily fell upon Commissioners Nemeth and Kuebler. Once Commissioner Cristeal joined the ANC, he also tended to 3F07 as well.

On January 15, 2020, ANC 3F along with Van Ness Main Street, and UDC hosted Mayor Muriel Bowser for one of her Community Walks which took place in the lower Van Ness Main Street area between Albemarle and Van Ness Streets. We had uncharacteristically mild weather and were able to spend a couple of hours reviewing a number of concerns in the neighborhood with the Mayor.

In 2020, ANC 3F also established a new standing committee – Housing and Neighborhoods.

In March the COVID-19 pandemic emergency hit Washington DC. ANC 3F canceled its regular March meeting out of an abundance of caution before the official declaration of the emergency. Beginning in April, ANC 3F and its committees have continued to meet virtually. At first, we used DC's WebEx system; however, we decided to switch to Zoom which is more accessible and user friendly. As this crisis does not appear to be abating anytime soon, we foresee meetings continuing to be virtual well into 2021.

Key Resolutions and Issues Voted Upon

The following were the significant issues and resolutions upon with ANC 3F took a vote:

1. Adopted a resolution in January which provided ANC 3F's comments and suggestions to the Office of Planning regarding the Comprehensive Plan update.
2. Adopted a resolution in February in support of UDC purchasing 4250 Connecticut Ave.
3. Adopted a resolution in February in support of locating the DC archive at UDC.
4. Adopted a Resolution in May supporting Van Ness Main Street's Funding request from the DC Council in the FY 2021 budget.
5. Adopted a Resolution in June that requests DC Water and DC Department of Health test sewage for COVID-19 as part of DC's COVID strategy.
6. Adopted a Resolution in June in support of the Mayor's FY21 budget proposal regarding rental housing programs.
7. Adopted a Resolution in June for ANC 3F to work with DDOT and stakeholders along Connecticut Ave. to develop recommendations to improve Connecticut Ave.
8. Adopted a Resolution in October calling for the enactment of the Rent Stabilization Program Reform and Expansion Amendment Act of 2020 (B23-0873).
9. Adopted a Resolution in October calling on DC Council to adopt the Comprehensive Plan by December 31, 2020.

New Settlement Agreements

ANC 3F entered into new Settlement Agreements with the following establishments in 2020:

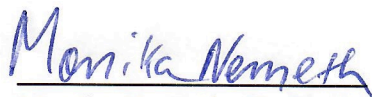
1. DC Sake Co (April)
2. Rosemary
3. Squash Club
4. Bread Furst

5. Shared Pour
6. TBD Wines

Community Grants Issued

1. Ward 3 Mutual Aid – Funded a request for groceries - \$3,000

ANC 3F adopted this report at its regular meeting on November 17, 2020, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining (**6-0-0**).



Monika Nemeth, Chair, ANC 3F