

ANC 3A May Meeting

Tue. May 16, 2023

4:45 - Thad's iPad Air

my clock is off I'm sorry I thought it was seven o one. Captain, ask as I can see you. You're on. Could you tell me? Can you hear us clearly? There?

5:12 - Captain Darren Haskis

I hear you clear, but also be loud clear as well.

5:19 - Thad's iPad Air

You're a little choppy. I'm not sure if that's my phone or your.

5:24 - Captain Darren Haskis

I'll try to get closer to this phone I'm using because. My computer's camera does. It seems to be acting up right now, so I don't know if it's the Usp cord or whatnot, but I do apologize for using my cell phone for this, right?

5:41 - Thad's iPad Air

Ok. You're much better now and that's perfectly acceptable the the time now is seven o six my name is dadi radley lewis I'm the chair of ac three a and the commissioner for three a zero one I'm going to call this meeting to order we do have this recording and trans transcribing via zoom I'll ask for a road call and a confirmation form uh starting gemy row three o four here. As I said that is rather lewis three eight zero one three eight three and latin no three a zero five and if you could just confirm that we have that is a core and that's all of us wonderful I will start us off by moving to approve the agenda and ask for any amendments.

6:36 - Thad's iPad Air

Like ur any amendments, the agenda is proposed. The only thing is I, if we go to the Next one is. All right, thank you. There are no amendments. Mo is to approve the agenda. Do I have a 2nd? All of those in favor and I The motion passes unanimously. Next we have Mpd the peers Captain Darren Has is is here on the 2nd district we have a low Cain hast.

7:19 - Captain Darren Haskis

hello, good evening, thank you all for having me. I'm very excited to, I'd like to meet you all in person at some point and or at least uh, converse in greater length. Well, I'll start off by introducing myself. I am a new captain here at the 2nd District for a few weeks now, so this is my 1st. Doing this at three a meeting. I was here as a lieutenant a few years ago, so if you all recognize the name, it might have been from that, although I represented a different part of the 2nd District, so I went after, I got, after I left here, I went to internal affairs and then I went down to human resources.

8:06 - Captain Darren Haskis

So it's been a little bit of a journey to come back. So I'm very happy to be back though, the, so I'll get started what I usually like to talk to is our uh, past months statistics in uh, at three a, so. In terms of um I'm very fortunate in that I get to meet you all on a good past thirty days uh the numbers we've had in terms of f a and c three a in the last thirty days where eight total crimes all of the property crimes Although any crime is not a good thing, it is a good that it's at least unlike some other parts of the 2nd District.

8:54 - Captain Darren Haskis

Which I can go into a lot of detail it is actually down this three zero day period from last thirty period so five theft autos is a good amount but it's again down from last and three otherwise down from last year no motor vehicle thefts in the last month and a and c three a now the numbers as for year to date we are overall pretty much. Down and everything. So these are good way to, I think, start off, talking about, there is a robbery in so far this year in Ac three a again one robbery is one too many, but it is down year to date from last year.

9:51 - Captain Darren Haskis

Uh theft from autos down from last year twenty two as opposed to twenty nine twenty three thefts as opposed to thirty one motor vehicle thefts or even Um, with that, questions concerns here in the Ac that Mpd can try to address.

10:13 - Thad's iPad Air

Kevin Hask. This You know, we keep hearing crime is down on this and that, but I think crime is actually more present in our lives than ever. I mean, you talk about the two Cbs hits that happened this past month. That's a big deal. If you're shopping at a Cbs in Spring Valley, you're not expecting ten people to walk in and take everything out of the store while you're in there. And I think it's just different when you're seeing this happening in daylight. And so my concern is, what is the city you want at?

10:41 - Thad's iPad Air

At what point are we going to start thinking that? Residents need to protect themselves because it feels like there is crime that's happening. I know, I know that we're saying crime is down, but it's more present in our lives and so That's my thing.

10:57 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yes.

10:59 - Thad's iPad Air

The 2nd thing that is less relevant is I'm sorry to see gasoline power scooters riding on sidewalks because they're trying to avoid traffic and now they're on the sidewalks and there's no, no stopping this kind of stuff and we need action, I think. Whatever they're called.

11:22 - Captain Darren Haskis

I will address each of the No,

11:26 - Thad's iPad Air

Power.

11:27 - Captain Darren Haskis

you're right, there is a lott of crime. I'm not trying to say that there is no crime going on. The Cvs defs. I was talking to another. C member at a different Ac. And uh, I was asked what is a big difference from when you were a lieutenant here to now when you've come back as a captain? And there's a lot, there are more thefts, that's just fact. And particularly the Cbs thefts. And it is something Mpd is working on in terms of we're doing special operations, eventually we'll catch up to this.

12:01 - Captain Darren Haskis

And in terms of finding out where all these products are going, these fencing operations right now, it's difficult. You know, we have to be patient for these special operations to work out because like on a given morning, I've got in the 2nd district 20 some odd. 20 Cvs is and some mornings I only have about 20 officers so you know I can't cover the Cvs is too well and and I think the folks who steal from them know that and the chances and them finding an Mpd officer just right close by is probably not very good.

12:48 - Captain Darren Haskis

And these are actually a regional trend as well. I know that in the great there was a, I think a Safeway in Great Falls where they had a person come in there and take, and this was in Virginia and take a bunch of stuff and were caught eventually on the Beltway after a pursuit. But yeah, it's something that we're going to continue see. We have operations to address it and it's, yeah, totally unlike what I've seen. I mean the Cbs I live by over on Carthur Boulevard, I cannot ever remember it being rock.

13:31 - Captain Darren Haskis

And it was robbed about two weeks ago. The Spring Valley C Bs one I've been going to for you know, pretty much my entirety and living in Dd C had it cleared out of a lot of their products. So it's yes, something that is a relatively new phenomenon that we are doing operations to try to address. I don't know when they will bear fruit, but I don't know, maybe as soon as the next meeting, the meeting after that. But I'm very hopeful on it in terms of scooter on sidewalks is the 1st complaint I've heard of it.

14:11 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yeah, I would be scared to, I would be upset to. It's very reckless. I know I used to be a traffic enforcement officer when I was an officer I, I would very much enforce those very diligently, but is there a particular area that.

14:30 - Thad's iPad Air

I've seen it in a lot of Mass Avenue, I've it both direction. I saw it going up to American University and just, yes, just today actually I was going Hains Point and right in front of the Brazilian Embassy. The guy didn't like, he didn't like the traffic, so we just got on the sidewalk with his motorcycle and rode on the sidewalk, he says.

14:47 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yeah, that's very dangerous. That's something. Will Um, it's usually happening during rush hour. Maybe I could get off that going where I could pull an off or or two from running some speed stuff on one of the other avenues and maybe have them do a few days of scooter sidewalk safety issues to address that. I'll see. If you could email me, I will drop the email, my email in the chat so I could get like Um, I don't have unlimited resources, so if I get good times, good locations and really, really get it specific to the needs that'll be, any information is appreciated.

15:40 - Captain Darren Haskis

That's my email. Please feel free to.

15:43 - Thad's iPad Air

any other question. I would just like to add that I represent the of Amc Two, which has all of the perfect buildings that are along Wisconsin Avenue and they have many, many older people in them, and people are actually afraid to go out because of the scooters on the, on the sidewalk, the bicycles on the sidewalk, the people are, are racing with. And and if they feel, is it the security that they used to feel?

16:19 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yeah, I can say.

16:22 - Thad's iPad Air

That's Wisconsin, between Massachusetts and But it's, but, but in my area it's between. Field, and about Mccomb, and and and all of those buildings are really very Their and they are also told of elderly. All right, So captain ask uh, if if you didn't catch that. That's between Garfield and the Com Wisconsin Avenue.

16:57 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yeahp. I know that, okay, I know that stripped very well, Wcs between and Macomb.

17:12 - Thad's iPad Air

And we've got your email address in the chat there.

17:15 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yes.

17:17 - Thad's iPad Air

All right, if we don't have any other questions. Captain has Hearing none. Thank you very much Captain ask. We appreciate your time and uh, thank you for meeting with us. It was very nice to hear from you and we look for in the future.

17:35 - Captain Darren Haskis

Yes, please email me. Thank you.

17:37 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you. You. Thank you. All right. Our next item on the agenda pertains to an application for a zoning special exception at three thirty six seventeen north street northwest dca case number is two zero eight nine six preface this a little bit uh the special exception that is being requested is to build a second story for an accessory structure that matches the footprint of the 1st story, which is non conforming, which means that the zoning ordinance which this structure preceded limited the square footage to four hundred fifty square feet it is six hundred thirty two square feet so the owner of the property is requesting a special exemption so that the second story can also be six hundred thirty two square feet as opposed to the four hundred fifty which would be allowed by right by the border zoning another item that I want to speak to.

18:52 - Thad's iPad Air

So as an Ac, we have three sort of options in terms of considering this before it goes to the Board of Zoning. We can vote to support the request for the special exception. We can vote to oppose the request for a special exception and we can also vote to take no position I wouldn't say that that is purely a position of extension, but it's more. It would be motivated, if we were to take that position, by a desire to let the process play out as it would before before. When it goes before the Board of Zoning, anyone who requests or successfully to become party to that request can speak to the Board and their peace, as well as the applicants and whoever is working with the applicants.

19:51 - Thad's iPad Air

So those are the three courses of action that we could take on this matter. I will now open it up for discussion. In that discussion, I think Commissioner Miller wanted to speak about some of the information. I just wanted to recap where we are already. Last last meeting we heard from the applicants, architect Eric ran and then we available. Unclear. Yeah,

20:28 - Eric Teran

Oh,

20:28 - Thad's iPad Air

there is Mr.

20:28 - Eric Teran

my.

20:30 - Thad's iPad Air

Trans here virtually. And then we also have received a number of letters from adjacent property owners
guy meredith at thousand hundred morton mark horton at three thousand six hundred six norton barbro
dina at thirty six twenty morton They all raised concerns about parking trash rats, and, in general,
invasion of their privacy by a 2nd story over the back fence. Then also over the weekend we heard from
linda Miller who identified herself as a sixty five year resident of thirty four eleven wisconsin who had a
little bit of a summary of what's been going on in that alley over the last sixty five years including that a
couple of the it was very important, a couple of the properties, she suggested, had always been plagued
by rats, despite whatever payment issues there were.

21:27 - Thad's iPad Air

She also identified trash as being a problem that as much the number of private haulers that are
required because several of the buildings on the three thousand four hundred block of wisconsin that use
that all are in fact more than three recess that the city can not pick up the trash from there the only
other thing that's happened in addition to those emails that I just summarized is o be the Office of
Planning weigh in with a recommendation that the special exception be approved there by page.

22:03 - Thad's iPad Air

Report dated May 12 is on the Eca website. I think that's where we are as far as information might be
good. Mr. Char ask if there's anyone that wants offer anything new or additional, or if anyone wants to
talk. I believe that. Sina wanted to, she was going to be traveling and be unable to Yes, so I'll start by uh,
I'll, I'll alternate between online and in the room here. If anybody would like to speak on this case, please
use the raise your hand reaction In zoom. I don't see any I' Take it to the floor here in the room, all right.

23:06 - Thad's iPad Air

If you have one person with a raised hand, I'm gonna ask you to amute Mr. Meredith, and you're also
welcome to turn on your video.

23:18 - Guy

um no I'd prefer to just mute at this point but um yes there has been a lott of back and forth um
between um the concerned parties and I think that it's from my perspective as the owner at thousand
hundred norton place northwest it is just very difficult for me to understand how Building a 2nd story on
the structure would conform with the requirements of the Dd C zoning law for special exemption. And
that we've outlined that. Numerous times, the neighbors feel strongly about it. I would not be here and
have invested my time in this process if I did not feel that that was the case.

24:05 - Guy

And I can assure you there's nothing personal about this. It's simply that there's no question that it has a material effect on my property, and it just can't be reconciled, as far as I'm concerned, with the language of the Dc Zoning Law regarding an exemption from the zoning requirements. Yes, so I'll leave it at that, thank you.

24:41 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you, Mr. I think Mr. Warton Yes, I know what you called to the Met said no, only new information short going over the ground. So as Mr. As I'm a neighbor behind the property, it's already a big structure. Quite big opposing structure, very close to Mr Vars dwelling, very close to light dwelling, and then concerns about the traffic of targeting. Else. Here on Zoom that would like to speak. I do not see any hands, any other comments outside of the Commission, in the room I hearing so well We saw a map of this last week and then when I drove over today to look at how this would fit in.

25:54 - Thad's iPad Air

I mean you have all of these garages along there, so people are going trying to get in and of the garages where the people who going to be using this new Seg A story of the farm, I call it. Where were they? Turn around. Where were they? Park It looks to me like it is a really crowded area. Well, I come up. You go probably eight times now, different times of the day. Fives are actually my apartment building that are not related to the applicant's property. I never saw more than two cars there.

26:31 - Thad's iPad Air

Again, this is only over a five week period and you know, while this is pending, only saw two cars in the actual driveway. At the applicants house. I believe that the cars. He currently has a basement tenant. I believe that they park out on Norton, which they can get to by walking up that alley. I don't know the The potential use as an Airbnb has been suggested, particularly by Ms. Zina, who said that she actually got that from Mr. Marcus, the property owner. But I don't know that that's one of the criteria we can consider is whether or not the Gran.

27:17 - Thad's iPad Air

Special exception or great, to recommend the special exception. De special exception, so We need to have or to know in order to deny this. So my understanding as it stands before us and as the Board itself, the Bca would consider the special exception. You have to look at the correct frame of reference, the frame of reference for the exception. Would be as I understand it, and I'm welcome to to hear descending opinions on this, but my understanding is that it would be a comparison between what would be allowed with the exception versus what would be done by re.

28:09 - Thad's iPad Air

Considering adverse impacts, whatever they may be. I think the The hard matter is, are they exacerbated? They do. The second story being six hundred thirty two square feet instead of four hundred fifty square feet. You know, we've heard comments from the neighbors about what those adverse impacts would be. So the consideration now or what I would like to hear if there's any kind of further comment neighbors or concerned parties is. About that additional square footage contributes to the adverse impact that you've identified.

29:03 - Thad's iPad Air

The height I believe.

29:10 - Eric Teran

up to the Hall of the Future to.

29:10 - Thad's iPad Air

Again my understanding.

29:15 - Eric Teran

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29:25 - Thad's iPad Air

on the T.

29:26 - Eric Teran

the parade.

29:31 - Thad's iPad Air

There we go, all right. So my understanding regarding the height so the height increases a result of the second story brings it to I believe twenty two feet or do we know offhand current architectural plan. I believe at one point it was supposed to be something like five inches and an eighth than twenty two feet, but I'm not sure that that's currently the case, and I don't believe it is so it's now below twenty two

feet. One d. My understanding is that the height being within the zoning ordinance By itself would not be an adverse impact unless it in conjunction with, say, you know, you have a larger footprints and it's all of that height, so what is that doing to, you know, neighboring property owners?

30:37 - Thad's iPad Air

Does that make sense? I see a couple raised hands, so I will start with Jeremy.

30:52 - Jeremy

Jeremy Marcus I just, you know, wanted to identify myself. I am the property owner, so I just, if there were any direct questions, I believe Eric Rons also raised his hand. Who's the architect? So just, you know, we're here to answer any questions that people might have or concerns that people might have.

31:08 - Thad's iPad Air

All right, thank you very much. Mr. Meredith, I see your hand is raised again. I don't think I see anybody else with raised hand. Go ahead, and you're welcome to speak.

31:23 - Guy

I hope I'm muted.

31:29 - Thad's iPad Air

Real, real quick. Mr. Meredith I think your, your volume is quite low. I'm not sure if you could get closer to your microphone or,

31:36 - Guy

Yes.

31:36 - Thad's iPad Air

I mean it's, it's okay for us because I can blast the audio on the Tv behind me, but for other people Zoom in,

31:43 - Guy

Let the okay,

31:44 - Thad's iPad Air

they may not be able hear you very well.

31:45 - Guy

that sound quality?

31:49 - Thad's iPad Air

That's much better, much better.

31:51 - Guy

Okay, yeah, thank you. I mean, I think if the increase in. Of the building were as minimal as. Proposal suggests. Then it seems to me that are a reasonable compromise would be to reduce the size of the addition to the extent that it would not require an exemption, and then us as neighbors would have no right to complain about it. There would be no need to have an exemption at all. And if that were the direction that the parties that are requesting the exemption wanted to go in, then we wouldn't have a right to protest it.

32:44 - Guy

And I can understand that. Okay, so I think that would be a reasonable way to go is that if this is really just Minor Then why have we gone through this whole process? Thank you.

33:03 - Thad's iPad Air

All right, thank you. Mr. Meredith, I'm gonna go ahead and over your hand. Mr. Tran, I see your hand is raised. You can go ahead and unmute yourself.

33:18 - Eric Teran

good evening, Members of the board Um, Mr. Eric Urian, I'm the architect, so what the special exception requires is to show that, light, air and privacy isn't being compromised. Privacy, we have no windows facing in northwest so that we're not facing into any of the neighboring yards. The two windows we have are facing the alley and the other one is facing the house. As far as the light, air and shadow, we've provided some uh, sun studies and there is no major, impact on what we're proposing.

33:55 - Eric Teran

And is it possible that I could show, share my screen because I did provide the Bz with a new, a new exhibit, this week?

34:03 - Thad's iPad Air

Yes, I think I, I think I can do that.

34:06 - Eric Teran

Okay, I think give a better understanding.

34:08 - Thad's iPad Air

let's see. If you if you push this to share a screen button now, what does it do for you?

34:23 - Eric Teran

Still says host disabled participant Screen sharing.

34:26 - Thad's iPad Air

Okay, let me see, I'm going to, let's see if this works for us. Share. Bye now.

34:43 - Eric Teran

There we go. Okay, so this is showing what four hundred fifty square feet can be added by right and the red light red dot line is the non conforming and the four hundred fifty square feet is what we could add on the second floor so this is one configuration where we could add it all on the north side of the house the one on the right is what happens if we you know did it on the south side and then we scroll down we have other two options either everything on the right or everything on the left so you know we go back to the first option you know this is basically what we're proposing we're just adding a extra feet down on the south side and so as far as any impact on light or shadow or air there really isn't any and so this is just kind of helps explain that that it is one hundred seventy square that we're asking for extra in it being minor is we don't see it's minor.

35:55 - Eric Teran

Because we don't see it really disrupting the neighborhood or the adjacent neighbors from what is by right. As far as you know, the rat, the trash and parking, that's other items that don't really pertain to this special exception. Hopefully that could be worked out with the neighbors, but I think that's it. On my end, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

36:20 - Thad's iPad Air

between the one two three and four options what's the can you explain the box the upper left is that supposed to represent the Okay,

36:27 - Eric Teran

I glad to sh the neighbor shed. An they back here,

36:32 - Thad's iPad Air

it's not the shadow.

36:33 - Eric Teran

so just showing the shadows. This one we did the shower shadows, sorry, I think it was at, I wanna say it was in the morning in the winter which we provide the most shadows. So you see, here's a little bit shadow on the shade, but the rest of the yard is basically the same as this one and we scroll down the next page. You know, the yard is basically same, what changes a little on the roof. This on the left would be the least impactful on the, on the shed roof, but as far as the backyard goes, it's um, roughly the same for um, the morning, I mean this one is winter sols at 09:00 a.m., which is the most, impactful.

37:17 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you, all right. Mr. Turan I think uh, you'll need to give post back to me unless I'm, I'm not able to, you should go to a c three a or I might be able to I have that ability no I think I might need you give it back to a and c three a do you see that it down if you click the white dots blue background you see that. Do you.

37:55 - Eric Teran

Oh, pot no o wait. Sorry,

37:58 - Thad's iPad Air

Do you see A and C three?

37:59 - Eric Teran

not on my screen.

38:04 - Thad's iPad Air

You might have to change your view to gallery view, which you can do by up in the upper right hand corner and switch. Yes,

38:20 - Eric Teran

Host is video order.

38:25 - Thad's iPad Air

again. Are you and galleries. Una.

38:43 - Eric Teran

Yeah, I'm g of you now, but I don't see.

38:46 - Thad's iPad Air

Do you? Do you see a black screen with Ac three A As one of the participants.

38:52 - Eric Teran

Oh, let me go. Participants Okay, yeah, okay.

38:57 - Thad's iPad Air

And then if you hover over it, you should see unmute and yeah,

39:00 - Eric Teran

Make host Got it all right? Thank you for teaching in Zoom.

39:04 - Thad's iPad Air

thank so much. Great. All right, I think what we'll do next is we'll go, Commissioner by Commissioner, to either ask questions or to, you know, state where you're feeling on this, and then if we have emotion, we'll have emotion. Did you? I am not. All right do we have any volunteers I'm happy to start okay this is anna lad from nancy three a zero five And I would have a southern end three A So this is not my need. Neighborhood, But zoning is an issue that I worked on in my previous Ac, and I studied planning and zoning law in graduate school.

39:53 - Thad's iPad Air

So somewhat familiar, it's Ac, but the Ac, even though we're not lawyers and experts, we have to follow the law. We cannot file a position doesn't follow the requirements of the law. We can't fill out the forms that are required for us to submit a decision unless we can cite provisions. Of the law, regulations, what the concerns were and what evidence we have of those concerns. This is a really tough one because of the concept. And Si said the special exception has specific standards and there is only one element of the plan that the special exception is required for and that is the square footage of the second floor the extent to which it is beyond the four hundred fifty feet that would conform to the current soon So any impact that Sadia said that we could look at the site in a statement to the board of Zona Adjustment would have to relate to more adverse impacts from that additional square footage on the 2nd story.

41:03 - Thad's iPad Air

There are a lot of other concerns that have come up, and I think all of us probably can understand them from our own experience as residents and members of the community, and it would be wonderful if there could be an agreement on things like grass and trash and noise. Neighborhood would like to have agreement like that. It doesn't fall within the standards for this. Has to look at whether the particular addition will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and zoning maps, will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property, and will meet other special conditions to be specified.

41:44 - Thad's iPad Air

As Durn said light, air, and privacy in the drying properties. It is very difficult for an Ac to get into the details of that kind of pain, the privacy of the neighboring property, and their ability to enjoy peaceful use of their premises. Because we aren't there and many of us have walked through the alley. But it's not the same as living there. It's quite a difficult test for us to provide The Ex This is the 1st Sony case Amc Three A has heard in our four and a half months of existence. It is the 1st time we will have filed anything with the Office of Zoning that try to meet these requirements.

42:32 - Thad's iPad Air

Every step we take affects our credence, our credibility. With this important body of Pc government, and they can easily dismiss the statement of and see that cites things that are not to me, and they do not hesitate to make that point at a hearing. So it's on the record. Some of us have been there. It's not very pleasant. We have not received letters of support from neighbors on this application, but we've received many letters expressing concerns. It would be very hard for an Acy to vote to support design Application has received no expressions of support of the applicant unless it provides major benefits to the community.

43:19 - Thad's iPad Air

This is an accessory structure private home so that there are major impacts to the commun. But also is very difficult for us to vote to oppose that the elements that are subject to Bca review related basis of the neighbors concerns. So the study is lay out. One of the choices we have is not to take a formal position. Tell the Bca that we have not voted either to support cos we can't approve or deny that in the old ones you can, but we can express an opinion. We can tell them we've gone through all the evidence, we have not taken a position and that the uses that you said the floor is open for the residents to make their case is that Amc weighs and that we get great weight and that can overwhelm the other evidence.

44:11 - Thad's iPad Air

So B C that I was on before, I answer three. In this kind of case we would say we would rather leave it to the name take their positions, and their voices are the ones that will be heard. If the games speaks, we get the great weight, and they do not That is the kind of thing that the nancies have to weigh. I know from experience the border zoning adjustment is very prone to like the good neighbor policy. They like to see agreement between neighbors. We don't like to get into the middle of controversy, but they like to see neighbors come to an agreement.

44:47 - Thad's iPad Air

It's possible for neighbors to work out agreements related to things that are not part of the special exception, but the need neighbors to feel more supportive. And the Bca sometimes stretches out its timetable, defers its decision meeting to allow time for neighbors to come to an agreement. That's not within our power, but the Bca has more cloud on that, so just wanted to lay out what the standards are for Nancy participation and the kinds of considerations we have to make.

45:22 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you for doing partic thoughts on position or your thoughts. Well, I have looked at the sun studies of the shade, which is the major piece of evidence as it relates and there as it relates to the additional square footage in a 2nd story. These are not easy things to read, and even if you open the exhibit, it can

take quite a while to figure out what are these patches and grades. Means of the architecture has been very helpful with that There are patches in the neighboring yards.

45:58 - Thad's iPad Air

Small would be shaded at certain times of year by the additional square footage. And they are not large. They are located in particular areas, which again I have not seen from the ground or from the home. It may be that those would be quite major to the residents. Living directly north. Not a judgement for us to make. I don't have the basis for a against. Volunteers. Sure, we has to I don't doubt that the entire project is intrusive and troublesome to the neighbors, particularly to Mr.

46:52 - Thad's iPad Air

Meredith's property. I do think, though, that we are limited to making an evaluation, As Matt Latino said, An evaluation of whether the what they're asking special attention for is what is the problem or is it just the existence of the entire project. I can't point to things that would support us voting no, so I think that I would also suggest that I no position and, as the Commissioner mentioned, then allow The Board is owning appeals to either ask the parties to try and work it out or hear what they had to say.

47:40 - Thad's iPad Air

I'll take some comments after the Commissioner next. I, I get it and I, I have, I have concern because if I be coming into my property. I would be very upset. It's just like a lot of new people you know every day through and through that property right so that I see the problem um I'm trying to figure out like if the r one b would be a way to that but I don't think it is as long as you apply the the right application for short term rentals also be clear that they could apply for a short for the eventual license regardless of whether that structures four hundred fifty and that's where I was trying to see like if there was a way One, we had certain limitations on what could be there, especially if that's supposed be a multi, you know, multi unit dwelling, right?

48:39 - Thad's iPad Air

It's not really multi doing, but it essentially is. But I don't, I don't really see anything that I can say that I would, I mean, yeah, I, I would have a lot wrong. We dealt with this in three D for someone who was turning something into a whole thing. Up against a single family or not a single family, but a sound of attached and that just we were able to shut that down because it just didn't make sense, right? One person sharing the wall with it used to be one person. Now it's going to be potentially so that this one harder.

49:12 - Thad's iPad Air

Because I do support the concerns that the neighbors have, but I don't know how we respond to that. So I think for me apologist the neighbors to. I mean it, it seems to me I can understand why the names are ups. It's a constrained area. If you're gonna have a bunch of people coming in with you know one or more cars in that very tiny area that they share but that's not what we're considering we're not considering parking we're not considering these other things so I think we should just let the neighbors carry to the borders zoning the field rather than us taking a stand up we certainly aren't going to take a stand to say go go go go Bill will build that we support this one hundred percent and we And I don't think we have very strong ground.

50:12 - Thad's iPad Air

I think it should also be stated that you know of the concerns that were enumerated by neighboring property owners. I think a lot of these have other recourses, you know, I mean concerns about trash. That is something that we certainly could have something to say on behalf of the Community outside of this discussion, right? And the same goes for issues with short term rentals. I mean the law is the law, but, you know, to services to the peace are still grounds for some type of action, either as a member of the Community or as a Commission.

50:55 - Thad's iPad Air

I think it's clear at this point that we have a consensus amongst the Commission. Unless there are any other pertinent comments or issues that speak to what is currently before us here. I think I will call for a motion of this We have taken the P. A motion that we take our position on this and we can pass it on to the mo. The fails to take take this cos. A 2nd. All those in favor. The motion passes unanimously. All right. Thank you to all the neighbors who participated, communicated with us.

51:43 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you to the applicants and all of those who worked with the applicants to bring this case before us. We will move to the next site Mo. The agenda Mr. Rick Allison is here on behalf of King Street Oyster Bar. He will be presenting on their requests for a stipulated license to serve alcohol at their location, which will be opening in City Bridge, which is in my single member district. Mr. Allison, if you'd like to take a chair so that you're in view. You don't have It's not required, I'm sure.

52:25 - Thad's iPad Air

Okay, so we are opening one out 1st of all, I do have one location in no. So already been through the process previously, which was a, and we've been there about four years now. Believe it or not, it was great, it was some good people, so. I've been there about four years in Noma and so now Cy Ridge came on us uh, the most recently and love the project of the area. I think it's gonna be in a little development for the surrounding neighborhood. And so we're excited about it so we are a oyster bar seafood primarily seafood oysters we do thanks chien pastas also we do a happy hour every day from three to six

thirty um which is great eight dollar cocktails dollar oysters a range of seven nine dollars uh appetizers for burgers for cap ho and then also we have we will have an indoor outdoor bar do have a location of Ate right now, which is very similar to the indoor outdoor bar we are We have a great vibe, re lively, we're not allowed, we're not having any late night music, we're not having any bands, we're not having Djs or anything like that.

53:50 - Thad's iPad Air

Or just a good neighborhood park really for people come in and enjoy all ages, kids or not. Either one we will provide. We probably close The latest would be eleven, probably closer to ten, I'll say Sunday through Wednesday. That's we do on our Dc location now. We do not want to be a la spot. We're not that we wa our money. What comes after? Because all of our employees go somewhere else and we don't want to be that far. We're all employes go thursday's close at eleven we'd open eleven eleven to eleven and then friday saturday maybe midnight but not sure how that area is so.

54:43 - Thad's iPad Air

Sorry, the space that you're going to be on to F is like a cross. That 40 for top is correct. Apartments above that there is Ok, those are partially leased or in the process of partially lease. And then when do you anticipate opening this? You need places right now. Right now we're in anti Dr. Wall. Soon better, okay, but I mean fast enough. The real probably open in July and how long would it be? It wasn't stipulated places, how long would it take you to get that approved? Not really. O it up to somebody who I went through this.

55:30 - Thad's iPad Air

That's. We've done before. So they dont something you control, like if you. Whatever the, whatever their time, that's why cul licenses exist. I believe to allow because we had to do that in no one, because the time frame was feasible. I wrote this in the chat, but I'll just say it for the benefit of the room. So it, as you said, it's located across from the Tante in the City Ridge complex, which is off Wisconsin between Rodman and Upton Place. Restaurant itself is interior to the complex, so this is not facing Wisconsin or facing any other.

56:20 - Thad's iPad Air

Exterior or piece of the property. I think the only question at this point is I mean, have you had any feedback or anything from tenants of the city. Rich because, you know, to kind of add to what I just said. Really the only people who are living in the area who would be affected by K tre re vars operations. Our city recess, But we're also only one of two full service restaurants right in that t is a counter service without a liquor license. Without a license we would be one of two, possibly three.

56:58 - Thad's iPad Air

I'm not sure what the building and chase of Ts is. And then talk. Obama is up on top in Wisconsin, which is totally So, folks in the chat, no speaking. I'm Roll chast Roadside Development, the developer and owner of City Ridge. And your question that I can tell you that our residents wish that it was open yesterday to take advantage of some of the Happy Hor specials was discussing and all the great offering that K Street provides. So they are eager to have K Street open and been supportive of all of the restaurants that we've been bringing to the little development as the character.

57:37 - Thad's iPad Air

As far I just, you know, I we have five restaurants, so will be a 5th one in Middleburg, one in Leesburg, one in Pot. Do we have any other questions for Mr. Allison? Faster? Just want to make sure that everyone does stipulated licenses in case people haven't dealt with liquor licenses before. Usually there would be a placar put of a sign saying there's been a request for a retro license at this location, and then it would go through an open protest time and then the board would decide and you would get your permanent license.

58:16 - Thad's iPad Air

But in Washington, the establishments are allowed to ask Cns Board for support for a stipulated license which stipulates that they can serve alcoholic beverages starving when that license is allowed, approved and then if there is a protest that would be called off if there's plenty of time. Everyone has a right to comment during the protest. It's stipulated that they can operate now. They can open up with the full service that they're anticipating offering in the permanent time period, have places which So you don't prevent an establishment from operating.

58:59 - Thad's iPad Air

They tend to with their all right. I will. I don't see anything in the chat. If we don't have any other questions or comments. Motion The motion is to approve the stimulated license for P Stre. Bar Do I have a 2nd? All those in favor. I have all of those opposed. The motion passes unanimously. Thank you very much, Mr. Thank you. Have a great evening too. Next we have a another stipulated license, this one for the Rich Club. Tonight we have Robert Will Cheak from Side Development, the owner of City Bridge, which will also be running the rich club that is part of C Bridge.

59:53 - Thad's iPad Air

This is Corey Tahara, who's with the Mena Group, which will manage the facility and we also have Mr. Andrew Klein, which is the attorney representing them, in attendance. So I'll open that up to you to. Thank Yes,

1:00:14 - Andrew Kline

actually remote and recline.

1:00:17 - Thad's iPad Air

yes, Mr. Klein here on soon.

1:00:18 - Andrew Kline

you.

1:00:20 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank you. Then and to the entire Commission. We certainly appreciate you hearing us this evening through the stipulated license. As mentioned previously on Robel Chesky with roadside development, the last time I was in front of the Anc was probably about four years ago when we were just starting construction at City Ridge. At the time it was Anc Thy, so it's great to see some new faces and thrilled to be here now that we're through construction and now operating. It's been quite good journey The facility that we are discussing as it relates to the Ridge Club.

1:01:01 - Thad's iPad Air

Rooftop club that is a membership program primarily for residents and employees of city ridge so it's a rooftop amenity space with an interior restaurant about two thousand six hundred square feet both the bar service and food service is located in an interior portion of the facility And there's also an outdoor pool deck and outdoor din. The buildings located centrally within the City Ridge development, so surrounding it on all four sides are our six residential buildings and some of which have eyes down onto the pool facility.

1:01:45 - Thad's iPad Air

King Street Oyster. We have many residents who are very excited for the club to open. Corey's team from Uni Group has been on site for the last two months, working away diligently in anticipation of opening for pool season. So Memorial Day being the traditional start of pool season in D. And in fact, there's probably li over a dozen people getting the place ready today, so quite excit to see. And so with that I may I'll turn it to Co. Just to introduce yourself and talk a mia. Some of the food.

1:02:22 - Thad's iPad Air

Average offer Yes, so I'm Corey Sahara. I in a group here based out of San Francisco, but you may be familiar with us from urban state restaurant here, The Four Seasons. So I think we are very excited to be back in Dc working with City Rich. This will be kind of your All American Fol Club type offerings. We expect it to be the kind of place that people can come eventually all day so that it's a spot where, if you live at the complex or you're visiting the, you have the opportunity to come in and stop for lunch or for an evening, you know, half an hour or what have you?

1:03:05 - Thad's iPad Air

It's a place where you can take a meeting or have a cup of coffee. For those of you who aren't familiar with the meeting group, they're certainly not a, I want to say we're not cool, but we're cool to ourselves, but we're not, we're not a med club sort of operation. We are certainly a hospitality restaurant operation. So, we expect this to be along that same vein in a neighborhood that we respect a great deal. I'm super thrilled to be back in and I think that if you have any questions about the operation, particular, overall very happy answer and so on.

1:03:44 - Thad's iPad Air

Your residents and employees of, there's not a public option. Yes, But it's not automatic. If you're renting an apartment there, you're able to use the, this facility, there's an additional fee or how. It is the set membership component to the club, Yeah, so right now it is only open to residents and employees. As we learn capacity and popular. Mr. Klein, did you wanna, just introduce yourself quickly and then open it to the floor.

1:04:15 - Andrew Kline

sure. Thank you. Andrew Klein of the Veritas Law Firm. Thank you. Chairman and Commissioner Latino, thank you for your description of the stipulated license process, which was helpful and certainly accurate, And that is what we're asking for. The the placards are going to go up on Friday. We've already learned that from, from Abc. And we're looking for your support and if there are any specific questions or concerns, we're happy to try to address them and um, if there are concerns, work with you to address them.

1:04:53 - Andrew Kline

Thank you.

1:04:54 - Thad's iPad Air

Do you have any questions or Anyone, one of residents? So you, do you want to add anything or yeah, do a question, sure. They communicated and they might not be finalized they communicated it would be

sixty dollars a month per person for membership is that still what it will be going forward correct. If we don't have any other questions I'll ask for a motion Or I'll offer on myself. I move to approved stimulated license for the bridge group as requested by roadside and mean group. I have a 2nd.

1:05:33 - Thad's iPad Air

All those in favor, say I. The motion passes unanimously. Thank you very much.

1:05:40 - Andrew Kline

Thank you, thank you very much.

1:05:50 - Thad's iPad Air

All Right, The next site on the agenda. Resolution that we have before us regarding a modest preliminary draft map of the Bet Bus Metro bus network for the future. The last Commission, Milano, to maybe speak a little bit about what it concerns and then we can open it up to debate. Thank you. Better Bus is the name This initiative that Wmata has been working on for a few years sounds great. They had an online survey in the fall about ten thousand people responded online out of everyone in this region.

1:06:38 - Thad's iPad Air

And then they looked at the comments and they came back in April with a visionary network map. I'm not calling it a proposal because it's a preliminary draft. It does not have the status of an official proposal. That is a staff initial effort, they say, to respond to their analysis and the comments they got. So if they put it out, it has entirely different numbers and letters for every bus service through the district, Maryland and Virginia and under the Wmata umbrella. And its kind of hard to read the maps.

1:07:11 - Thad's iPad Air

But there would be quite a different range of services. They are trying to consolidate routes, put more routes on major materials like Wisconsin and pass They emphasize they would like to have higher frequency, more efficiency, and better access for people to get to buses. But as you probably know from living in the neighborhood, there are a lot of buses that are not on the nature materials that are very important to people, including buses that serve Cathedral Avenue, Idaho Avenue in Mexico Avenue.

1:07:47 - Thad's iPad Air

Down in my area of cathedral heights north ulver park and also the ninety six that goes from kentley through a clam gardens cathedral commons down woodley road to woody park metros would all be

completely changed if this map were adopted the d two service for example the ninety six service they would not exist there would be other routes that go over parts of that network and go to different places the ninety six would no longer Road. There would be another bus that went across Carer Street and a bus that goes across Garfield, but nothing coming right through the middle Of that stretch, people don't have either V or Busters, and it goes to the nearest metro right now.

1:08:45 - Thad's iPad Air

Fortunately, our new Council member, Matt Truman, was scheduling his 1st quarterly meeting with Commissioners from around this whole Board at the beginning of May. And asked what people were talking about, and almost everyone was talking about this Better Bus proposal because they were hearing from constituents. What would happen to our service? What would we do if we had to walk all the way to Massachusetts, Wisconsin have. And if you look at the website, it'll show you the alternatives.

1:09:14 - Thad's iPad Air

And often it looks like you have to walk farther than you would ride on the bus in order to get the alternative that they're suggesting. Six Ten blocks of walking at either end of your trip? The commissioners asked. Council member approval if people would please organize a task force among people in the area west of Rock Creek to analyze what this would mean, to express concerns right away, and each Jfc that I was listening to said, We want to express our concerns now because there's a deadline for this Online survey about the Visionary Network map of June.

1:09:57 - Thad's iPad Air

Five Lots of constituents are already putting in their comments. You can see an interactive map with very heavy clusters and comments along some of these lines that would be either eliminated or drastically changed. We want to make sure that their comments are highlighted. Their comments are respected and taken into account because the next step is to develop a 2nd version. Of the future visionary network and also a set of changes to propose to the board in the coming budget cycle starting in late fall with public comments in february into hearings and then a board vote in march to go into effect july one twenty twenty five and mon is very excited about getting the start Lots of the constituents are very worried that their special roots might be picked off and put on this list as maybe not as remunerative as your model would like or An area that's difficult to serve because of hills, valleys, we don't know what the criteria are.

1:11:06 - Thad's iPad Air

There's no evidence of the ridership numbers, the cost numbers, the exact schedules that they would be talking about. They're just talking of concepts, but they want to get into details of the next phase. So all of us at the meeting said it's very important that our people and Make our concerns heard right now and

keep up the attention. Keep working with Council member Proven, hoping that he does form this task force to try to look at this service because it's a region wide concern.

1:11:39 - Thad's iPad Air

The Metro bus system Something that we depend on heavily. Those of us who don't live near Metro, which is most of Ac three A and an awful lot of war three. If you cannot get on a bus and get to where you're going, you are not going to have a public transit alternative. The city is advocating for clean air purposes, energy savings, congestion, alternative transportation, answers to personal vehicles, and all would be impossible if we can't keep up with us network. So our letter says some of the general points with specifics about what was the goal of the Better Bus plan.

1:12:21 - Thad's iPad Air

They want a stronger and more effective more contemporary network, but city wide, city wide and regional wide. And there are many people in every city in the country who say, Why are we still using the numbers that used to belong to trolley lines? Why are we using these numbers? That don't make sense to all of us. They make sense to the riders who've been on those routes for decades, but they don't make sense to new commerce. They don't make sense to a lot of the younger riders, So that was part of the objective.

1:12:55 - Thad's iPad Air

That's make it more rational. They would have Dc at the beginning of the decent group and at the beginning at the beginning it would have a one hundred group for the most frequent two hundreds for the medium frequency three hundred for the lower frequency rational okay but sometimes rationalizing as you know for human resources rationalizing of and also cutting at large. And so it's important to balance because Better Bus, they're calling it has different meanings to different people, but a lot of times better is closer to me.

1:13:40 - Thad's iPad Air

If we have a lot of seniors in our area, people with mobility challenges, people with children, people with parcels, they can't walk ten or twelve blocks up hills to get to the next process won't work. We have a rat on soon. So. Stops asking you to unmute.

1:14:04 - Abigail Demopoulos

hi can you hear me thank you great um good evening to everybody um I just wanted to speak up excuse me about the bus issue um and I fully understand people's concerns about the ninety six and the d two because I you know they they do provide service in funny areas but I just wanted to underscore I think

for this ac two things that I think are really critical Apart from those which I think that the bus proposal is trying to address,

1:14:07 - Thad's iPad Air

Yes,

1:14:40 - Abigail Demopulos

the 1st one is the lack of decent service from down Wisconsin through Georgetown to downtown. I left my office which is right downtown near the white at six o'clock to get the bus home to participate in this meeting I didn't log on until seven forty because of the really poor service of the thirty three coming from downtown during rush hours. I'll spare you the details of it but and I really felt like it didn't make sense to take a cab in this instance but I would have done that if it was uh if I had to and so I think like the most critical thing for ac three a really needs to hammer home that the service on wisconsin needs to be frequent it needs it can't stop at foggy bottom with a bad connection to downtown it needs to go further downtown um the the service that we used to have pre pandemic where we had the thirty three we had the thirty second we had the thirty n we had the thirty seven that's basically all gone and the thirty one operates during weekdays and doesn't get you all the way down into the city so for me that service is really important because it just affects like the cost of me how much it money it costs me to go into the office every day if I'm not prepared to.

1:15:57 - Thad's iPad Air

Mhm right. Yes.

1:16:17 - Abigail Demopulos

Wait twenty five minutes for the bus at night and so I think we should in addition to sort of the points about the loss of the cross town services which I share I really do think that we should really focus on the fact that that the service up and down wisconsin needs to be much better than it is because that's really the central artery for the neighborhood and that's just you know especially coming back in the evenings mean some people you know are in a place where you could walk to the red line during the day but do you want to walk a long walk to the metro at night I certainly don't choose I tend to rely on the bus in the evening the second issue is I know there's consolidation of the h buses along order and that I can understand for some people could be a concern but the one thing I would say about that is that I do think that the benefit of that could be that there's more rely.

1:17:16 - Thad's iPad Air

Okay.

1:17:24 - Abigail Demopulos

Viable service up and down porter right now if you if you get off at the cleveland park metro where you went down to cleveland park parish the thought to go buy something you really don't have a sense of whether you got to walk all the way up the hill or not which if you're carrying something you you might not want to do or in the evening that that hill is is not an insignificant hill I agree with the concerns about cutting the ninety six and the dd two But I also think that we should keep in mind that importance of frequency.

1:18:01 - Abigail Demopulos

For the 30 and from my perspective, frequency of connecting to the through the H buses to the Cleveland Metro is really important. I mean, I think a lot of people that I see use that, using that Bos or people who clearly come back and forth into the neighborhood to work, they might and they have to, they have to connect, They. Don't have a lot of good cross town options. So I think that each service is something we, we need to have, be more reliable and more frequent. I'll stop there, but I appreciate you all taking the time to focus on this issue because I do think it will,

1:18:41 - Thad's iPad Air

Hey.

1:18:48 - Abigail Demopulos

will help. And I also think with all the new development along, kind of further up from City Ridge with the new grocery store and new apartments, there's just going to be more people who are gonna need decent bus service. Thank

1:19:03 - Thad's iPad Air

Thank I like to kind of put a point on it, I think. The reason why I support the resolution that we have before us is like Mma said, there is motivation to increase the reliability because we don't have reliable bus service in our agency or really in our work. That's an issue, that's an obstacle to people utilizing the transit that we do have. In this resolution, though, I think what it seeks to identify is an imbalance in the existing preliminary map between the pursuit of reliability and frequency.

1:19:47 - Thad's iPad Air

The cost of the extent of the network and our ward and in our Ac. Foresee with the increasing density that we have not just along our materials, but in the areas that are currently served by routes that would

be eliminated with this map. That just means that you are going to motivate people to use their own personal vehicles at the expense of transit, which will in effect, in my opinion, offset the additional investment and reliability and frequency on the arterials, because those people will be driving on those arterials from where they live, in areas that once were served by a bus route that are no longer served by a bus route.

1:20:38 - Thad's iPad Air

So that's why I think this resolution, which asks wmata to take that into consideration to give more consideration to the balance between the extent of the network who it breaches and the reliability and the frequency of the lines on which so many people rely do I have another comment comment also about about the wisconsin court are free pandemic or frequent thirty one thirty three thirty seven Grider in both mornings. In the evenings until this demo, Pulis mentioned that I had forgotten the 30 s and the 30 end, which were incredibly frequent.

1:21:21 - Thad's iPad Air

I guess my concern is that not only do I share your day. There are sense that we can't sacrifice neighborhood service to get arterial service the other thing I see is a problem with the better bus is that the arteries are far far longer so what's going to replace the thirty three is going to start out that be fs the metro and go through town and just my personal experience as a rider and then more recently just as someone walking along wisconsin there's a huge issue with buses clumping anyhow and not being able to space and keep on schedule so I'm not sure how often coming from Bethesda to wherever the thirty three replacement is going to end that's not going to get worse.

1:22:04 - Thad's iPad Air

I mean, I don't have any scientific basis for that. I Just right now let's. So I think that we should support both the artery and neighborhood, but also be concerned that stretching routes to be nice and long doesn't mean service is going to be better. Comment I would just say briefly that one of the reasons we lost the 30 s and the 30 is that we A lot of argues that they just could not have such long busters because they were so unreliable. Bed in this proposal. They are asking for even longer busters in our area.

1:22:38 - Thad's iPad Air

Several of reach out to this and the Lod Wood through. Glover Park would start up at No Wood and head north, and Barnaby Woods and wander around before it got down to G Park and then wonder for not paying attention to. But it's also very clear that they haven't figured out the const avenue frequency you have yes they promise at least ten minutes they suggest it could be as frequent as every five minutes but the schedule hasn't actually been worked out and it would still only be the one route all those buses would be thirty three buses on wis concept triangle I waited thirty minutes yesterday I'm coming back up.

1:23:27 - Thad's iPad Air

A There's a lot of problems to now park with. All the eats are just and stop me. So, you know, we turn, go to park, essentially one lane at best. You know, that's at best because someone else will just stop, but then you just stop and that's happening all over the city. So I don't know how a lot of works through that process, right? That's just play with this with everyone parking, they want tickets. Yeah, we had to start with some tickets, you know, we got to start with some. Of the street.

1:24:15 - Thad's iPad Air

I'm gonna, I'm gonna, I'm gonna move. The resolution regarding will model preliminary draft be Bus, Metro, Metro bus network. I have a 2nd all of those in favor of AI. The motion cast is unanimous. Point out that spend a lot time this very well detail stage. Le All right. I'm just going to note that the missioner Moorah had to leave But we do maintain for our mo for members our next motion. Our next item on the agenda concerns a letter of support the I O Senior Services. Looking to maintain their position as the Acl, which I do not have that abbreviation on that urban aving and community living.

1:25:10 - Thad's iPad Air

Yes, as the lead agency in ward three, I will again ask M Commissioner Alaina to provide a brief summary, if you don't mind. No, I don't mind. Is going to be issuing a grant for the lead agency Iona is flying they were in touch with those as the long time lead agency since nineteen eighty two in this area for senior services looking for support. Having worked with Iona and talked to many people who. Are very grateful for the services there too. Caregivers I felt it was logical that we would support the keeping this status for Iona.

1:26:03 - Thad's iPad Air

So this is a letter supporting that we would fail to Iona that they could include their package to Gcl. I'll just add that though I don't have a great deal of personal experience with working with Iota, and a Council member has spoken very positively about the work that they've done across the world throughout our part community, I know that. You know, they also support organizations that provide services to seniors like The Villages, the Cleveland Park, and with the Park Village.

1:26:38 - Thad's iPad Air

Group They offer a lot of assistance to seniors. Who live in my single Member district and elsewhere, so I think it's important that we support them in the pursuit as the agency for Dcl. Do we have any other comments or questions? Hearing none, I'll move that we approve the letter of support for a senior services as the Gcl Le Agency. In more three I have a 2nd. All of those in favor, say I. The motion passes

unanimously. Next item on the agenda is Commissioner updates. Do we have any Commissioner updates?

1:27:30 - Thad's iPad Air

Miller We are still pursuing this issue, making progress, but we don't have details on the corral that was. Is the should find there was the corral in place, or they just put the weight. They only put up the white posts big enough I don't know, it just looks like there's just a traffic coming, people from turn right over. It's a bit of a puzzles a little smaller than the space for a car, right? Apparently there are novel plants to support our stand in that small area, but they have indicated, has indicated.

1:28:14 - Thad's iPad Air

Will just. Any discussions? No, I I would like to. If this is Commission or updates I would like to mention next. Our next meeting in June we are going to have the new head of the building or the acting head of the building. It's it's a it's the A liis, the Department of Builds. We have very strong issues in our neighborhood and I would like to write in a letter in advance and then I would like to try to get any neighbors that we can possibly get to come out and to say that these houses that have been began for years and deteriorating must be de not just star at Yes, so we, we will have somebody or maybe a few people from Dob presenting, will be able to ask questions and present concerns that involve the department of buildings.

1:29:21 - Thad's iPad Air

I do not have any at this time. We will then Move to community announcements. I'll 1st look to Zoom to see if anybody has any community announcements. If you do, please raise your hand. We have Anthony Barclay. Please go ahead and then I will uh Mr. Peterson.

1:29:49 - Matthew Barclay

Hi, everyone, it's Matthew Barcliff. Mayor's Office Community Relations and Services. How are you doing Sorry s. Apologies. So I, this, I'm drop some information the chat. I just copied of it. I'm I will put the full list in the chat. But my name is Matthew Barkley, I'm your word. Three Moers. Basically what we are is the eyes and ears. The mayor. We help people and commissioners and community members solve issues and that they may have in Navigating government services. Happy to help.

1:30:23 - Matthew Barclay

My contact information is, my contact information will be in the chat, Also some announcements. May Bowser testified today in of Congress, and encourage you to read her full testimony. It'll be in the links in the chat, Also last week she held a public safety and justice, um summit and uh, I encourage you to

watch that at her Twitter link, which will also be in the chat. You know set it on two two x speed and watch the whole thing would be great we also have a new department of buildings director this week his name is Brian hanlin he has thirty five years of private and public sector experience so looking forward to that dpr has quite a few senior events happening this year this month there's the dpr s walking club so there are you know seniors come together and have a walking club and it'll be may twentieth thirty first and june tenth the twentieth will be at oxen run park and the other two will be at Marvin gate park and you can register at the link in the chat when I get back to you guys um early bird hype is also a senior event it's uh you know uh a senior fest will be uh may thirty first but come you know on the you know coming up to that event there'll be a bunch of festivities our seniors so you can register for those at early bird hype splash com also in chat pas for tc is a long journey around the Rod events dc is putting this on and uh there's one more event fiesta asia may twentieth and you can look at events dc dot com in the chat um there's a veteran's career fair networking event series um thursday at nine thirty am at the um department of deployment services headquarters um more information than chat it's also asian American Pacific islander heritage month um there's gonna be a food delicious event at the dc public library on the twenty second more information in chat um I also have a um.

1:32:35 - Matthew Barclay

A link to Helping Hands program with D, Dp W So if you would like to beautify your neighborhood in um, in more ways than they are already doing, please reach out to them. Also, Mpd is hiring. There'll be a hiring fair Saturday, May 20 at 09:00 a.m., and so I'm gonna drop this in the chat and um, I hope you guys have a wonderful day evening. You're

1:33:00 - Thad's iPad Air

All right. Well, thank you so much, Matthew. Mr. Peterson, you're welcome to amute yourself.

1:33:07 - Cory Peterson

Thank you, Commissioner, I appreciate it. Just Corey Peterson with American University back again with some brief updates, one to let you know a few things going on campus. We just finished commencement this last weekend. Hopefully that didn't have any impacts on the community. It seemed like it went really well and very smooth. So far, I haven't heard much feedback that would welcome that if there is any. As far as Jacob's Field, the sound barrier wall. We did receive our zoning order on May 3, and we've submitted our building permit package to the city, and we hope to get that started very, very soon.

1:33:38 - Cory Peterson

So we'll see some work up around Jacob's Field. We do have some summer projects going on on campus. These are just some what we call renovations. So we're transitioning Einstein's and paper lantern in the Mary Graydon Center that will become a Panera. And then down in the tunnel there's a vacant space by subway that's to become a cud doba. So if you were around this summer and coming through the tunnel

in particular, you'll see some activity there. We're also moving our bookstore from its current location into the tunnel where the Eagles Nest was previously.

1:34:05 - Cory Peterson

So some activity there are as far as milk scam. We filed our for the processing application on April 10, and I will put in the chat a place where you can find our full uh, for the processing application to the zoning commission. And I'll be back next month in June here to do a formal presentation on Melzer Scan. Before our July 6 hearing was zoning. Our president and then lastly but not least, President Burwell has moved into her new residence. So she's living just off campus in a property that was donated to the university, and she's excited to be a member of the community here and wanted to share that good news.

1:34:40 - Thad's iPad Air

All right, thank you so much. Mr. Peterson Uh, Mss. Levine Uh, if you'd like to unmute yourself.

1:34:47 - Cory Levine

hi this is corey levine um of friends of hers park and a three a resident I wanted to just say that we're um doing some fun things in the future we have something on june eleventh an event where we will be picking up trash and spreading mulch at hearst park um and there will be future announcements of hopefully a community day in the fall um I I know this is just announcements but I also wanted to just put out there that in the prior iteration when we were in three f we did have a parkson watersheds committee for the nc and I would just encourage the commissioners to consider forming some sort of subcommittee on that um to address like lover arch fold and mcm playground and hears recreation center in the future I think would be a great addition And that's it.

1:35:37 - Cory Levine

I'll put the link to the event in the chat.

1:35:40 - Thad's iPad Air

All right, thank you so much, Miss Levine. And in fact, we do have an item and administrative matters where we are. Furthering the process of establishing subcommittees. One that we could consider co one recollection was with the new commissioners in January, the new redistricting that it sort of fell apart with until the things got split up, both at three A, but also the new three F. Yeah, that sounds like a fine idea. To revive that.

1:36:15 - Cory Levine

Great. That will be awesome.

1:36:17 - Thad's iPad Air

All right. Thank you so much, Miss Lein. If we don't have any other community announcements, I do not see any raised hands on Zoom. Did you just want to introduce yourself? Yeah, just so folks, hi, I'm Benita Bolden and I'm with Psychiatric Institute of Washington and so I just wanted to kind of give an update because when I was last year there were some concerns that um, the neighbors, the neighborhood had and so I wanted to address one of the uh, concerns which was the uh, parking on the sidewalk, so we of our emergency vehicles, so we were successful in getting restricted parking.

1:36:59 - Thad's iPad Air

Both emergency vehicles, the advance transport as well as Npd. So those signs had been installed. They were put up about a couple of weeks ago. The parking meter signs were taken down and they even planted some trees as well. So that was nice. So I wanted to let you know that that is, that has taken effect. And what I've been doing is I put together some warning notices just to start giving people I, you know, we just didn't want to come out and start ticketing because You know, people are accustomed to being able to park there, so right now what we're doing is just putting warning notices on the vehicle so you know, people will start, you know, getting into the mindset that it is now reserved for.

1:37:43 - Thad's iPad Air

I'm very happy to hear that and I commend D for quick, all right. Don't believe we have any other community announcements, so we will now move to open forum. Do we have any questions or comments in Open Forum? If you do, if you could just introduce yourself and say what you're in. If you're here on Zoom, just go ahead and raise your hand I don't see anything in Zoom, so anything in the room? All right. Hearing and see nothing. We will now move to our Administrative matters The 1st I'm going to move to approve our April meeting minutes.

1:38:37 - Thad's iPad Air

Do I have a 2nd? All right. Those were shared electronically and are available for review on the Ac Three A website. Do we have any corrections for the minutes? All right, hearing none. The motion. Approval for the April meeting Minutes. All those in favors AI I all those oppose. Opposing the motion passes unanimously, and I'll just an addendum. We do maintain a forum with free in the room at this time, so we will now move to the next administrative matter, which is the April financial report.

1:39:27 - Thad's iPad Air

Commissioner Moral, our treasure. Share that report with us. I'll speak to it just briefly. My papers and order Yes, so the important thing is that we started with no balance in our checking account, but we did receive our allotments at the very beginning of the month. That amount was roughly sixty two hundred dollars we had a number of expenses that had been incurred for reimbursement those reimbursements were issued so our current balance and checking account is six thousand one hundred sixty to dollars and fifty nine cents so that coming down from the amount that was deposited six thousand five hundred eighty six dollars and sixty six cents expenditures were for office supplies media space.

1:40:32 - Thad's iPad Air

Next item for administrative matters are for us. We do The next item is that we need to vote on all location for Ac Three a future public meetings. So As a preface, I will say that we have been meeting here at the National Presbyterian Church. They have been very kind to accommodate us a brand new Ac. Obviously, that created some challenges in terms of our financial situation and getting used to running a hybrid meeting, though we've run no meetings previously. Standard Far wasn't really established in the 1st place at this time, so we had a need to have these meetings.

1:41:28 - Thad's iPad Air

And so when we set out at the beginning, we went with one option that we identified and we began Total Committing Spirit National Presbyterian Church. At this point in time, we do have options and I'll speak briefly to both of those and then we can open the floor to debate. Pretend any questions or comments from Commissioners and those who are in attendance. The 1st option we speak to, since we're already here, is National Presbyterian Church So National Presbyterian Church, for anyone who is not physically attending at this moment, located.

1:42:11 - Thad's iPad Air

Off of Nebraska Avenue near the intersection of Nebraska and Van Ness. We use a meeting room that has internet. It allows us to hold our meetings in a hybrid nature, which is what we intend to continue to do regardless What option we select, there is ample parking here for those who choose to drive. Is located in our Commission area, which is a very nice thing, which I would imagine is the case for most agencies, but it could have not been for us, because we we don't have an abundance of options, as you can see, national presbyterian church has kindly offered the use of this space on a continual basis for the remainder of this our scheduled dates which run through january twenty twenty four at a rate of one hundred dollars per me since we've been here.

1:43:15 - Thad's iPad Air

I think we're all very knowledgeable about what we have in this space and how we utilize it. So I won't speak too much to that beyond what I've already said about its location and the the presence of off street parking here The 2nd option that we have before us is to utilize the ballroom at Mclean Gardens,

So this is a space. That belongs to the Mclean gardens condo association that is located near the intersection of porter in wisconsin those set in somewhat it's really an intersection of quarter and thirty eight but very close to wisconsin avenue It is a very large space.

1:44:06 - Thad's iPad Air

It is being offered again for the same dates that National Presbyterian is offering for us, so the same period of time. Is being offered to us at no cost, and the reason for this is because they provide that space to any community organization for free as long as there is a Connect the residents of Mclean Gardens. In this case, Most residents and My Cycle member districts are in Mclean Gardens, whether they are tenants or they are owners. Internet, so we would continue to have hybrid meetings in the same manner that we do have here.

1:44:52 - Thad's iPad Air

They also have screens that we could use in the same manner that we have used this screen The layout would be different. It's a different space. You can see some photos of the ballroom. If you go online, you can see what that looks like, There is no off street parking that is available for people and attend. You can reach this space by public transit. You can reach the space by parking on the streets in the neighborhood. You could hypothetically park in a nearby garage that is primarily used for people going to the Giant.

1:45:38 - Thad's iPad Air

I do not want this to sort of enter into the conversation as oh, this is a guarantee. Or this is highly likely, unlikely. It is just something that I will say that if, if we were to be using the Play Gardens ballroom, I would be in favor of reaching out to the entity that manages that garage to see what the options would be for maybe validating parking for those in attendance. Again, I don't think that should be a consideration at this time because it may not be possible. Who knows, it may be financially onerous for us in a way that would offset the benefit of having it there.

1:46:25 - Thad's iPad Air

But I think that is sort of a breakdown of what enters into our conversation. Do I have any questions or comments on the choice between the two? On the choice between the two, I would say that We've been lucky to have National Presbyterians on Coast that very accommodating. Obvious selling point that National Presbyterian has over the Plain Garden site which I have bused with you is there's a fun the surface park from here. I would have to point out that that's mitigated a little bit by the fact that we have very small in person crowds that our current location here sometimes years and eight people attend other the people that have to present.

1:47:13 - Thad's iPad Air

So that point I don't think the fact that the garden doesn't have parking is as big a drawback as, say, the pre pandemic days where everybody came to meet my thoughts. Thank you for research. Yes, and I want to reiterate, we will continue to have Hy Me regardless of the space. I would hope that nobody would be dissuaded from participating in either scenario. One other thing that I will add about the Clean Gardens agreement is that, seen as there is no cost associated. I would say that if we were to not to use the ballroom in the clean gardens and we found it to not be us for whatever reason, we would have the capability to reconsider, whereas National Presbyterian has made a generous offer to discount its cost, but with the expectation that they would that we would utilize the space for the full amount that we had scheduled Do I have any other questions or comments on this issue?

1:48:35 - Thad's iPad Air

I was going to say for the benefit of my constituents that I have met with? There is some concern among seniors who would want to drive to a meeting in either location that they would perhaps have to arrive considerably early. Around the fall room to try to find a few spots that might be available on the street or have difficulty finding a place to park They have all talked about this since the beginning. About the transportation. We see so few people in person here, and our hope is always that more and more people will find out about the Ac and will want to participate in person.

1:49:18 - Thad's iPad Air

And the space is limited here. If we had a really major speaker, we've had some important speakers, but if we had a really big draw, we would not be able to accommodate very many people in this room. Sometimes the mayor comes to a meeting, and you will have seventy five people who want to get in and there's a cap here for that thirty part in this considerably more expensive for us to use any other facility here to accommodate that larger group But as Sadia said, we would have flexibility if we chose to meet at the Clean Gardens and if it didn't attract a lot of people or if we did need parking.

1:50:04 - Thad's iPad Air

Some reason that it wasn't working could shift. To this location, and I know some agencies actually rotate as part of their program. So we will be close to some residents some months and then close to other residents some months. There are many choices, but we would have more flexibility here if we were using the Clean gardens on at least in the older days, before the realignment, we met at the Metropolitan Police Station, and that's quite a large room. Is that occupied by somebody else now?

1:50:39 - Thad's iPad Air

It is not has the same parking issues though as far as not having great parking access. Yes, I also in my experience So I've been to the police station and I actually tried using their Wi Fi. A whole new

generation, yeah. That that is why I mean, I, I would say, you know, in the event of no other option being desirable, that that is what we would do. We would need a, because that is That is the only public space in our Commission area that we could use. You needed the Mayor, King. You needed a hundred states.

1:51:29 - Thad's iPad Air

I mean the, the ballroom has a very large, yeah, I know, you know, they have, they have hosted weddings and the kind. So in that case, you know, it would have the, the facilities necessary. We do have one Rais hand on zoom. Mr White, if you like to speak, you should be able to unmute yourself.

1:51:51 - David White

Hi, thank you. I'd just like to say that I think it's important for the Ac to choose a location. I don't. I'm not a fan of alternating locations because I think it just might confuse people. But I also have appreciated the fact that when I tune in to this meeting, it looks very professional, the lighting is good, the internet works, it looks like a very nice place, and I also think that as the Ac matures, so to speak, there will be more interest and as you begin to consider perhaps larger issues that affect more people you might have a few more wanting to come in person so that's just my two cents thank you

1:53:03 - Thad's iPad Air

if we don't have any other questions or comments, I'll ask for somebody to make a motion. Since we Don't have one before us or I guess I'll just say do we have a motion? Are we looking to move in one direction or the other? I think I would move to vote to hold future meeting. Add a Cla Garden ballroom keeping that flexibility has to be discussed. Do add a 2nd All of those in favor, say I, All right, we the reason I This is a personal thing, but and for a view. The people who do like to come to these meetings do want to drop and there is absolutely no parking around the Gn parks and and even if you park with a giant You know, that's two blocks, long blocks and you know, people who are really elderly or people who are sick and you can't do it.

1:54:16 - Thad's iPad Air

So that's why this place because it's got hundreds of parking places. Understood. So with a boat of three eyes, with a one, the motion is passed The last administrative matter that we have before us is to discuss provisions for the agency to form committees or task forces. So we have a draft Sop that we have been developing that articulates how we would do that. At this time, we are planning to post that Sop for the benefit of the public's review as well as the review of Commissioners, so that we can make any alterations as necessary, and then we would vote to approve that Sop in our next meeting in June.

1:55:06 - Thad's iPad Air

So if that Sop is approved in June, then we can begin to speak to requests from Commissioners and community very large to establish committees and task forces to deal with issues like transportation, vacant buildings, the watershed, like you have parks and Any of those issues as well as you know, joint task forces and committees that we might participate in all of these things would be touched on by this Sop and they would guide the way in which we would do that. I don't believe there's much to discuss on this, though I will still open the floor for comments and questions.

1:55:57 - Thad's iPad Air

I don't see any in the room. It will be posted and yes. Chat. I do not see any raised hands. So don't have a vote to be had on that we will again vote on this at our June eighth if there is no further discussion on that our next meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday June twenty at seven p m that will be located at the McClain Gardens ballroom. Information about the ballroom will be posted to our website and will be shared on meeting notice that will also be posted to local lists and on Next Door Street.

1:56:42 - Thad's iPad Air

It is there's a very small sliver of thirty eight street that's between Newark and how Porter comes in off Wisconsin and there's a fountain a circle and the ball arm is right across from the fountain. Additional details will be announced they become available. I'm going to move to adjourn this meeting, so I have a 2nd. I had a 2nd. All of those in favor say I I. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting is a thank you everyone.