

ANC 3A Annual Report (December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025)

This document is the official ANC 3A Annual Report on priority issues and activities of the ANC in serving the community for the preceding 12 months, as required in DC Code § 1-309.10(n-1).

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3A is completing its third year, after the ANC was established under the District's decennial redistricting in 2022. The ANC serves over 10,000 residents living in homes and apartments or condominiums in the Commission area along with dozens of businesses and a variety of public sector and not-for-profit organizations, including schools, multiple local public parks, and two major National Park properties, Glover Archbold Park and Rock Creek Park.

The November 2024 General Election brought the first new Commissioners since the ANC's founding, to fill three open seats. Commissioners Gracemary Allen (ANC3A02), Isaac Bowers (ANC3A03), and Claire McCafferty (ANC3A04) were elected to join two of the original Commissioners Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis (3A01) and Ann Mladinov (ANC3A05).

With five members, ANC 3A is the smallest Advisory Neighborhood Commission in Ward 3. Thanks to the skills, knowledge, commitment, energy and effort of the Commissioners, the ANC continues to serve constituents and the community, take a lead on issues affecting constituents, and play an active role in addressing challenges related to public policies and programs in the ward and the District, with a particular focus on the people who live and work in the Commission area.

Major issues for the ANC in the reporting year involved:

- changes in transportation services, including the launch of WMATA's "Better Bus" program, a renumbering and reconfiguration of all Metrobus routes in the region
- public safety, crime, and related policing initiatives
- preservation of democratic processes and Home Rule in the District of Columbia
- energy, environment, and utility services available to constituents
- zoning cases, both individual applications for zoning approval and proposed text amendments being considered by the Zoning Commission
- applications from local establishments to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) for new or changed licenses and endorsements
- projects undertaken by local institutions, including Sidwell Friends School renovation of the Washington Home property for its Upper School campus as well as American University (AU) initiatives
- applications from public purpose organizations for ANC 3A grant funds to support local projects to benefit the community

During the reporting period, the ANC voted to approve 13 resolutions and letters on local policy and program issues, heard 10 presentations on local issues and projects, and issued one grant.

Ongoing Issues

- Preservation of DC Home Rule, democratic institutions, the rule of law, and rights of DC residents
- District of Columbia finances and budget
- Quality local schools and education programs
- Effective energy and environmental policies
- Safety, reliability and cost of utility services

- Availability of housing, particularly affordable housing, and issues for residents in existing housing
- Safe and adequate public parks and recreation facilities
- Health of neighborhood commercial districts on Wisconsin Avenue
- Potential redevelopment of the Nebraska Avenue Complex currently owned by the U.S. Government

ANC 3A ISSUES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The health, safety, and quality of life for people in ANC 3A are fundamental priorities for the Commissioners. That includes effective public services, quality education, parks and recreation, public safety, safe and efficient transportation, and access to safe and adequate housing, as well as health care and nutrition.

Every ANC is required to share information with the community about District government projects in the Commission area, as well as regulatory cases involving zoning, public space permits, after-hours work permits, and applications to the District Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages or medical cannabis products. The ANC particularly monitors operation of establishments with ABCA licenses for compliance with laws and regulations, particularly related to adverse effect on peace, order and quiet.

Another of the primary responsibilities of an ANC is to communicate issues and concerns to District agencies and to the federal government and make recommendations for improvements to policies and programs. ANC 3A's regular public meetings include presentations and discussions with local government agencies and officials, as well as briefings by private sector organizations on their projects affecting constituents.

MAJOR ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN 2025

District Budget and Federal Actions Affecting the District

The budget and fiscal challenges for the District and the federal government affected the ANC through the pressure on the District to sharply reduce FY 2025 spending under the Budget Reconciliation Act adopted by Congress in the spring. Each spring, the ANC requests a speaker from the Mayor's office and/or the DC Council to brief the Commissioners and residents on the proposed annual District budget for the fiscal year ahead, focusing on issues of particular interest to the ANC area. In 2025, the budget release date and all Council hearings and mark-ups were delayed because of the uncertainties created by the Reconciliation Act. As a result budget presentations to the ANC could not be scheduled until June when the District budget debate would normally have been concluded, and there was very limited time for ANC or public review of proposed expenditures before the Council had to take final action in July.

Layoffs and federal spending cuts including for agency grant programs and federal services also had significant effects on local residents and businesses, as did the federal government shutdown in the fall and the presence of National Guard and other federal agents in the District.

ANC 3A adopted a resolution in September 2025 on federal involvement in law enforcement and public safety in the District, following the deployment of National Guard and other federal agents in the city, emphasizing the legal limits on federal action in the District, and urging adoption of requirements for federal agents to wear clear identification of their agency and not conceal their faces and identities when they're on duty in the city.

Education

Schools and educational programs and policies are major interests for ANC 3A Commissioners and constituents. The ANC 3A area is served by five DCPS elementary schools (Eaton, Hearst, Janney, Mann and Stoddert), two DCPS middle schools (Deal and Hardy), and two DCPS high schools (Jackson-Reed and MacArthur). The Commission area also includes the campus of Sidwell Friends School, several private pre-schools, and some facilities of American University on Wisconsin Avenue at Van Ness Street. The ANC also adjoins the campuses of the Washington National Cathedral, the National Cathedral School, St. Alban's School, and both the AU main campus and the AU Law School campus.

ANC 3A includes a monthly update from AU in its regular public meetings and has continued its work with AU through Commissioners' participation in the AU Neighborhood Partnership and the American University Community Liaison Committee, building on the work of former Commissioner Jeremy Del Moral (ANC3A04). The ANC also maintains touch with other organizations and institutions in the area, including schools, businesses, Iona Senior Services, and Tenleytown Main Street. In addition, ANC 3A keeps in contact with Councilmember Matt Frumin, the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), and District agencies and services for constituents, and has regular updates at public meetings from both MOCRS and CM Frumin's office.

One issue that figured prominently in the District budget debate in 2025 was maintaining funds to support the District's Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program. ANC 3A raised concerns about the prospect of reduced funding for PKEEP in the FY 2026 budget and strongly urged the Mayor and Council to maintain funding for PKEEP, which provides payments to private providers of pre-K3 and pre-K4 education for the children of local residents who do not have access to free pre-K3 or pre-K4 programs at local public schools. (No DCPS schools in Ward 3 offer pre-K3, and pre-K4 seats are limited.) The final FY 2026 budget approved by the Council and the Mayor did include funds to preserve the budget for the PKEEP program at nearly the same level as in 2025.

Parks and Recreation

The ANC 3A area covers several local public parks: the Newark Street Playground, Community Garden, and Tennis Courts, and Hearst Park including the Hearst Field, Outdoor Pool, and Recreation Center.

After many requests from residents and ANC 3A Commissioners, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation made significant improvements this year to the Newark Street Playground, creating a safer surface for the play area for children and improving the overall appearance and function of the park.

At Hearst Park, the outdoor pool was open throughout the summer season at the same time that the lower field was undergoing substantial renovation. Through the sustained commitment, planning, and effort by the not-for-profit organization Friends of Hearst Park (FOHP), with support from the community, the Hearst Field was completely re-sodded in late summer, to level the surface, improve drainage, and create a safe and attractive space for recreation. After many years of deterioration and disuse, the field has been returned to use by individuals and families as well as for organized team sports, and is busy every day. ANC 3A was not able to contribute to the re-sodding project because the Commissioners had not yet developed procedures and guidelines for reviewing and approving grants, but the ANC hosted a presentation by FOHP its next project, to help preserve the heritage trees around the lower field at Hearst Park. ANC 3A issued its first community grant to support "vertical mulching" for a group of more than 100-year old trees in the park.

Public Safety

During the reporting year, public safety and crime were a frequent subject of discussion in ANC 3A. The ANC schedules a Community Report by MPD Second District at each regular monthly public meeting, including reports on local crime trends and details on specific incidents and public concerns. Thefts from Retail thefts particularly from the CVS on Newark Street remained a primary concern through the year, and MPD assigned increasing patrols to the area to apprehend repeat suspects and reduce the incidents. Several areas reported a series of thefts from motor vehicles, including thefts of vehicle wheels. That was a focus of community concerns in McLean Gardens and also at Berkshire-Greenbriar. ANC 3A Commissioners kept in close touch with MPD on these crimes and pursued improvements with building managers and residents, including improved lighting, and MPD also increased patrols in those areas.

Through the year, MPD Second District also held four Community Walks in the ANC 3A area with MPD officers, ANC Commissioners, and residents, to hear local concerns including questions about violent crime, property crime, traffic speeding, as well as instances of illegal drug use in public spaces. As a result, MPD has placed a number of local streets and blocks on its watch list and dispatched special patrols to specific areas to halt or prevent continued violations.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is an issue of continuing importance in the Commission area. The ANC has heard from residents in McLean Gardens including on 39th Street where DDOT has recently ordered speed humps installed. Other blocks in McLean Gardens as well as in Cleveland Park have similar concern, along with Cathedral Avenue and also Garfield Street west of Wisconsin Avenue in Cathedral Heights, which also was the site of a Community Walk-Through with DDOT to examine problems and potential solutions.

The major mechanism for getting the District Government to address public concerns about traffic safety is to submit a 311 request, which often means a request for a Traffic Safety Investigation. When DDOT receives 311 requests for Traffic Safety Investigations, they become “inputs” to DDOT’s Quarterly Prioritization System, “TSI 2.0,” from which DDOT selects 200 Traffic Safety Investigations to conduct in the coming quarter around the District, including a minimum of 10 in each Ward. Some TSI inputs are “bundled” into one Traffic Safety Investigation from several similar 311 requests in the same area, to be reviewed and evaluated together. DDOT posts the map of each quarter’s selected TSIs and conducts its investigations, and posts entries in the dashboard when improvements are recommended, in progress, or completed. DDOT does not share detailed information on the investigations or options considered for addressing problems. In selecting cases for prioritization, DDOT also does not assign any weight to the number of 311 requests at a particular location, or to resolutions from ANCs or other indications of ANC priorities.

ANC 3A has held repeated discussions at public meetings and in individual conversations with the DC Department of Transportation about areas of concern in the Commission area to try to draw attention to priority concerns. In the past three years that ANC 3A has been in operation, those efforts do not seem to have yielded any noticeable response from DDOT.

Among the locations that have been priority concerns for the ANC and constituents which have not yet been selected for investigation in the Quarterly Prioritization System is the 3700 block of Fulton Street, west of the intersection with Wisconsin Avenue, where residents have requested that DDOT examine

the possibility of removing parking spaces on the north side of Fulton Street between Wisconsin Avenue and the first alley. That is a particular concern because with parking on both sides of Fulton Street, the space for traffic to move is very narrow and two vehicles cannot pass safely at normal speed. Traffic volumes in that block have increased since installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Fulton and Wisconsin, and in particular there are more vehicles turning left from Wisconsin into westbound Fulton and also proceeding eastbound on Fulton across Wisconsin, so there are frequent back-ups on Fulton Street and on Wisconsin Avenue, with vehicles often coming to a stop on southbound Wisconsin or across the crosswalks at Fulton Street. Since before the signal was installed, neighbors in that block have asked DDOT to remove several parking spaces on the north side of Fulton to make it safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people using motor vehicles. After the TSI 2.0 system was introduced, residents have continued to urge DDOT to take up their request for a Traffic Safety Investigation at that location. Since that time, DDOT has installed a “corral” for scooters and other micromobility devices on the south side of Fulton Street opposite the parking spaces that residents have asked to get removed, which has made the space feel even narrower for drivers trying to safely navigate the block. That project did not require a Traffic Safety Investigation or selection in a prioritization process. It has been two years since DDOT was last in touch about the safety concerns at that location, and the agency has not yet launched an Investigation to address the problems. This remains a source of considerable disappointment and frustration for residents and ANC Commissioners.

Metrobus Changes

Virtually all local residents and businesses are affected by transportation, including public transportation. In mid-2024, WMATA proposed a redesign of all Metrobus routes and services, under the name “Better Bus.” Around that same time, the District government discontinued the DC Circulator, leaving Metrobus as the only public bus service in the city and adding to the demands on the “Better Bus” plan.

ANC 3A took a lead in working with Councilmember Matt Frumin and his staff as well as nearby ANCs to analyze the proposed changes in routes and services as part of the “Better Bus” program. ANC 3A held several discussions about the plans at its regular public meetings, canvassed constituents about their needs and views, and presented recommendations to WMATA officials. The agency’s final recommendations for the “Better Bus” network removed or altered some long-time Metrobus services in the area but the ANC and residents’ comments also achieved numerous improvements in the plans for serving the local community and Ward 3 as a whole. The largest challenge was to maintain needed bus services along streets or routes that had previously been served, while also keeping the annual cost within the available funding provided by the three jurisdictions that are responsible for financing the regional transit system (DC, Maryland and Virginia). Those objectives were largely achieved.

By December 2024, WMATA had incorporated its final “Better Bus” network map and proposed bus routes and schedule frequencies in the proposed WMATA budget for implementation in July 2025. The map included:

- Replacing the N2 and D2 with a combined new route between Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Cathedral Heights, Glover Park, Dupont Circle and the Convention Center;
- Replacing the N4 with a route from Tenley Circle to Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom and Potomac Park
- Changing the downtown end points of the Wisconsin Avenue Metrobus line from Federal Triangle and Archives to Franklin Park and Union Station, picking up riders that formerly used the now discontinued DC Circulator.

- Maintaining cross-town bus service between Tenleytown and Brookland using Porter Street (but no longer serving Van Ness/Veazey Streets)
- Maintaining cross-town bus service between Tenleytown, Woodley Park, Adams Morgan, Union Station and SE Washington
- Adding a new weekday peak hour C85 bus serving Ward 3 schools and connecting neighborhoods to Tenleytown and Foggy Bottom Metro stations every half hour, running on Cathedral Avenue, Idaho Avenue and 39th Street NW in ANC3A05

In spring 2025, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) issued Notices of Intent to make changes in bus stops to accommodate the “Better Bus” routes. One proposal involved installing a new bus stop on the southeast corner of the intersection of 39th Street and Klinge Place, as part of the new D96 bus route. Constituents in that area, including residents and the Annunciation School, strongly opposed the proposed location of that bus stop, noting that it would create traffic safety issues on the affected blocks as well as noise and disruption for residents at that corner. The ANC also noted that placing a bus stop at the proposed location would not meet the standards set by DDOT and WMATA for the recommended distance between bus stops. In response to the unified recommendations of the ANC and residents, DDOT agreed not to install that bus stop on 39th Street. (WMATA, however, had neglected to remove the proposed bus stop from its maps and lists of bus stops in the “Better Bus” system, so though the bus stop was not served and the large official sign marking the bus stop had been removed, through November 2025 the pole remained in place and a small sign still indicated a bus stop had been located there.

Also on a bus stop issue, through 2025 ANC 3A continued to work with residents at the Crestview Condominiums at 3601 Wisconsin Avenue on their recommendations to reverse WMATA and DDOT’s decision to install a new bus stop in front of the condominium entrance (relocated from south of Porter Street next to the Washington Ballet). Residents noted that there is no bus shelter or any space for riders to wait for a bus at that location, and problems quickly became apparent with trash, noise, trespassing, and instances of thefts in and around the building in association with the new bus stop. ANC 3A shared those concerns as well as potential alternative locations for the bus stop with WMATA Board Member for DC, Tracy Hadden Loh, who was able to get DDOT to review the options. To date WMATA and DDOT have offered a few steps to mitigate the adverse effects but have continued to cite obstacles to any proposed options for relocating the bus stop. The ANC is continuing to track the problems and remain in touch with neighbors on this issue.

Utility Issues

ANC 3A works to keep up with the services local public utilities are delivering to constituents. In 2025, one incident created a number of utility problems for residents and business in the Commissioner area. A contractor working on telecommunications contract at Ward Circle severed a major electric line which caused power outages for several days at nearby residences including Berkshire-Greenbriar and also caused an equipment failure at DC Water’s Fort Reno Pumping Station, leading to a Boil Water Advisory for numerous residents in ANC 3A. The Mayor’s Office was on the scene at Berkshire-Greenbriar where Pepco installed a portable generator to try to restore power, though the generator did not have the capacity to maintain continuous service and residents experienced repeated power outages for several days. The ANC 3A Commissioners stayed in touch with affected residents and the utilities involved and were able to share information on what happened, options available to maintain necessary services, and steps being made to prevent similar incidents in the future.

DC Water also contacted ANC 3A about its plans for conducting field investigations, surveying and routine inspections of the sanitary sewer and “manholes” in Glover Archbold Park, from May 2025 through March 2026, to help identify existing site conditions and support analyses, permitting, and design for future maintenance-related activities for the local sanitary sewer system. Work was planned in three locations: most of Glover Archbold Park and two small areas in Dumbarton Oaks and the eastern end of the Normanstone Valley (all of them properties managed by the National Park Service which is a partner and key stakeholder in the project).

The investigation will allow the utility to identify needs and options for rehabilitation of the sewer pipes, which would require a detailed plan and full Environmental Assessment subject to National Park Service review and additional public meetings and opportunities for comment. The project is part of DC Water’s Capital Improvement Program, aimed at maintaining reliability of water and sewer service. With sewer pipes over 100 years old at the base of the valley in Glover Archbold Park, the goals would be to rehabilitate the sewer and stormwater pipes that have outlived their design lives, rehabilitate sewer manholes, protect or eliminate exposed sewer infrastructure to the extent practicable, restore the streambed, and rehabilitate or eliminate stormwater outfalls. The ANC committed to monitoring the project and working with DC Water to schedule further presentations and remain in touch with the utility and residents on the plans and public concerns related to the project.

In line with questions and complaints about the rising cost of utilities, ANC 3A also continues to track regulatory cases at the DC Public Service Commission (PSC) related to utility rates, including Pepco rates for electric service and Washington Gas rates for natural gas service. The ANC submitted comments to the PSC in several related cases in 2024 and those cases have not yet been concluded.

Zoning Issues

In 2025 the DC Office of Planning (OP) proposed several changes in zoning regulations through “text amendments” that went to the DC Zoning Commission for review and public hearings. As part of its responsibilities under District law, ANC 3A has shared information with the community about these proposals and had presentations and discussions about the potential effects of several of the text amendments, including changes in zoning regulations that would:

- Allow residential development on alley lots in specified circumstances (ZC 25-06);
- Expand the types of housing allowed as a “matter-of-right” on properties in RA-1 zones to include flats, row homes, and multi-family residences up to 4 units, consistent with the description of the intent of RA-1 in zoning regulations (ZC 25-08);
- Change the maximum depth of a rear addition to row homes or semi-detached homes in R and RF Zones, from the existing 10 feet beyond the rear wall of the adjoining home(s) to a maximum of 16 feet as a “matter of right” with a specific goal of allowing enough space for a “Universal Bedroom” to accommodate needs of a wheelchair (ZC 25-11). NOTE: OP accepted the requests from local ANC Commissioners to increase the maximum depth to 16 feet on the first floor only, and use 12 feet as the maximum “matter of right” on the second and third floors. (ANC 3A voted 3-2 to support the 16-foot maximum on the first floor but maintain the pre-existing maximum of 10 feet on other floors.)
- Approve 24 provisions in an Omnibus Text Amendment to improve clarity and consistency in regulations, including changes to regulations for front additions and rear parking (ZC 25-12). NOTE: ANC 3A joined several ANCs as well as city-wide organizations in a successful request for the Zoning Commission to divide the 24 provisions into groups and schedule them for separate hearings in late October and November. The ANC did not take a position on specific provisions of the proposed text amendment.

- Make zoning changes on Wisconsin Avenue Corridor from Friendship Heights to Rodman Street, in partial implementation of OP's Wisconsin Avenue Development Framework adopted in February 2024, after a series of presentations to the community and public comments. The proposal would raise the height limits and density (measured by Floor Area Ratio) of projects that would be allowed as a "matter of right" without design review in the various segments of upper Wisconsin Avenue, including in the segment within ANC 3A. OP made a presentation to ANC 3A in October 2025 about the proposed changes, in preparation for a public hearing before the Zoning Commission on December 11 (ZC 25-13). The ANC adopted a resolution expressing concerns about the proposed zoning changes, to submit to the Zoning Commission in time for its hearing.

In individual zoning cases, ANC 3A voted to support the request for a Special Exception for an addition at 3822 Van Ness Street NW, and also voted to support the request from American University for a "Modification without Hearing" for interior modifications at the existing Sports Center on the main campus. The ANC also did not object to a modification to plans for accommodating the existing Child Development Center on the campus of the National Presbyterian Church.

DC Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

During the reporting period, all liquor licenses for restaurants in the District came up for renewal. ANC 3A shared all the renewal applications with the public in its meeting notices and on the agenda at regular public meetings, inviting questions and comments in support or opposition. The ANC did not receive objections to renewing any licenses and did not submit comments to ABCA on the applications.

A new restaurant at City Ridge that opened in August 2025, Acqua Bistecca, requested a stipulated license to allow it to begin operations with full beverage service while the ABCA continued to review its application for a permanent license. ANC 3A voted to support the request for a stipulated license.

The dispensary known as Aligned received approval from ABCA in 2024 to operate as a licensed Medical Cannabis Retailer on the second floor at 3715 Macomb Street NW, under a Settlement Agreement negotiated with ANC 3A. In February 2025, Aligned applied to ABCA for a new endorsement to operate a Safe Use Facility that would allow customers to consume cannabis products under supervision at that location. The ANC had a presentation by the owner of Aligned about the application, invited public comments, and negotiated additional provisions to the Settlement Agreement to ensure that the Safe Use Facility would be operated in a manner that would not disturb the peace, order, and quiet of the community, as required by District law. ABCA accepted the amendments to the Settlement Agreement and approved the application for the new endorsement.

ANC OPERATIONS

Communications and Community Engagement

The ANC 3A Commissioners remain committed to hearing the voice of constituents and carrying their voices to local government agencies and officials, maintaining effective communications, and gathering and sharing information with constituents particularly on public programs and help answer questions and concerns. DC Code calls for each ANC to monitor complaints of Commission area residents with respect to the delivery of District government services and file comments on those matters with the appropriate District government entity and the DC Council.

Each ANC regular public meeting is required to include a time for the Commissioners to hear the views of residents of the Commission area and others affected members of the public to present comments and questions on problems or issues of concern within the ANC and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area, whether or not those issues are on the agenda. The ANCs are also required to consider community views in all positions taken by the Commission. Those obligations remain the foundation of ANC 3A's work.

In late 2024, ANC 3A voted to enter a contract with the company GoVocal (formerly known as Citizen Lab), to make use of the company's community engagement software to improve communications with constituents, through information sharing, surveys, brainstorming, and other outreach approaches. ANC 3A was one of four ANCs in NW Washington that are working with GoVocal, and coordinating on creating an online presence and effective tools to improve communications to and from and among constituents. Specific projects involving the four ANCs started with an online survey in July about the proposal negotiated between the Mayor and the Washington Commanders football team for redeveloping the RFK Stadium site. Other proposed projects have included efforts to collect feedback on the "Better Bus" system of bus routes, bus stops, and other changes in bus services affecting the local area. The ANC continues to work on building the platform and expanding its capacity to reach members of the community using the GoVocal software and other techniques.

Administrative Matters

Officers/Staff: At the first meeting of the year, the ANC is required to elect new officers. Calendar year ended with only two Commissioners Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis and Ann Mladinov. In January, the five Commissioners elected in the November 2024 election were sworn in and together they voted on new officers: Chair Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, Vice Chair Isaac Bowers, Secretary Ann Mladinov, and Treasurer Gracemary Allen. The Treasurer election was decided by lot, between the two nominees Gracemary Allen and Claire McCafferty. Commissioner McCafferty agreed to work with the Treasurer on grant requests and take a lead in reviewing grant applications.

With five Commissioners, the work is shared among the members. To date the ANC has not found it practical or necessary to hire a full-time or part-time staff person or organize separate committees as some larger ANCs have done, though the budget provides for expenditures on personnel if needed. The ANC has also adopted standard operating procedures for forming committees if or when the Commissioners determine that should be done.

Meetings: ANC 3A has regular public meetings each month except August. Monthly meetings are generally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. The ANC is one of a small number of Commissions that regularly hold "hybrid" meetings, providing opportunities for constituents to join the meeting in person or online via Zoom. The Commissioners almost always participate in the meetings in person, while members of the community as well as outside speakers and presenters have the option to attend in person or participate virtually, which is made possible with a 360° camera with built-in microphones that allow for live sound and video showing the room, any materials displayed at the meeting, and the individual(s) who are speaking.

At the beginning of the reporting year, ANC 3A explored local options for holding in-person public meetings, and sought proposals from a number of local institutions including Sidwell Friends School, the MPD Second District, the National Presbyterian Church where the ANC had held its first 5 meetings in 2023, and the McLean Gardens Ballroom where the ANC had met for the preceding 18 months. Key

factors were room size, accessibility, available meeting technology and other amenities, convenience including geographic proximity and public transportation options for constituents and visitors, and monetary costs. Taking into account all those considerations, the ANC voted to continue meeting at the McLean Gardens Ballroom for regular monthly public meetings in 2025, retaining the choice to hold meetings at different locations as needed.

Budget: During the reporting year, the ANC received quarterly allotments of \$3,305.96 from the District of Columbia to support its operations. The allotments constitute the great majority of the funding available to the ANC in conducting its public responsibilities. District law carefully governs the use of those funds. All expenditures must be approved by official vote of the ANC at a public meeting. By law, both the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (OANC) and the DC Auditor also provide oversight over all ANC expenditures. In 2025, the ANC had two major expenditures: \$2,000 to enter a contract with GoVocal for community engagement software and services, and \$741.98 for a Nexigo 360° camera to use in conducting ANC public meetings. (The cost of the camera was covered by a special grant from the Technical Assistance Fund administered by the OANC, provided by the DC Council for purposes of that nature.) Other expenditures included \$23.17 to GoDaddy for the ANC domain name for the year and \$203.88 to GoDaddy for website services, \$47.52 for name plates for the three new Commissioners to use at ANC 3A public meetings and \$200 for new Commissioner business cards.

The ANC 3A budget includes funds for administrative staff to support the operation of the ANC, as well as funds to cover costs of renting meeting space and contracting for professional services. To date, the ANC has not found a need to have staff and during the reporting period, the ANC also did not use meeting space that charges a fee for use by organizations of a similar kind and connection to the community. ANC 3A had built its bank account to \$27,632.26 at the beginning of December 2024, from \$17,977.97 at the beginning of December 2023, and no funds at the beginning of 2023.

Grants: District law specifically provides for each ANC to give small grants to public purpose organizations for projects serving the Commission area (focusing on people who live and work in the Commission area). With no costs for staff or rental of meeting space and limited administrative costs, this year for the first time ANC 3A decided to begin considering applications for grants. The process for grantmaking began with developing guidelines for grant recipients. The ANC voted to approve initial Grant Guidelines in July 2025, with modifications in September 2025. The guidelines were posted on the website, along with invitations for grant applications from not-for-profit organizations with a public purpose who propose a project that benefits the ANC 3A community.

The ANC 3A budget for FY 2025 (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025) provided \$7,500 for grants. Though no grants were issued during FY 2025, for the next 12 months the ANC voted to budget \$15,000 for FY 2026 (October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026).

The ANC received initial grant requests from the Friends of Hearst Park for a project at the park and also from the DC Preservation League for its study of the impact of historic preservation, focusing on the 5 Historic Districts in Washington, DC, including the Cleveland Park Historic District. Presentations by both grant applicants were scheduled.

In November, the ANC voted to approve its first grant, \$5,000 to the Friends of Hearst Park to support its project for “vertical mulching” to help preserve heritage oak trees on the south side of the lower field and along the path up the hill. The Friends of Hearst Park committed to contracting for the work by

December and mulch as many of the trees as possible with this grant and additional funds from the community, for an estimated total cost of \$10,800.

FULL LIST OF ANC 3A ACTIVITIES

Letters and Resolutions

Letter to DDOT Opposing DDOT NOI-25-27-CPD to Install a New Bus Stop on 39th Street NW south of Klinge Place NW in front of private residence opposite Annunciation School, closer than the WMATA standard distance from other existing bus stops serving the new D96 Metrobus route as part of the “Better Bus” network scheduled to being operation on June 29, 2025 (March 2025)

Resolution in Support of Maintaining Funding for Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP) in DC FY 2026 budget (March 2025)

ANC Report in Support of Zoning Special Exception for Rear and Side Addition to 3822 Van Ness St NW (BZA Case 21286) (April 2025)

Resolution to express ANC 3A support to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation for Hearst Elementary School PTA end-of-school movie night on June 6 (May 2025)

Letter to DDOT on its Notice of Intent to install signs allowing buses to make left turns during peak hours from eastbound Massachusetts Avenue NW onto northbound Wisconsin Avenue in order to allow operation of the planned new C85 weekday peak hour Metrobus route, expressing support for accommodating the need for left turns to serve the new route but recommending that the signs specify “Metrobuses only” and suggesting additional steps to protect safety of pedestrians at that intersection (NOI 25-123-CPD) (May 2025)

Resolution to Approve Letter of Support for After-Hours Work Permit for NBC4 to Remove Water Valve along Nebraska Avenue (June 2025)

Letter to ABCA Supporting Top Level LLC's Application to Add an Endorsement for Safe Use Treatment facility, along with an amendment to ANC 3A's Settlement Agreement with Top Level (June 2025)

Resolution in Support of a Stipulated Alcoholic Beverage License for new restaurant Acqua Bistecca at City Ridge (July 2025)

Resolution on Federal Involvement in Law Enforcement and Public Safety in the District, urging compliance with DC and federal laws governing local policing and supporting requirements that all federal agents assigned to patrols in the District wear clear identification of their agency and not be allowed to wear masks or face covering that completely conceal their identities (September 2025)

Resolution Supporting American University Request for a Modification Without Hearing to allow interior changes to the existing Sports Center (ZC Case No. ZC 20-31B) (October 2025)

Resolution RE proposed Text Amendment for Rear Additions (ZC 25-11) to change regulations on rear additions to row houses and semi-detached houses in R and RF zones, with recommendations that the

Zoning Commission increase the maximum depth of additions from the existing 10 feet to the proposed 16 feet beyond the rear wall of the adjoining house(s) on the first floor only as a “matter of right,” while maintaining the 10-foot maximum on the second and third floors (October 2025)

Letter to the Zoning Commission RE proposed Omnibus Text Amendment (ZC 25-12) recommending that the Zoning Commission divide the 24 provisions into groups and holding separate hearings on each group in order to allow stakeholders and the Zoning Commission to give adequate time and attention to the proposed changes (October 2025)

Resolution Supporting Hearst Elementary School Outdoor Movie Night (October 2025)

Resolution to the Zoning Commission about the need for additional affordable housing and other community considerations as part of the zoning changes being considered in ZC 25-13 (November 2025)

Presentations

Ron Baron, Maxine Brown-Roberts, and Joel Lawson of the DC Office of Planning on plans for developing zoning changes to carry out the Wisconsin Avenue Development Framework (February 2025)

Shepard Beamon of the DC Office of Planning on proposed changes to zoning regulations for RA-1 zones (February 2025)

Tyler Williams of the DC Department of Transportation on the TSI 2.0 program for making Traffic Safety Investigations under the Quarterly Prioritization System (February 2025)

Martin Sullivan of law firm Sullivan & Barros, accompanied on Simon Ley of 3822 Van Ness LLC, on the application for a zoning Special Exception for construction of a rear addition and side addition to a private semi-detached home at that address in the R-2 zone in ANC3A03 (March 2025)

Kalvanetta Peete of the DC Office of Campaign Finance on the District’s programs for financing election campaigns in the city, including the public financing program (March 2025)

Jonathan Rogers, Director of the DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles, on the proposed District budget for FY 2026 (June 2025)

Brittney General, Owner of Aligned LLC, licensed Medical Cannabis Retailer, on its application to ABCA for an endorsement to add a Safe Use Facility at the shop at 3715 Macomb Street (June 2025)

Peter Kelley, Project Manager, Rehabilitation of Creekbed Sewers Project at DC Water, Pono Hanson, contract engineer from Brown & Caldwell, and Dee Smith, Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement for DC Water on the utility’s planned assessment of sanitary sewer infrastructure in Glover Archbold Park (June 2025)

Friends of Hearst Park on its application for ANC 3A grant funds to support a “vertical mulching” project to help preserve heritage trees around Hearst Field (October 2025)

Joseph Ogundeyi on his free mobile/web platform “ATME” that allows residents to share information on vehicle break-ins, crashes, and other concerns using vehicle license numbers (November 2025)

Grants

\$5,000 to Friends of Hearst Park for vertical mulching of heritage oak trees in the park (November 2025)

Votes on Other Expenditures

Vote to Approve Expenditure for 12-month Contract with GoVocal for Community Engagement Software and Services - \$2,000 (December 2024)

Vote to Approve Expenditure to GoDaddy for ANC 3A Domain Name for 2025 - \$23.17 (January 2025)

Vote to Request Use of Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) for a 360° Camera to Assist in Conducting ANC Hybrid Meetings (January 2025)

Vote to Approve Expenditure to GoDaddy for website services for 2025 - \$203.88 (February 2025)

Vote to Approve Expenditure for Name Plates for New Commissioners - \$47.52 (March 2025)

Vote to Approve Expenditure for Business Cards for Commissioners - \$200 (June 2025)

Vote to Approve Purchase of 360° Camera - \$741.98 (October 2025)

This annual report was approved by the Commission by a vote of 4 - 0 at its duly noticed public meeting on November 18, 2025, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.

Commissioners (serving from January 2025-December 2025)

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Isaac Bowers

Gracemary Allen

Ann Lane Mladinov

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