GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A

ANC 3A Minutes of Public Meeting
January 20, 2026

The meeting was held in virtual format only, by Zoom. There was no in-person option.

At 7:12 pm, the host of the Zoom session, Commissioner Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, announced that all five Commissioners were online and the election of officers for 2026 would be the first item to deal with. The Commission elected the following four officers:

Chair: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Vice Chair: Isaac Bowers
Secretary: Ann Mladinov
Treasurer: Gracemary Allen

Quorum Call: All five Commissioners participated: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01), Gracemary Allen (3A02), Isaac Bowers (3A03), Claire McCafferty (3A04), and Ann Mladinov (3A05). The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

Verification of Notice: The Secretary confirmed that notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed agenda had been shared 7 days in advance of the meeting as required, using the two methods previously approved by the Commission: the ANC 3A website and email including ANC 3A email list, local listservs and Nextdoor Neighbors e-network, which met the notice requirement.

Approval of Agenda: The Chair 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.

Other Official Votes:

• Approval of Quarterly Financial Report for First Quarter FY2026. The Treasurer made a motion to vote on the Quarterly Financial Report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *Resolution supporting approval of the application by Acqua Bistecca at 14 Ridge Square (ABRA-132936) for a Substantial Change to its liquor license to allow live entertainment, dancing by patrons, and a cover charge.* The Chair made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *Resolution to urge DDOT to respond to local ANCs' request for information RE traffic safety improvements on the Reno Road/34th Street corridor.* The Chair made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *ANC 3A Public Meeting Schedule.* The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting schedule through January 2027. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *Annual Contract for Space for ANC 3A Public Meetings.* The Chair made a motion to vote to continue contracting for use of the McLean Gardens Ballroom for ANC 3A regular public meetings through January 2027 (no expenditure). The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *Expenditure for ANC 3A Domain Name through GoDaddy at $22.99 for the year.* The Chair made a motion to vote on the expenditure. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
• *Contract for Go Vocal community engagement software at $2,100 for the year.* The Chair made a motion to vote on approving the contract. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

Adjournment

The Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

FULL SUMMARY

The meeting was held in virtual format only. There was no in-person option. As host of the Zoom session, Commissioner Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis announced at 7:12 pm that all five Commissioners were online and since the January meeting was the first regular public meeting of the year, the Commissioners would begin by electing new officers for 2026.

MPD Captain Darren Haskis agreed to serve as a neutral third party to count votes. He announced each of the four offices and called for nominations from the Commissioners for each office in turn.

For Chair, Commissioner Bowers nominated Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis. Commissioner Mladinov seconded. There were no other nominations. The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Bradley-Lewis as Chair.

For Vice Chair, Commissioner Bowers nominated Claire McCafferty. Commissioner McCafferty then nominated Commissioner Bowers. She explained that this would be her final semester at university and she would have to give priority to her classes, so she would support Commissioner Bowers' nomination. Captain Haskis called for a vote on Commissioner McCafferty. The vote was 1-4. Captain Haskis then called for a vote on Commissioner Bowers. The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Bowers as Vice Chair.

For Secretary, Commissioner Allen nominated Ann Mladinov. Commissioner McCafferty seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Mladinov as Secretary.

For Treasurer, Commissioner Mladinov nominated Gracemary Allen. Commissioner Bowers seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Allen as Treasurer.

Commissioner Bradley-Lewis summarized the vote for the following four officers for 2026:
Chair: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Vice Chair: Isaac Bowers
Secretary: Ann Mladinov
Treasurer: Gracemary Allen

As newly elected Chair, Commissioner Bradley-Lewis then proceeded with leading the meeting.

The Chair called for a roll call. Commissioners Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (ANC3A01), Gracemary Allen (ANC3A02), Isaac Bowers (ANC3A03), Claire McCafferty (ANC3A04), and Ann Lane Mladinov (ANC3A05) were participating. The Secretary confirmed there was a quorum for the meeting. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

The Secretary confirmed that notice of the meeting and the proposed agenda had been shared 7 days in advance of the meeting as required, using the two methods previously approved by the Commission: the ANC 3A website and email including ANC 3A email list, local listservs and Nextdoor Neighbors e-network, which met the notice requirement.

The Chair presented the proposed agenda, with the addition of a resolution from Commissioner Bowers to support ANC 3C in its request for a response to its previous resolution and data request related to traffic safety on the Reno Road/34th Street corridor. The Chair 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.

MPD Police Report
Captain Darren Haskis provided a report on crimes and public safety issues in ANC 3A in the previous 30 days. He said there had been 11 total crimes reported in ANC 3A during that period, including one violent crime, an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon at 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, where a resident had been sitting in her car with her boyfriend, in front of the building, they had an argument, and he slashed the four tires of her vehicle. The suspect was known to MPD so an arrest was expected. Commissioner Mladinov asked what had elevated the incident to a violent crime. Captain Haskis said the victim reported the suspect had wielded a knife and threatened to kill her.

Captain Haskis also reported there had been 2 burglaries, 7 general thefts predominantly at the CVS on Newark Street and Wegmans in City Ridge, 1 theft from auto, and no stolen motor vehicles. Captain Haskis provided additional information on the reported burglary at the Devonshire Apartments (4105 Wisconsin Avenue), which had already been closed. A resident was at home on a virtual meeting in one room of the apartment but had left the door to the apartment unlocked and her purse with wallet in it were stolen. Fortunately a witness had seen a suspicious person coming out of the apartment and reported it to the building maintenance person. The resident had also gotten notifications of credit card abuse because the card was being used. Thanks to good detective work, the case was closed.

Resolution Urging DDOT Response to Local ANCs' Requests RE Traffic Safety on Reno Road
Commissioner Bowers presented a proposed resolution to support neighboring ANC 3C's repeated requests to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) for data related to traffic safety on the Reno Road/34th Street corridor, any recent reports on the subject, and a timetable for DDOT to respond to community concerns about pedestrian incidents at several intersections with Reno/34th Street. Commissioner Bowers said he had lived in Cleveland Park for 25 years, including on Reno Road, and had seen many incidents related to unsafe driving. Most recently a 13-year old crossing Reno at Porter Street was hit by a driver who was on the phone, made a "Right Turn on Red" (which is illegal in the District), yelled at the child for being on her hood, and left the scene. A few weeks before, another child was struck in a crosswalk on Reno Road. Commissioner Bowers observed that MPD mostly focuses on traffic speed, not failure to stop at traffic signals and Stop signs. After attending a meeting of the ANC 3C Safe Sustainable and Equitable Transportation Committee, which was preparing a resolution on the subject, he thought it would be useful for ANC 3A to give attention to the issue. The Chair noted that residents of ANC 3A have to cross the Reno Road/34th Street to reach the Cleveland Park Library or commercial area and Metro, and it is terribly unsafe when many vehicles are going so fast on that corridor.

ANC 3A constituent Miriam Magdieli who lives near Macomb Street and 38th Street spoke about concerns with traffic safety issues on Macomb, which is used as a cut-through between Massachusetts Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue, where students at three pre-schools often have to cross. She said all the residents on those blocks had signed a petition requesting traffic calming which they submitted to DDOT in June 2025, and had not received a response. They had also shared their request with CM Frumin. She wondered whether the ANC could adopt a resolution on their concerns, or if there was something else that could be done. The Chair responded that the ANC could take up those concerns at the next meeting, as well as similar issues at Newark Street and Idaho Avenue, and numerous other locations in ANC 3A. But he observed that the ANC had submitted resolutions and other requests to DDOT in the past and unfortunately the response had been utterly unsatisfactory. DDOT has told the ANC that all requests for Traffic Safety Investigations should be submitted using the TSI 2.0 system, and when requests are submitted that way, DDOT almost never has followed up with investigations or improvements.

Ms Magdieli commented that some places have gotten traffic calming, including a block away on 38th Street. The Chair provided additional background on the evolution of DDOT's program for dealing with traffic calming requests. In the years before ANC 3A was created, under an earlier system (now called TSI 1.0), DDOT responded as soon as possible to requests for traffic safety investigations and traffic

calming, and implemented 1100 to 1200 traffic safety improvements in a year. But the DDOT adopted the TSI 2.0 system, which provides that a maximum of 800 requests for traffic safety improvements annually (200 per quarter) will be investigated (not necessarily implemented), with a minimum if 10 per ward each quarter. Usually 12 or 15 cases are selected for investigation per quarter in Ward 3. The chances of implementing a significant portion of all the TSI requests is very small, and practically all ANC Commissioners have been disappointed and frustrated. CM Frumin has been pushing for changes, and ANC 3A will continue to work in that direction, but the Chair observed that at this point it doesn't seem likely that the DDOT process is going to change with the current leadership in place.

Commissioner Mladinov commented that in the past decade, ANC resolutions used to be the way to communicate requests to DDOT, but then DDOT informed ANCs that it did not have a system for processing and tracking resolutions, so ANCs and residents should instead submit petitions for traffic calming and complete DDOT traffic safety questionnaires. Then DDOT halted that process and shifted to the TSI 2.0 system. But she said the resolution related to traffic safety on Reno Road was an exception, because ANC 3C had submitted a request to DDOT over two years ago for information on what DDOT had done and any data it had collected on that situation, so ANC 3A along with ANC 3E were supporting ANC 3C in trying to get a response from DDOT on that request. Commissioner Mladinov also reported that the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment would be having a performance oversight hearing about DDOT on January 28 which would be an ideal occasion to raise concerns about DDOT's response to traffic safety concerns. She offered to share details about the hearing. Ms Magdieli said she would be willing to testify and also would like to work with Commissioner Bowers on traffic safety issues. Commissioner Bowers said he would be glad to work on those concerns and asked her to cc. Commissioner Allen, CM Frumin, and DDOT on future comments.

Commissioner Bowers made a motion to vote on the proposed resolution urging DDOT to respond to the requests from ANC 3C and other local ANCs for additional data and a timeline for investigating the traffic safety issues on the Reno Road/34th Street corridor. The resolution was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the resolution.

Resolution on Request of Acqua Bistecca for Entertainment Endorsement (ABRA-132936)
At the December meeting, the ANC had heard a presentation about the application for a Substantial Change in the liquor license of the restaurant Acqua Bistecca at 14 Ridge Square. The change would add an Entertainment Endorsement to the liquor license, to allow live entertainment, dancing by patrons, and a cover charge. The endorsement, which would apply indoors and on the summer garden through the full hours allowed for other services (7 days a week, all day through 2 am). The ANC had voted to support a "stipulated" endorsement to be put into effect temporarily, allowing entertainment while the ABC Board was accepting comments on the long-term application. Protest petitions on the permanent change to the license were due to ABRA on January 26, with a Roll Call Hearing scheduled on February 17.

The Chair said the restaurant had some entertainment on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve under the "stipulated" change in the license, but the entertainment was not late at night or disruptive. Commissioner Mladinov observed that the ANC would generally negotiate a settlement agreement with an establishment proposing to add an entertainment endorsement, particularly if there are nearby residences that could be adversely affected by added noise or traffic or other disruptions. But the Commission had not received any comments or concerns from constituents about the stipulated endorsement, there had not been any expressions of opposition from neighboring establishments or others about the long-term change in the liquor license, and the management of City Ridge was supporting approval of the Entertainment Endorsement. The Chair said if there were any concerns about peace, order, and quiet at the restaurant, the ANC could take them up at the time the license is up for renewal. The Chair made a motion to vote on a resolution to support Acqua Bistecca's request for an Entertainment Endorsement. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the resolution

Commissioner Updates

• Commissioner Bowers thanked the Commission and the community for supporting the ANC 3A grant to the Friends of Hearst Park to support "vertical mulching" of the heritage trees at the park. He reported that the Friends had completed the project in December using the ANC grant of $5,000, had been able to treat all the 9 heritage trees they had identified for vertical mulching, and had submitted to the ANC the receipts and other material required for the final report on the grant in time to be covered in the ANC Quarterly Report for the period ending on December 31.

• The Chair reported that after the December meeting where the ANC adopted a resolution expressing concerns about several provisions of Councilmember Anita Bonds' proposed legislation B26-0465 that would change the law covering special elections of ANC Commissioners, CM Bonds' office asked for a meeting to discuss the concerns, specifically about the provision that if more than one candidate registers to run for an open seat on the ANC, a) the other Commissioners on the ANC would select the new Commissioner themselves by vote at an ANC public meeting, instead of having a vote of constituents from the Single Member District, and b) the other Commissioners could make the selection to fill the seat even if there is not a quorum at the meeting. public meeting. CM Bonds had held a hearing on the proposed bill on December 5, and expressed interest in finding other alternatives to address the concerns and make special elections more efficient. CM Bonds also said she was planning to form a group of ANC Commissioners to consider possible amendments to the bill, and would welcome ANC 3A's input in that process.

• The Chair reported that Pepco and parent company Exelon had additional funds this year in their Customer Relief Fund, through a contribution from Salvation Army, to help customers manage higher energy costs during the winter months, at a time when cost pressures are most acute. Pepco customers in the District can learn more by visiting pepco.com/ReliefDC Customers can also visit pepco.com/AssistanceFinder to find programs that work best for their needs. Commissioner Mladinov added that this program can offer help for middle income customers as well as low income customers, in contrast to LIHEAP funds that the District makes available to lower income customers.

• The second fall leaf collection in ANC 3A was planned for late January, as part of "Area C." See: https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will also collect holiday trees and greenery through February 28 from DPW-serviced households, which include single-family homes and apartment dwellings with three or fewer units. Holiday trees and greenery should be placed in the tree at the curb in the front of the residence, and should be free of ornaments, lights, and tinsel and. Trees and greenery collected during this time will be used to produce mulch to support Mayor Bowser's Zero Waste initiative. If holiday trees and greenery were not picked up 7 days after being placed at the curbside, residents were asked to call 311 and make a service request for "Christmas Tree Removal – Seasonal."

Open Forum

Constituent David White asked if the ANC had any information or recommendations if his condominium wanted to install an electric vehicle charging station for residents, on the building property (in a surface parking lot or underground parking garage). The Chair said he believed that private providers Charge Point and Blink should know the process involved, and the building would probably also want to check with the DC Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) and Department of Buildings (DOB) a about any assistance available. Commissioner Bowers said he had used ChargePoint for an installing an EV charger at his home and had a good experience. At the end, they had to get an inspection by DOB.

Margaret Lenzner said she had heard the testimony of ANC 3A presented by Commissioner Mladinov at the Zoning Commission hearing on December 11 about ZC 25-13, the proposed zoning text amendment ZC 25-13 to upzone upper Wisconsin Avenue. She said she and her organization, Ward 3 Housing Justice, shared the ANC's concerns, and asked if the Commission knew of anything new about the

proposal. The Chair responded that the ANC 3A resolution adopted at its November public meeting urged the Zoning Commission to ask the DC Office of Planning (OP) to provide additional information on several elements of the proposal and also call for further public comments. He said there was not much new to report yet, but he believed the ANC should opine when OP responded to the Zoning Commission's questions. Ms. Lenzner reported that there were two proposed text amendments before the Zoning Commission, one affecting Wisconsin Avenue and the other Connecticut Avenue, and the Zoning Commission had asked OP to provide additional information on both proposals. OP had recently written that it would not be able to meet the Zoning Commission's deadline of January 14 to get the requested information for assessing the Connecticut Avenue text amendment, and might be aiming for a date in March. Presumably that could mean that OP might have to extend the April 20 deadline for OP to respond to the Zoning Commission's requests for the Wisconsin Avenue text amendment.

Ms. Lenzner also said she was shocked that the Zoning Commission had closed the record on the proposed changes for Wisconsin Avenue on December 12. Commissioner Mladinov said she had asked about how the Zoning Commission would be handling comments, and had been told that December 12 was established as the last date for taking testimony for the December 11 hearing, but the Zoning Commission would generally still take more comments, including as the process moves to later stages.

Constituent Maria Perisic reported that still had not heard from DC Water about a hearing date on her case involving high water and sewer bills. She appreciated the information she received from Commissioner Bowers, who said he was continuing to think about other ideas for resolving the issue and would stay in touch.

Administrative Matters

1. December Meeting Minutes: The Secretary had prepared and circulated draft minutes of the December meeting. The Chair made a motion to vote on the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as presented, with the proviso that the Secretary would be allowed to make technical corrections in the minutes as needed.

2. Monthly Financial Report: The Treasurer read the December financial report:

ANC 3A December Financial Report

Opening Balance (December 1): $ 35,044.57
- Income: $ 6,597.92 Total
  ($3,305.96 + $3,291.96 Two quarterly District allotments)
- Outgoing $ 5,000 Total
  - Cash Withdrawals: None
  - Expenditures: $ 5,000 Check for Grant to Friends of Hearst Park
  - Bank Fees: None

Ending Balance (December 31): $36,642.92

3. Quarterly Financial Report for First Quarter of FY2026
The Treasurer presented the ANC 3A Quarterly Financial Report and made a motion to vote on approving the report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the quarterly report.

4. ANC 3A Public Meeting Schedule for Next 12 Months
The Chair presented a proposed schedule of ANC 3A public meetings through January 2027. The regular monthly meetings would continue to be on the third Tuesday of the month, except in May when the meeting would be on the second Tuesday of the month and in August when ANC 3A does not schedule a

regular public meeting. (The date of regular public meetings can still be changed closer to the meeting date if a conflict arises for any individual meetings. Special meetings also can be scheduled as needed.) The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting schedule. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the meeting schedule as presented.

5. Annual Contract for In-person Location for ANC 3A Meetings
The Chair reported that he had requested a new contract for the ANC to use the McLean Gardens Ballroom as the in-person location for regular ANC 3A public meetings through January 2027, following the general arrangements for meetings in 2025 (no expenditure). The Chair made a motion to vote to contract with the McLean Gardens Association for use of the ballroom for public meetings for the next 12 months. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

6. Renewing the domain name for the ANC 3A website
The Chair made a motion to renew the domain name for the ANC 3A website www.anc3a.org for another 12 months through GoDaddy at a cost of $22.99. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

7. Vote to renew Go Vocal contract
The Chair made a motion to vote on approving a contract with Go Vocal for $2,100 to pay for use of the company's community engagement software and services for a second year. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the contract and expenditure.

The Chair announced that the next ANC 3A public meeting would be February 17, 2026.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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These minutes were approved by the Commission by a vote of 5 - 0 at its duly noticed public meeting on February 17, 2026, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

Attested by Commissioner Ann Lane Mladinov, Secretary, ANC 3A 2-21-26

Ann Lane Mladinov