

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Minutes of ANC 3A Public Meeting January 21, 2025

Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin opened the meeting by swearing in the two Commissioners who had not previously taken the Oath of Office for the term 2025-2026, Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01) and Gracemary Allen (3A02). The other Commissioners had taken the Oath of Office at the District-wide swearing-in on January 2, 2025.

Officer Elections: Nora Charles agreed to serve as the neutral third party to count votes in the ANC 3A election of officers for 2025 (through the first ANC 3A public meeting in January 2026). She called for nominations and seconds for each of the the four officer positions in turn and the Commission voted 5-0 to elect the following Commissioners as ANC 3A officers for the next 12 months:

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

Quorum Call: The Chair asked for the Commissioners to introduce themselves. All five Commissioners were present: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01), Gracemary Allen (3A02), Isaac Bowers (3A03), Claire McCafferty (3A04), and Ann Mladinov (3A05). The Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum 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 via the two methods previously approved by the Commission: the ANC 3A website and email including ANC 3A email list, local listservs and Nextdoor Neighborhood e-network. That 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

The Chair made a motion to take a vote on each of the administrative items below, one at a time. In each case, the motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve each of these items:

- Approval of minutes of December 2024 ANC 3A Public Meeting
- Approval of ANC 3A Quarterly Report for First Quarter of FY 2025
- Schedule of ANC 3A Public Meetings on third Tuesday of the month through January 2026, except in May (and in August when no meeting is planned)
- Location of the next ANC 3A public meeting on February 18 at the MPD Second District Community Room, 3320 Idaho Avenue NW, if it is held in person
- Request to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for use of the Technical Assistance Fund to purchase a 360° camera for the ANC to use in conducting hybrid meetings

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3A01	3A02	3A03	3A04	3A05
Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis	Gracemary Allen	Isaac Bowers	Claire McCafferty	Ann Lane Mladinov

- Expenditure of \$29.99 to GoDaddy to renew ANC 3A domain name <www.anc3a.org> for 12 months
- Approval of contract with Go Vocal for citizen engagement software for 12 months at a cost of \$2,000
- Selection of Commissioners Gracemary Allen and Claire McCafferty to participate in Councilmember Frumin's quarterly meeting with ANC Commissioners on February 22
- Designation of Commissioner Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis as ANC 3A representative on the Steering Committee of the American University Neighborhood Partnership
- Approval of expenditure of up to \$200 to purchase name plates for three new ANC 3A Commissioners

FULL SUMMARY

As manager of the Zoom session, Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. The meeting was held in "hybrid" format, both in-person at the McLean Gardens Ballroom and virtually on Zoom.

Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin opened the meeting by welcoming all the newly elected Commissioners for the 2025-2026 and thanking them for their service. He made brief remarks about plans and hopes for the coming year, including issues such as the District budget and the Human Services Committee, which he has been appointed to lead as his first chairmanship for the Council, now that he has completed his first term as a Councilmember. He also announced his budget forum being held on Saturday, January 25, for constituents to weigh in on their budget priorities for the coming year.

CM Frumin then swore in two Commissioners who had not previously taken the Oath of Office for the 2025-2026 term: Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01) and Gracemary Allen (3A02). (The other Commissioners had taken the Oath of Office at the District-wide swearing-in on January 2, 2025.)

Officer Elections: Nora Charles served as the neutral third party to count votes in the election of ANC 3A officers for calendar year 2025 (through the first ANC 3A public meeting in January 2026). Ms. Charles called for nominations from the Commissioners for each office in turn, beginning with the Chair.

Commissioner Mladinov nominated Commissioner Bradley-Lewis for Chair. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Ms. Charles called for a voice vote and the Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Bradley-Lewis as Chair.

Commissioner Bowers nominated himself for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Ms. Charles called for a voice vote and the Commission voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Bowers as Vice Chair.

Commissioner McCafferty nominated Commissioner Allen for Secretary. The nomination was seconded. Commissioner Mladinov nominated herself for Secretary. Commissioner Bradley-Lewis called for discussion since the office was contested. He observed that the office of Secretary can be quite time-consuming. Commissioner Mladinov noted that the demands vary but serving as Secretary can take a lot of time, especially for preparing the agenda and other documents, and providing back-up support on the issues before the Commission. Commissioner Bowers commented that from watching previous ANC 3A meetings, he would not want to have the office of Secretary without having experience on the ANC. Commissioner Mladinov had experience with how things work on the ANC and Commissioner Bowers commented that the function of the ANC could be hurt without that. Commissioner McCafferty said she would be glad to keep building experience in her first year on the ANC and watch for other opportunities to contribute. With that backing, Commissioner Mladinov's nomination went forward along with Commissioner McCafferty's. Ms. Charles called for a voice vote on the two nominees. There were 5 votes for Commissioner Mladinov. There were no votes for Commissioner McCafferty. Ms. Charles announced that the Commission had voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Mladinov as Secretary.

Ms. Charles called for nominations for Treasurer. Commissioner Bowers nominated Commissioner McCafferty. The nomination was seconded. Commissioners McCafferty and Allen agreed to toss a coin to determine who would run. Commissioner Allen won the coin toss. Commissioner Allen was nominated and seconded. Ms. Charles called for a voice vote. Commissioner Allen received 5 votes. Commissioner Bradley-Lewis asked for a vote on Commissioner McCafferty since her name had officially been put in nomination. There were no votes for Commissioner McCafferty. Ms. Charles announced that the Commission had voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Allen as Treasurer.

In summary, the following Commissioners will fill the four officer positions for the next year in ANC 3A:

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

Commissioner Bradley-Lewis thanked Ms. Charles and took the role of Chair to preside over the rest of the meeting. He asked for the Commissioners to introduce themselves for the roll call. Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01), Gracemary Allen (3A02), Isaac Bowers (3A03), Claire McCafferty (3A04), and Ann Mladinov (3A05) were all present. The Secretary confirmed that the Commissioners present made a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

Commissioner Mladinov confirmed the meeting notice and proposed agenda had been posted 7 days in advance, using the ANC website and email list, listservs (Cleveland Park, McLean Gardens, Tenleytown and Glover Park) as well as the Nextdoor Neighborhood e-network, which represent the two methods of sharing the meeting notice that were approved by the Commission. That satisfied the notice requirement.

The Chair made a motion to vote on the proposed meeting agenda, with the addition of two items as part of Administrative Matters: a vote on the GoVocal contract for citizen engagement software, and also a discussion of which Commissioners would attend CM Frumin's quarterly meeting with ANC representatives. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

MPD Community Report

Captain Darren Haskis (MPD Second District, Sectors 1 and 2) presented an update on recent crime and public safety in the Commission area. He reported that in the full calendar year 2024, ANC 3A had no homicides and no burglaries. The number of robberies was down by one in 2024 compared to 2023. Property crimes, particularly thefts, had gone up from 2023 to 2024:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Stolen motor vehicles	14	24
Thefts from auto	53	64
Other thefts	84	150

For the year 2025 to date since January 1, Captain Haskis reported on the homicide inside one of the apartments at City Ridge, a shooting on January 16 at 2:31 am, leading to one injury and one death in what appeared to be a domestic dispute. He said the incident did not represent a danger to others. An arrest warrant was issued but he was not sure if the individual had been brought in. He also said that MPD had identified a person of interest in the Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (ADW) that was reported on November 21, 2024, in the 3900 block of Langley Place in McLean Gardens. A search warrant had been signed and he was hoping MPD would have an arrest soon.

Captain Haskis reported there had been no robberies this year to date compared to one robbery in the same time period the year before. There had been no burglaries, no stolen motor vehicles, and no thefts from autos (including thefts of wheels). There had been a spike in other thefts, with 19 in the first 3 weeks of 2025 compared to 7 in the same time period in 2024. Captain Haskis said that to about $\frac{3}{4}$ of those thefts were attributed to the CVS on Newark Street at Wisconsin Avenue. He reported that MPD had been

at that location the previous 7 days and 3 or 4 individuals had been arrested who probably accounted for about half of the thefts, but he said it would take quite a bit of work to get the number of thefts down to where he wanted it to be. Captain Haskis also observed that the thefts appear to be well coordinated with the bus schedule on Wisconsin Avenue. In one incident that he observed, the suspect left the CVS and boarded the bus that was just pulling into the nearest bus stop.

In response to questions about previous thefts of wheels in ANC 3A (which happened in the parking lots at Vaughan Place, in McLean Gardens, and at 4201 Massachusetts Avenue), Captain Haskis said that MPD had two persons of interest related to local wheel thefts and he thought the investigations would lead to arrests. Residents said that lighting was also being improved in the parking lots where wheel thefts had taken place, as part of the effort to improve safety and reduce thefts.

Another question related to the night when windows were shattered and cash or equipment items was stolen at businesses on Wisconsin Avenue from Georgetown to Tenleytown overnight November 30 to December 1. Captain Haskis said a person of interest had been identified but no arrests had been made.

Several residents from the Crestview Condominiums at 3601 Wisconsin Avenue, on the northeast corner of Porter Street, spoke about an increase in crime and police calls at their building since the bus stop was moved from the southeast corner, next to the Washington Ballet, to a new location directly in front of the entrance to the Crestview. Individuals had entered the building vestibule and been loitering in the parking lot in the back. Residents reported that car windows had been smashed while the vehicles were parked in the rear parking lot, glove compartments were ransacked, items were stolen or defiled. Some individuals had been observed entering the building, taking packages, running out to the bus stop and getting on the bus with the packages. One resident said an individual took one batch of stolen packages onto the bus, went back to get more packages, and carried them onto the bus, raising questions about whether the bus driver was enabling the crime. The Chair asked residents to share any additional information on that. Captain Haskis explained that the location of bus stops is not within MPD's jurisdiction but he would get more officers out to the area to respond to the reports of crime. The Chair noted that the question of the location of the bus stop in front of the Crestview was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

A neighbor on Idaho Avenue said he sees a lot of police cruisers in the community but he doesn't see a lot of police officers, and he would like to see more officers. Captain Haskis said he agreed. Another neighbor said he sees police cruisers approaching Wisconsin Avenue and making a left turn at the same time that the WALK signal was on for pedestrians to cross Wisconsin, and that was endangering the pedestrian safety. Captain Haskis said he did not think those vehicles were MPD Second District patrols.

The Chair encouraged constituents to be in touch if they have questions or concerns about public safety.

Request for Perspectives on ANC Priorities for 2025 and District FY2026 Budget

Commissioner Mladinov reported that neighboring ANC 3D had adopted a list of priority issues at its January meeting, to guide the work of their ANC in the coming calendar year. ANC 3D had invited other ANCs in Ward 3 to review those priorities and be in touch about areas of interest or concern that nearby ANCs might share and want to work on together.

Commissioner Mladinov had prepared a draft list building on what ANC 3D had provided, edited to focus on specific issues that face ANC 3A and reflect interests and concerns of local constituents and actions taken by ANC 3A in the previous term. She observed that this kind of list could also be useful in discussions of the proposed District budget and comments in the Mayor's budget engagement forums as well as Council hearings later in the spring.

The Chair asked if the list was intended to be something the Commission would adopt at the January meeting. Commissioner Mladinov said that the draft would take some time to review but the list was for the Commissioners' consideration and could be taken up at a future meeting if the Commissioners like.

Commissioner Updates

1. Experiences with snow clearing after recent storms and related regulations covering commercial and residential property owners

Constituents had complained that some sidewalks were not cleared of the heavy snow over the holidays and some subsequent storms. Numerous residents filed reports to the Mayor's office, ANC, local listservs and social media about properties not cleared of snow and ice, including in front of some retail establishments and other commercial properties in the area as well as some properties under District government jurisdiction. The Chair outlined the responsibilities for snow clearing.

- The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) clears the public streets.
- Private residents are responsible for clearing the public sidewalks along their property. (Seniors can receive an exemption from fines for not clearing snow at their homes.)
- The DC Department of Buildings (DOB) has regulatory authority over buildings and has a complaint form online for reporting locations that are not cleared of snow as required by DC law. (That falls in the category of "Sanitation Enforcement," with the note "snow clearing.")
- The DC Department of General Services (DGS) is responsible for clearing snow on District properties including schools, parks, community gardens, and public buildings.

The Chair observed that the District's response during recent snowstorms had been disappointing, and the agencies should be held accountable. He said this was a topic that would be important to cover in the Council's performance oversight hearings in February and March. The area around the MPD Second District police station was well cleared but not the sidewalks along the Newark Street Playground or Community Garden. The same was true at the Wilson Aquatic Center. The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) depends on DGS to clear sidewalks in parks, and DPR had expressed disappointment in DGS performance. Sidewalks along National Park Service (NPS) properties are not the responsibility of DGS, and the sidewalks along NPS land in Glover Archbold Park were not cleared.

Several residents at the meeting also asked about the District's responsibility for clearing alleys. Kendall Gibson, Service Manager for Ward 3, within the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), explained that the District does not clear alleys. A question came up about the responsibility for clearing snow from bike lanes. Kendall Gibson said she understood that the agency responsible should be DDOT but she would check further. She offered to be the liaison on any of these issues and encouraged residents to email the ANC, who would pass along the questions and concerns to MOCRS.

2. DC Office of Planning (OP) presentations on several proposals to make adjustments in zoning provisions covering some parts of the neighborhood

a. Update on plans for carrying forward the Wisconsin Avenue Development Framework. OP said at the ANC 3A July public meeting that it would be submitting proposed changes in the zoning code to implement provisions of that Framework that would apply to development on the Wisconsin Avenue corridor between Friendship Heights and Rodman Street. OP had hoped to present a draft of zoning changes to the Zoning Commission for "setdown," comments and hearings in fall 2024, but that must have been delayed. OP plans to make a presentation on its plans at the ANC 3A meeting in February.

b. A text amendment to the zoning standards for the RA-1 zone (formerly known as R-5-A, before the DC Zoning Regulation Revisions of 2016).

Under current DC zoning law, the RA-1 zone allows for low to medium density development, including detached and semi-detached homes, row houses, flats, and low-rise apartments. Most areas in the District do not have substantial RA-1 zoning but RA-1 makes up a major share of ANC 3A, including McLean Gardens, the Nebraska Avenue Complex northeast of Ward Circle, and several properties on Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Mladinov said she participated in an initial OP briefing earlier that day for ANC Commissioners about OP's RA-1 proposal. The OP staff explained that the Chair of the Zoning Commission had asked OP to look into clarifying the standards and processes for reviewing development in RA-1, because of confusion and some inefficiency in cases he had observed. That included reviewing what types of projects require a Special Exception in an RA-1 zone, and also the types of design considerations that the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) could assess when it does hear a Special Exception case. OP was asked for initial comments from ANCs and planned to present additional

briefings and then present a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Commission for setdown later in the spring, followed by hearings before the Zoning Commission and a public comment period at that stage.

3. Liquor license application for Wagshal's at 3201 New Mexico Avenue NW (ABRA-092-731)

Commissioner Mladinov announced Wagshal's had applied for a Retailer Class C license for sale, service and consumption of beer, wine and spirits, instead of its current Retailer Class D license covering beer and wine, not spirits. That property is in ANC 3B but the property adjoins ANC 3A. The Petition deadline was scheduled for February 3 and a Roll Call Hearing February 24 at 10 am in Suite 4200-B, 899 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC, 20002. Protests and requests to appear before the ABC Board had to be filed to abca.legal@dc.gov on or before the petition deadline.

4. DDOT and WMATA response RE relocation of Metrobus stop in front of 3601 Wisconsin Avenue NW (Crestview)

The Chair read the latest letter from DDOT and WMATA, denying the request from residents and ANC 3A to reverse the decision to relocate the bus stop on Wisconsin Avenue and Porter Street to the current location in front of the entrance to the Crestview Condominiums. One of the reasons cited by DDOT and WMATA was that they are trying to place all bus stops on the far side of a traffic signal, as they have done with the new location of the bus stop in front of the Crestview, rather than on the near side of a traffic signal as the bus stop had been when it was next to the Washington Ballet. Another reason cited was that if the bus stop were shifted to the former bus stop just south of the intersection Wisconsin Avenue at Quebec Street, as Crestview residents had suggested, DDOT would need to install a crosswalk at Quebec Street for people who used that bus stop and needed to get between the east and west sides of Wisconsin Avenue. If the bus stop at Quebec Street would not work, the Chair said that it might be possible to try the option of a bus stop on Wisconsin Avenue north of the traffic signal at Idaho Avenue, which would be on the far side of a signal and also close to the entrance. He said the ANC would continue to work with residents on this issue.

Linda Bostrom, President of the Condo Association Board at the Crestview, summarized the concerns of residents there about the current location of the bus stop, citing recent incidents of criminal activity at their building: a tripling in the number of thefts; an individual sleeping in the stairway; defacement of property; and vehicle break-ins. Before the bus stop was relocated, the building had never had this kind of incidents. The trash combined with the wear and tear on the building and facilities, including the front steps and front patio were imposing a financial burden for the building, which was not designed to have seating or other public waiting area in the front. The entrance opens almost directly on the sidewalk, and now is just a few steps from the bus stop. Dance students used to be able to get on and off Metrobuses going northbound or east and westbound on the same side of the street as the Washington Ballet. With the new location of the bus stop, dance students now have to cross the street to get on or off a bus going northbound on Wisconsin. The Washington Ballet supported the former location of the bus stop.

Ms. Bostrom said that the sheer volume of ballet students congregating at the front entry of the Crestview makes it impossible for residents to get in and out of the building. She estimated that reconfiguring the front entrance would cost thousands of dollars, and hiring round-the-clock security guards at the entrance would cost far more. They have tried to present this information to DDOT and MOCRS, and their next step would be to contact the Mayor. Abigail Demopulos, also a resident, added that with the increasing frequency of bus service on Wisconsin under the Better Bus plan, it is essential to plan for safe movement of buses and pedestrians. There is not a left turn lane on westbound Porter Street at the intersection with Wisconsin. She advocated having DDOT staff come out to the site to see how the intersection and the bus stops actually work, and she thanked the ANC for getting involved.

Community Announcements

Nora Charles, Legislative Assistant in Councilmember Matt Frumin's office, said she was serving as the contact with ANC 3A since previous liaison Joe Dweck had taken a new job at the Council. Ms. Charles' areas of responsibility for the Councilmember's office are education and youth. She reiterated the

Councilmember's invitation to constituents to participate in his forum on budget priorities on January 25 from 10 am to 12 noon, for constituents to share issues to raise with the Mayor and in budget hearings in March or later. She also announced CM Frumin's next Workday in the Ward would be January 23 from 8 am to 4 pm, with the Mayor's Office, OAG, DLCP, DOB, and DDOT, at Bread and Chocolate on Connecticut Avenue.

Open Forum

One resident asked about increases in Pepco rates, after people in her building had complained about getting bills more than double what they previously paid. The Chair asked if the higher utility costs could have resulted from a Public Service Commission decision to approve a Pepco rate increase application. Commissioner Mladinov said she wasn't aware of any PSC decision or other approved increases that would have led to a doubling of residential electric rates, but she would check.

Maria Perisic reported she is still working on identifying the reason for high bills from DC Water, which she had discussed at the ANC 3A meeting in October. She thought they had sorted out the problem but recent DC Water's bills again say that she is using 44.8 gallons of water each day, which is much higher water use than seems possible, and is not in line with the meter. She said she is still awaiting a hearing with DC Water about her case.

Administrative Matters

1. December Minutes: Commissioner Mladinov had prepared minutes of the December ANC 3A public 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.

2. December Financial Report: The Chair presented the ANC 3A December financial report:

ANC 3A December Financial Report

Opening Balance (December 1): \$27,632.26

- Income: None
- Cash Withdrawals: None
 - Expenditures: None
 - Bank Fees: None (Monthly Fee waived)

Ending Balance (December 31): \$27,632.26

3. Quarterly Report: The Chair also presented the ANC 3A Quarterly Financial Report for the First Quarter of FY 2025. He made a motion to vote on the quarterly report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the report.

4. Schedule of ANC Public Meetings for 2025 through January 2026: The Chair had shared a list of the proposed schedule of ANC 3A Public Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month through January 2026 except in May, when the meeting would be the second Tuesday, and in August, when no meeting is planned. He made a motion to vote on the meeting schedule. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the proposed meeting schedule.

5. Location for Future Meetings: The Chair reported he had been in touch with several potential meeting venues in the area, to see if they were available for ANC 3A regular public meetings through January 2026, at a reasonable cost and terms that would be acceptable under DC law and policy. The Chair summarized what the ANC had been considering: McLean Gardens Ballroom, where the ANC had been meeting since June 2023 but was changing its rental policies; National Presbyterian Church, where the ANC had met from January to May 2023; Sidwell Friends School; and the Community Room of the MPD Second District police station. The ANC had received complete offers from the National Presbyterian Church and MPD 2D, but had not yet received a complete offer from Sidwell Friends or McLean Gardens.

Ballroom. The Chair said he didn't feel that the Commission had enough data to make a decision. He hoped in another month, the ANC would have more information. At that point, he said only MPD 2D was offering a chance for the ANC to use meeting space for just one meeting.

The Chair asked for other Commissioners to share their preferences. Commissioner Allen spoke about the value of having virtual meetings so more people could participate. Commissioner McCafferty said she would prefer to continue a hybrid meeting format, with a remote option but also an opportunity for people to participate in person.

Commissioner Mladinov asked if the Chair could talk about the technology offered by each prospective site, especially the availability of a 360° meeting camera similar to the camera available at McLean Gardens Ballroom. The Chair said that the Community Room at MPD 2D could accommodate a hybrid meeting using Ethernet connection because the wireless internet connection there is not reliable, but the space does not have a meeting camera. Based on his knowledge of the various venues, whichever of the sites the Commissioners could choose other than the McLean Gardens Ballroom would probably require that the ANC purchase its own 360° camera. Commissioner Bowers said he would recommend using the MPD Community Room. He made a motion to take a vote on selecting the MPD Community Room as the in-person location for the ANC 3A public meeting in February. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to use the Community Room of the MPD Second District police station, 3320 Idaho Avenue NW, for the ANC public meeting on February 18, unless there was a change in the situation in the intervening weeks that would make that impractical.

6. Purchase of a 360° Meeting Camera

The Chair reported that he had researched options for a 360° meeting camera and found three possibilities: a camera like the one at the McLean Gardens Ballroom for \$699, a camera priced about \$350, and a camera priced over \$1,000. Commissioner Mladinov asked if the ANC could make use of the Technical Support and Assistance Fund (TAF) administered by OANC for purchase of 360° camera to use in conducting hybrid meetings. The Chair said that the TAF was intended to help ANC's support virtual or hybrid meetings and he would recommend that the Commission apply for funds from TAF for that purpose. Commissioner Mladinov suggested that the ANC ask for a camera in the middle price range, like the one provided in the McLean Gardens Ballroom. The Chair made a motion to vote on requesting TAF funds to purchase a 360° camera of the same type as the one at McLean Gardens Ballroom. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request.

Commissioner Mladinov observed that the first time ANC 3A applied to use TAF funds, OANC approved the request very quickly but the actual purchase and delivery took almost a month. The Commissioners then discussed what the plan would be for the February meeting if the camera did not arrive in time to be used at the February meeting. Commissioner McCafferty said that she would prefer to have a virtual meeting if the camera didn't arrive. Commissioner Mladinov suggested that the ANC could change the format of the meeting from hybrid to virtual when the meeting date was closer and still get that information to potential meeting participants because the meeting notice wouldn't go out until 7 days before the meeting.

7. ANC 3A Domain Name: The Chair proposed that the Commission agree to spend \$29.99 to GoDaddy to renew the ANC 3A domain name <www.anc3a.org> for the next 12 months. He made a motion to take a vote on approving that expense. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve that expense.

8. GoVocal Contract: Commissioner Mladinov presented a proposal to spend \$2,000 on citizen engagement software developed by GoVocal and presented to the ANC at several previous meetings. GoVocal had offered the technology for \$2,000 for a year for the ANC, as long as at least two other ANC's also agree to use the citizen engagement software. Three other local ANC's (3D, 3/4G, and 4A) had also signed the proposed contract with GoVocal, and OANC had reviewed the contract and found that it addressed all the requirements for DC contracts and met the recommendations of OANC and OAG.

Go Vocal would be providing training to all four ANC's in the next month or so. The Chair said that citizen engagement is one of the biggest challenges for an ANC, and it is particularly hard to reach a broad number of people. The hope is that the software would help the ANC connect to constituents and be able to serve as a connection between the community and other arms of DC government to meet public interests. Commissioner Allen also expressed her support. The Chair made a motion to vote on approving the expenditure of \$2,000 for GoVocal software and services for the year. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve that expense.

9. Commissioners to Attend CM Frumin Quarterly ANC Meeting: Councilmember Matt Frumin had scheduled the next quarterly meeting with Ward 3 ANC Commissioners on February 22, and was inviting each ANC to send representatives. In the past quarters, CM Frumin had invited each ANC to send only two Commissioners because of a concern that no ANC should send a quorum of its members. (For ANC 3A, the smallest ANC in Ward 3, three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) Since the continuing Commissioners had participated in previous quarters, the Chair recommended that two of the new Commissioners attend and have the opportunity to participate in the meeting and have the opportunity to meet other Commissioners. After asking whether they could attend, the Chair made a motion to vote to send Commissioners Allen and McCafferty to the Councilmember Frumin's February 22 quarterly meeting with ANC's. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to have Commissioners Allen and McCafferty participate in the Councilmember's next quarterly meeting.

10. Designation of ANC 3A Representative to AU Neighborhood Partnership: Commissioner Mladinov explained that the ANC had voted at the December public meeting to designate Commissioner Bradley-Lewis as the ANC 3A representative on the Steering Committee of the American University Neighborhood Partnership (AUNP) to replace Commissioner Jeremy Del Moral who had represented ANC 3A on the steering committee but was not going to be serving as Commissioner after December 31, 2024. AU had reached out to the Commissioners and recommended that the ANC 3A representative on the steering committee should be an experienced Commissioner. The AU representative also noted that all ANC 3A Commissioners are welcome to participate in AUNP working groups, and that is where a lot of the Partnership's work gets done. Commissioner McCafferty said she has a lot of constituents who are interested in AU and she would like to participate in Partnership activities. Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to take a vote on designating Chair Bradley-Lewis to represent ANC 3A on the AUNP Steering Committee. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the designation of the Chair as the ANC 3A representative on the steering committee.

11. Approval of Expenditure for Name Plates: Commissioner Mladinov proposed ordering name plates for the new Commissioners, to place on the table so meeting participants online and in person can see the names of the Commissioners who are attending and speaking at ANC 3A public meetings. The Chair made a motion to vote on approving expenditure of not more than \$200 to purchase name plates for the three new ANC 3A Commissioners. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve that expense.

The Chair announced that the next ANC 3A public meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, from 7 - 9 pm, in hybrid format if possible.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

The minutes were approved by the Commission by a vote of 4 - 0 at its duly noticed public meeting on February 19, 2025, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.)

ACM