

**Minutes
of the Regular Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
7:00 PM
Via Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:02 PM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Elkins, 3D01
Duncan, 3D02
Colón-Roosevelt, 3D03
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

Items with an (*) are not yet on the official meeting agenda but are expected to be added to the official agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Position in Recording HH:MM	
00:00:00	Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda Chairman Horn Chairman Horn proposed amendments to the agenda: deletion of St. Patrick's from Official Actions; addition of two Discussion items (the bus stop trash can at 4822 MacArthur Boulevard and a DC Water presentation on the Glover Archbold Park sewer line); and a stormwater fee/green infrastructure letter under Official Actions. The amended agenda was approved unanimously, 7-0-0.

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY UPDATES

00:02:21	Officer Tony McElwee (Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 205) Officer McElwee reported 15 offenses in the past 30 days: one ADW; two robberies, and robbery-snatch at Palisades Recreation Center; three motor vehicle thefts,; five theft-from-automobile incidents; and four general thefts. 309 traffic tickets district-wide, with 71 personally written on MacArthur Boulevard near MacArthur High School. Commissioners raised concerns about the delay in arresting the May 12th armed robbery juvenile suspect. Commissioner Szymkowicz asked the ANC to invite AG Brian Schwalb to a future meeting to explain juvenile arrest procedures. Commissioner Duncan announced she would email AG Schwalb that evening.
00:19:00	Owen Cox (Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 3 Liaison) Mr. Cox announced Glover Park Day at Guy Mason Recreation Center on Saturday, June 7th (11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.), and Cleveland Park Day on Sunday, June 8th (noon–5:00 p.m.).
00:20:14	Nora Charles (Ward 3 Councilmember Matthew Frumin's Office) The DC Council is in the final stages of the FY 2027 budget process, with a first vote on June 9th and a second on June 23rd. Despite slow revenue growth and rising costs, the Council's priority remains protecting core services. Residents were encouraged to track committee reports at dccouncil.gov. Upcoming meetings: Chevy Chase Library modernization design kickoff on June 9th at 6:30 p.m. (5625 Connecticut Avenue); and a DPR Ward 3 construction update on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. (registration at wardupdates.splashthat.com).

OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

00:22:50	Jason Millison (American University) AU President Jonathan Alger has stepped down to become an ACE America 250 Fellow. Kogod School of Business Dean David Marchick has been named Interim President, effective July 1st. Summer gallery events at the AU Museum will welcome neighbors to campus.
	Kevin Days (George Washington University) GWU's Mount Vernon Campus is hosting summer college experience students and interns. The campus pool is open for community memberships.
	Eric Castro (Georgetown University) Georgetown is welcoming a new president on July 1st. Upcoming events include walking tours on the last Sundays of June and July, and a community outdoor event on June 28th. Commissioner Szymkowicz inquired about the Georgetown hotel; Mr. Castro said he would follow up.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

00:28:45

Elkins (3D01)

No updates.

Duncan (3D02)

Announced the next Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, 2:00–3:00 p.m. (virtual). DDOT has indicated plans are coming for a portion of the missing sidewalk on Loughboro Road.

Colón-Roosevelt (3D03)

Reported paving beginning on Fordham and Van Ness Streets the following day.

Blumenthal (3D04)

Reported seven or eight active paving projects within the ANC over the next two weeks, and ten more planned for the remainder of 2026. Directed residents to the PaveDC website for a map-based overview.

Horn (3D05)

Reported that the DC Legal Aid Consumer Law Unit alerted him to eight ANC 3D properties subject to a property tax sale. He personally visited and reached six of the eight households, most of whom resolved the problem. He suggested OANC explore a mechanism to provide advance notice to commissioners before future tax sales.

Nowalk (3D06)

Reported that the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DC TAG) has increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year. Encouraged eligible DC high school seniors and college students to apply before the August deadline, as funds may be exhausted sooner.

Szymkowicz (3D07)

Announced the Foxhall Community Citizens Association's annual Foxhall Day on Saturday, June 7th, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Hardy Park.

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

00:36:25

Nina Girardi (Laverock Place, Secretary of Canal View Homeowners Association) described ongoing problems at MacArthur High School: trespassing, drug activity, blocking the entrance with e-bikes and scooters, and aggressive behavior by parents during school pickup. She asked for leadership help addressing safety and property concerns. Commissioner Nowalk offered her email (3D06@anc.dc.gov) for residents to document incidents, and reported the ANC is working with the Mayor's office to schedule a fall meeting with school

	administration. Resident Fischer echoed the concerns. Later in the meeting, resident Johnson described additional concerns: weapons being brought past school magnetometers, police reportedly standing down on nearby marijuana violations, and students involved in inter-ward gang conflicts posing a drive-by risk. He called for the school to be restricted to Ward 3 students. Commissioner Szymkowicz moved to add MacArthur High School issues to the July agenda; Chairman Horn agreed. Resident Allen announced the Palisades Pride Street Party the coming Sunday, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
DISCUSSIONS	
00:43:12	Office of Planning – DC 2050 Overview Vincent Ubiera and Nick Kushner (DC Office of Planning) DC Office of Planning staff presented on DC 2050, the District’s comprehensive plan update, now in Phase 2 (growth scenarios). The plan introduces “place types” ranging from small-scale residential (up to 3 stories) to large-scale residential (8+ stories) and mixed-use center types. The District currently has approximately 325,000 households and projects a need for 441,000 by 2050; the draft map adds capacity for 25,000 households beyond the 2021 plan. Ward 3 change areas within ANC 3D include portions of Massachusetts Avenue, New Mexico Avenue, and MacArthur Boulevard. Legislative adoption is targeted for early 2028, followed by a separate zoning process. No property owner would be required to sell or redevelop. Draft policies will be released for public comment in fall 2026. Commissioner discussion raised: the need for WMATA transit improvements before or alongside density increases (Kushner acknowledged land use typically leads transit); lack of grocery access in affected areas (Commissioner Nowalk described the area as a food desert); school capacity coordination with the Deputy Mayor for Education; the risk of losing large family-sized housing stock; and concerns that MacArthur Boulevard is not comparable to Wisconsin or Connecticut Avenues for density purposes given its narrower roadway, limited parking, and lower transit frequency. Commissioner Elkins pressed for specific lot-size and unit-count information before fall, rather than waiting for the full policy release. Mr. Kushner agreed to explore additional summer engagement and to follow up with Commissioner Elkins directly. Commissioner Horn indicated the ANC will likely form a working group. Comments may be submitted to dc2050@dc.gov.
01:30:19	*DC Water Plans for Repairing the Glover Archbold Park Sewer Line Mr. Kelley (DC Water) and Jamie Euken (Environmental Protection Specialist, Rock Creek Park / NPS)

	DC Water presented a preliminary update on its creek bed sewer rehabilitation project covering Glover Archbold Park (229 acres, approximately 200 manholes, 440,000 feet of pipe, 19 stream restoration sites, 7 deteriorated storm outfalls), Dumbarton Oaks Park, and Normanstone Park. Goals include rehabilitating aging infrastructure (average DC sewer age: approximately 85 years), eliminating exposed sewers, restoring stream banks, and repairing storm outfalls. Field investigations are ongoing through fall 2027; construction is not expected to begin until early 2028 at the earliest. Commissioner Elkins raised concern about heavy equipment damage to the park's tree canopy, citing the experience at Soapstone, and asked how the community can meaningfully influence the choice of rehabilitation method. DC Water's Mr. Kelley confirmed a NEPA process governed by NPS will include public comment, though timing is NPS's call. NPS's Mr. Euken reassured the commission that full public scoping and an environmental assessment will proceed and that the park units remain committed to minimizing impacts. Commissioner Elkins asked DC Water to report back on opportunities for ANC input before decisions are finalized; Mr. Kelley agreed to consult management.
02:00:52	*Bus Stop Trash Can at 4822 MacArthur Boulevard Chairman Horn raised a request from the manager of Kappo restaurant to relocate the DPW trash can at the adjacent bus stop, which is frequently used for household trash creating odor problems. Approximately eight nearby business owners had no objection. Commissioner Duncan concurred, noting the long-standing illegal dumping problem. Chairman Horn agreed to submit a 311 request to relocate the can to the next bus stop near Reservoir Road. No vote taken.
OFFICIAL ACTIONS	
02:05:53	ABCA – MacArthur Wine and Spirits, 4418 MacArthur Boulevard NW Moved by Horn, seconded by Duncan. Motion to approve a letter of protest for ABCA license application for a proposed liquor store to be called MacArthur Wine and Spirits at 4418 MacArthur Boulevard NW. Applicants Krishna Colluru and Sachin Behl (operators of two existing “Exotic” stores in DC) described a small boutique store. Principal concerns raised: (1) Parking and traffic—the only delivery access is Lingan Road (approximately 14 feet wide), where trucks historically must mount the sidewalk, creating unsafe conditions near the MacArthur/Foxhall intersection. Residents Terry Dunbar and Ms. Alakim testified about existing access problems. (2) Name confusion—the proposed name is nearly identical to Addy Bassin's MacArthur

	Beverages (4877 MacArthur Blvd., 50+ years in operation). Representative Phil Bernstein called the choice malicious; Mr. Behl agreed to consult his attorney. (3) Minors—Commissioners Nowalk and Szymkowicz raised concerns about proximity to MacArthur High School; Mr. Behl agreed in writing to refuse entry to unaccompanied minors. Commissioner Nowalk noted that protesting now preserves the ANC's right to negotiate a settlement before the July hearing. Resolution is to protest, but to actively work with the applicant on a Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Szymkowicz abstained to allow time for the applicants to consult their attorney. Vote: 6-0-1 (Szymkowicz abstaining). Letter of protest approved.
02:52:37	5059 Glenbrook Terrace – BZA Application Moved by Duncan, seconded by Szymkowicz. Motion to approve a letter supporting the BZA application for a one-story rear addition at 5059 Glenbrook Terrace, a cul-de-sac property with an irregular lot. The rear neighbors provided written confirmation of no objection. Vote: 7-0-0. Letter of support approved.
02:54:30	48th Street Heritage Tree Destruction – Letter to Mayor Bowser Moved by Duncan, seconded by Nowalk. Motion to approve a letter to Mayor Bowser requesting enforcement of DC's heritage tree laws regarding the destruction of a 143-inch-circumference American elm at 2250 48th Street NW. Commissioner Duncan presented the timeline: the tree was protected under a tree protection plan incorporated into building permits for the adjacent new home. Contractor Blue Star Design Build removed protection fencing on at least two occasions despite Urban Forestry intervention, then on or about April 8th excavated within the structural root zone with heavy equipment, severing major roots. Urban Forestry declared the tree an emergency removal risk; a permit was issued May 6th and removal is scheduled for June 17th. DC law mandates (not merely permits) revocation of the contractor's building rights for three years and business license for two years when heritage tree protections are willfully violated. Commissioner Elkins, who helped draft the law with former Councilmember Mary Cheh, confirmed the statute uses mandatory language and that the facts appear to meet the conditions for enforcement. A friendly amendment by Commissioner Elkins removed the phrase "by rescinding the building permit" to prevent a minimal enforcement response. Homeowners John Simmonds and Heather Keith expressed gratitude and reported that Blue Star's team has since appeared to

	redesign the house footprint to eliminate the cantilever originally required to protect tree roots. Vote: 7-0-0. Letter approved.
03:25:47	*Spring Valley Stormwater Fee and Green Infrastructure – Letter to Councilmember Allen Moved by Elkins, seconded by Horn. Motion to approve a letter to Councilmember Charles Allen, to authorize DDOT and DOEE to use stormwater fee revenues to: (1) convert the incomplete curb bumpout installations in Spring Valley to the originally planned bio-retention facilities, and (2) fund ongoing maintenance of green infrastructure stormwater facilities. Commissioner Elkins characterized DDOT’s mid-construction decision to abandon the bio-retention design as unjustified, and the traffic-calming and pavement-permeability rationales offered as pretextual. Vote: 7-0-0. Letter approved.
COMMISSION BUSINESS	
03:33:56	Treasurer’s Report (Elkins) Routine expenditures reported: transcription services, administrator fees, postage, and a \$2,100 one-year renewal of the Go Vocal contract. Checking account balance approximately \$41,000, with an equivalent amount in savings. Report accepted without objection.
03:34:56	Approval of May Minutes (Nowalk) Moved by Nowalk, seconded by Duncan. Approved 7-0-0.
03:35:35	Notice of Next Meeting Chairman Horn announced the next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026.
03:36:08	Go Vocal / DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan – Summer Engagement Discussion Commissioner Duncan proposed hiring a part-time summer contractor to manage Go Vocal outreach and conduct research on the DC 2050 comprehensive plan. Commissioners Nowalk and Elkins agreed the scope should extend beyond communications into substantive urban planning research, ideally engaging a student or early-career planner. Commissioner Elkins agreed to post on local listservs seeking a candidate; Commissioner Duncan agreed to draft a scope of work. A proposed contract and candidate would be brought to the July meeting for a vote.
03:45:42	Adjournment Chairman Horn adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:47 PM.