

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Minutes of Public Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2023
National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue
(Meeting was held in-person and also virtually on Teams.)

Quorum call: Thaddeus Bradley Lewis (3A01), Judy Havemann (3A02), Hans Miller (3A03), Jeremy Del Moral (3A04) and Ann Mladinov (3A05) – all five Commissioners – were present, making a quorum.

Verification of Meeting Notice: Commissioners posted the meeting notice 7 days in advance of the meeting on local listservs in Cleveland Park, Tenleytown, Glover Park, and McLean Gardens and on the Nextdoor Neighborhood e-network, and also in at least four prominent locations in each Single Member District.

Election of Officers for 2023 (through opening of January meeting in 2024) by unanimous voice vote:

Chair: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Vice Chair: Hans Miller

Treasurer: Jeremy Del Moral

Secretary: Ann Lane Mladinov

Agenda: Chair Bradley-Lewis made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Votes on Administrative Matters:

The Chair made a motion to vote, was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the following:

- Proposed schedule of Public Meetings through January 2024 (third Tuesday unless otherwise noted)
- Proposed Bylaws
- Authorization for the Chair and Treasurer to open a bank account and be able to sign checks
- Selection of PNC Bank for the checking account
- Authorization for the Treasurer to keep the checkbook and other financial records
- Expenditure of \$50 for ANC Security Fund for 2023
- Authorization to apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the Commission
- Expenditure to get an official mail box and have Chair or Treasurer retain the keys
- Expenditure for meeting space and use of virtual/hybrid technology for Commission public meetings
- Using website and community calendars and other digital platforms to post official meeting notices
- Expenditure for business cards and nameplates for Commissioners

Presentation by Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin about his hopes and priorities for the year, including public safety, affordable housing, education, senior services, and transportation improvements notably additional bus service to the planned new DCPS high school on MacArthur Boulevard that is scheduled to open in August 2023.

Community Announcements by Commissioners and MOCRS representative Matthew Barclay

Open Forum (Residents were invited to share questions and comments.)

Next monthly public meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Adjournment: The Chair made a motion to vote on adjourning. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

FULL SUMMARY

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis announced that the meeting was being conducted in person and via virtual technology, and checked to make sure that the sound and video were working for participants in the room and those on Teams.

Commissioner Ann Mladinov called the roll. All five Commissioners were present: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01), Judy Havemann (3A02), Hans Miller (3A03), Jeremy Del Moral (3A04), and Ann Mladinov (3A05), which made a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

Commissioner Mladinov confirmed that official notice of the meeting had been provided by two methods as required by District law, 7 days before the meeting date: 1) by email lists and listservs that reach members of the community, including listservs in Cleveland Park, McLean Gardens, Tenleytown, and Glover Park, as well as the Nextdoor Neighborhood e-network in nearby neighborhoods; and 2) by posters and flyers posted in at least 4 prominent locations in each of the five Single Member Districts.

Commissioner Mladinov announced that the first item on the agenda before any business could be conducted would be the election of each of the four officers required by District law for calendar year 2023 through the opening of the first public meeting in January 2024. One Commissioner had volunteered to run for each of the four offices, so she read the names and made a motion to take a vote on the slate of candidates. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the full slate of officer nominees:

Chair: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
 Vice Chair: Hans Miller
 Treasurer: Jeremy Del Moral
 Secretary: Ann Mladinov

Chair Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis presided over the remainder of the meeting. He made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda, which was distributed in advance, to participants at the meeting, and on Teams. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

The Chair announced that the meeting was being recorded. He also shared expectations for conducting the meeting, including adherence to Robert's Rules of Order and suggested time limits on comments and Community Announcements, with the intention of providing balance and equal opportunity for everyone to be heard if they had a question or comment.

The Chair asked each Commissioner to make a brief statement of introduction.

Administrative Matters

The Chair asked for the proposed budget to be read for FY 2023 (through September 30, 2023). Commissioner Mladinov read the proposed budget as posted. Commissioner Del Moral suggested adding funds to pay bank charges which in his experience would be about \$18/month for an ANC account. Chair Bradley-Lewis requested comments from Commissioners and others to be submitted to the Commission before the February meeting, where a vote would be taken on the initial budget.

The Chair introduced the list of administrative items on the agenda for a vote. Commissioner Mladinov suggested that the proposed meeting schedule and proposed bylaws be discussed as individual items and the rest of the items could be read and voted on as a set. With no objection, Chair Bradley-Lewis read the list of proposed dates for the Commission's public meetings for the rest of calendar year 2023 and for January 2024. The proposed meeting dates were for the most part the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of August (no meeting) and November and December when the meeting was proposed to be the second Tuesday of the month to avoid holding a meeting in the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Chair made a motion to vote on the schedule of proposed meetings. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the schedule as presented.

Commissioner Mladinov introduced the proposed bylaws for the Commission, which the Commissioners developed to follow the directions from the Office of ANC's and provisions of District law guiding ANC's. She outlined the contents of the 4-page bylaws, read selected sections, and encouraged residents to read the bylaws on the Commission website as soon as the domain name <anc3a.org > could be obtained and put into operation, after a vote to approve that expenditure. The Chair made a motion to vote on the bylaws. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the bylaws as presented.

The Chair then read the remaining administrative items on the agenda:

- authorize Chair and Treasurer to open a bank account and be able to sign checks
- select a bank for the Commission's checking account
- authorize the Treasurer to keep the checkbook and other financial records at his personal residence
- approve obtaining a debit card on the Commission's checking account
- approve expenditure of \$50 for ANC Security Fund for 2023
- authorize applying for Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- approve expenditure for a mail box and have Chair or Treasurer retain the keys
- approve expenditure for meeting space and use of virtual/hybrid meeting technology for public meetings
- approve posting official notices of public meetings using the website and community calendars and other digital platforms
- approve ordering business cards and nameplates for Commissioners

Commissioner Del Moral asked to remove the item to approve obtaining a debit card for paying Commission expenses. Concerns included that using a debit card does not have the same security as using checks, does not require signatures of two officers as a check would, and can make it more difficult to obtain the necessary receipts for submitting the Commission Quarterly Financial Reports. The Chair made a motion to vote on the list of administrative resolutions without the item about obtaining a debit card. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve all the items remaining on the list.

Selection of a Bank for Checking Account

Commissioner Del Moral asked to name PNC Bank as the bank where the Commission would establish a checking account. The Chair made a motion to take a vote on selection of PNC Bank. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to establish a checking account at PNC Bank.

Community Announcements

The Chair invited Commissioners and other participants to share information about events, programs or services affecting the community.

Matthew Barclay introduced himself and his colleague, Theo Wren, the two representatives to Ward 3 from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS). He spoke briefly about the role of MOCRS in linking ANC's and communities to the Mayor's office and obtaining information and services from District agencies. He announced that leaf collection had been extended to February 11 and collection of holiday greens and trees was continuing at Guy Mason Rec Center. He also noted the Mayor's public meeting about public safety on January 21 with ANC's from around the District, and said his office would be holding "sweeps" to look at concerns in the communities.

Chair Bradley-Lewis noted the large police presence that morning at Vaughan Place near Cathedral Commons, responding to a domestic call about an individual who reportedly had a firearm. It was initially

identified as a barricade situation involving a gun. MPD responded quickly and found a firearm, but the suspect had left the residence before MPD reached it. The Chair said he would be following up.

Amy Shannon of the Neighbors of Hearst Park spoke about pooling of water around the heritage trees at the southern edge of the park, near the outdoor swimming pool, and concerns that one of the trees had already died. Commissioner Miller reported that Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin had agreed to tour Hearst Park with the neighbors and that would be the subject of future discussion.

Several residents raised concerns about erosion of the ground and undermining of the sidewalk on Massachusetts Avenue between Idaho Avenue and Macomb Street, where the ground has been saturated, which had also caused a number of trees to fall over the summer in and around Glover-Archbold Park.

Presentation and Discussion with Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin

CM Frumin joined the meeting after another commitment in ANC 3C to discuss development at the former site of the Marriott Wardman Park. He reiterated his request for constituents' recommendations for the District budget for FY2024 and described his top priorities for coming months, including education, affordable housing, parks and planning for use of public space in the ward, such as the Chevy Chase community and library site, senior services and effective delivery of health care. He then took questions and comments. Topics included crime, public safety, and transportation. He said he had met with WMATA about improving public transit service to the planned DCPS MacArthur High School opening in August 2023 and he is committed to working with WMATA and DDOT to get expanded bus service for students and others in the area.

Open Forum

The Chair invited residents and other interested parties to share comments and questions. Several residents noted concerns about the District's affordable housing programs and questions about how Housing Choice Vouchers can be used. Other questions related to panhandling outside Cathedral Commons and expectations for The Brooks short-term emergency shelter on Idaho Avenue for families who have been experiencing homelessness. Chair Bradley-Lewis said his residence is across Newark Street from the MPD Second District and he has been paying close attention to the Brooks, which seemed to have been effectively managed and had not raised the concerns some had anticipated. He said the Commission would be keeping in contact with The Brooks and Friendship Place, the organization that is managing that facility.

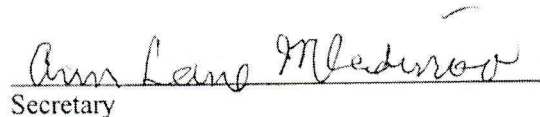
The Chair announced that the next public meeting of the Commission would be on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm, and the location and format would be announced closer to the date.

The Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Commission by a vote of 5-0 at a duly-noticed public meeting on February 21, 2023 at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)


Chair


Secretary