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ANC 3F — April 21, 2026

Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting started: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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Commissioners Present: Carlson (Chair)
 Baer
 Guzman
 Iglesias
 David
 Rofman

Item	Vote
Approval of April 2026 Agenda	5-0-0
Approval of ANC Minutes for March 2026 Meeting	5-0-0
Consent Agenda (roll-call vote): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items included: BZA Special Exception Relief for 3619 Everett Street; ABRA Class D license for Shemalis (13-5245); Resolution in support of the Public Trash & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Roll-call votes (all in favor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amy Rofman (3F01): Yes ○ Sue Guzman (3F02): Yes ○ Mitchell Baer (3F03): Yes ○ Claudette David (3F04): Yes ○ Adrian Iglesias (3F05): Yes

Recycling Container Budgeting Act of 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Carlson (3F06): Yes
Treasurer’s Report — Roll-call vote to accept financials (March & FY26 Q2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioner Roll-call votes (all in favor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amy Rofman (3F01): Yes ○ Sue Guzman (3F02): Yes ○ Mitchell Baer (3F03): Yes ○ Claudette David (3F04): Yes ○ Adrian Iglesias (3F05): Yes ○ Chair Carlson (3F06): Yes

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjournment: 9:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Adopt Agenda — 00:04:22
 - Chair called the April 21 meeting to order and noted the meeting was being recorded.
 - Agenda adopted without objection.
2. MPD Report — 00:05:08
 - Lt. Forrest (Williams) presented monthly statistics vs. last year: 0 homicides, 0 sex abuse, 1 ADW, 1 robbery (4601 Connecticut, suspect later turned himself in), three motor vehicle thefts (two recovered), eight thefts from autos, 21 thefts (majority retail/CVS on Connecticut Ave).
 - Patrol focus: Forest Hills area, Connecticut corridor, cameras limited (two allocated; one down); permanent camera at 32nd & Brandywine expected to help.
 - DEA/CST presence in parks; outreach/education to household workers about not leaving valuables in cars.
 - Community walk scheduled: May 5, 5:00 PM at Forest Hills Park (Brandywine picnic table area). Lt. will follow up on status of recovered vehicle arrests as requested by community.
 - Residents reported that telephone reporting unit often does not call back.

- MPD noted some residents decline to file reports when called back; MPD will continue outreach and emphasized need for community report numbers and license-plate/lookout info.
 - Multiple participants raised concerns about daytime congestion, dangerous driving, and one recent public nudity incident that required psychiatric transport.
 - Follow-up: Lt. Forrest to check and report back (at next meeting or between meetings) on the recovered Honda Civic and whether occupants were prosecuted/linked to neighborhood incidents.
4. Mayor's Office / Spring Cleanup (Che Demczuk) — 00:32:38
 - 10th annual spring cleanup: April 25 at Guy Mason; Eventbrite link shared in chat.
 - Bulk trash and electronics accepted (including lithium batteries). No shredding or paint drop-off onsite; Sherwin-Williams store on Connecticut Avenue accepts paint (up to 10 gallons).
 5. Van Ness Main Street (Gloria Garcia) — 00:37:14
 - New website and calendar launched (vanessmainstreet.org).
 - \$30K+ awarded in small-business grants since January; additional \$10K available.
 - Events: Good Clean Fun Park Cleanup on April 25 (coincides with Mayor's cleanup); Taste of Van Ness May 2 and spring pop-up market May 9; District Fringe July 10–25; theater productions ongoing August–September; summer Forest Hills Playground programming (jazz, yoga, bilingual music, toy swap).
 6. UDC updates (Juanita Gray) — 00:42:05
 - Chick-fil-A at Student Center closed indefinitely; UDC seeking new vendor for fall.
 - Events: Around the World Embassy Tour (May 2); DC Delegate candidate forum (May 4) moderated by Kodjo Nnamdi; UDC workforce development programs and open houses (free/hybrid); Farmer's market restarts weekend of April 25; commencement May 9 with Mayor Bowser as keynote.
 7. Council / Committee updates (Shantise Wynn-Brown) — 00:48:01
 - Budget hearings schedule shared (DC Public Library, DCR, DHS public witnesses, Office of Lottery and Gaming, etc.).

- Workday in the Ward at Open City (May 23) — MPD, DOB, DDOT scheduled; Coffee with the Councilmember continues.
 - Encouraged community to sign up to testify for DHS and other hearings.
8. Compost / Zero Waste discussion (Emma McNamara & Judith Ingram) — 00:50:18 (Emma) / 00:55:13 (Judith)
- Concern raised about replacing staffed compost collection with a single automated smart bin (accessibility, tech barrier, reduced community engagement); request to retain Saturday attendant and consider both solutions.
 - Judith (Northwest Community Food) supported dual approach: staffed Saturday collection is important community gathering and smart bins are useful for daily access; logistics and space constraints at UDC in disposing of compost were discussed.
 - Follow-up: Shantise to coordinate with Zero Waste DC and relevant offices; Emma to provide details via chat/email; ANC to support exploring options to maintain the attendant while expanding smart-bin access.
9. Safe Routes to School — Murch Elementary (DDOT: David Bukowski & George Branyon) — 01:04:16
- Project background: Safe Streets for Students funding; schools selected for quick-build safety improvements (350-ft boundary from school grounds).
 - Outreach/results: Murch had exceptionally high survey response (~180 responses). Top concerns: dangerous intersections/crossings, inattentive drivers, high speeds.
 - Short-term proposals (to be implemented summer): 15 mph school speed signage; daylighting (no parking within 25 ft of crossings) with striping and flex posts; updated pavement markings; formalized OSSEbus pickup/drop-off zone at Davenport entrance; upgraded crosswalks and double-sided stop signs; raised crosswalk (replacing an existing speed table) on Davenport; refuge island + Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon proposed at Reno & Ellicott and Cumberland & Reno (study forwarded to signals team); signage/no-turn-on-red at key locations.
 - Mid/long-term recommendations forwarded to other DDOT teams: signal timing changes, photo enforcement on Connecticut

Avenue, pedestrian signal adjustments; larger projects (signals) are on longer timelines.

- Concerns from community (Murch HSA, parents): Davenport & Ellicott congestion, enforcement gaps, need for better consultation with HSA and stronger enforcement/crossing guard coverage.
- Follow-up: DDOT to post Notice of Intent items for public comment (some items already posted); Murch community urged to use DDOT's comment channels and continue coordination with DDOT/Council as needed.

10. Connecticut Avenue Safety Project (DDOT: Ted Van Houten) — 01:51:58

- NOI open; comment period closes Monday, May 4. Presentation summarized north→south proposals and timelines.
- Major proposed changes (longer-term where noted): • Chevy Chase Parkway & Harrison — install full signal; close Harrison stub (long-term). • Connecticut & Nebraska — close slip lane, relocate signal cabinet, shift bus stops (long-term; bus stop movement requires slip-lane closure). • 36th & Everett — close 36th between Everett & Connecticut; remove left turn from Everett to Connecticut (long-term). • Chesapeake, Ellicott, Davenport, Brandywine — daylighting at these intersections (short-term); adjust bus stop locations in select locations to improve bus operations (Chesapeake bus stop proposed removal — community concerns expressed, especially Parker House seniors). • Albemarle & Tilden — move northbound bus stop; adjust bike lane position through intersection; Tilden changes require ~5 parking spaces removed.
- Community concerns: removal/relocation of bus stops (especially Chesapeake/Connecticut near Parker House & access to Jackson Reed HS) — residents urged DDOT to retain stops; requests to consider pedestrian refuge islands, hardened centerlines; balance of transit access vs. bus operations.
- Action requested: residents urged to submit comments via the NOI portal (link to be shared) before May 4.

11. Consent Agenda & Votes — 02:17:19

- Consent agenda items approved by roll call vote: BZA Special Exception Relief for 3619 Everett Street; ABRA Class D license for Shemalis; resolution supporting Public Trash and Recycling

Container Budgeting Act of 2026. All commissioners present voted in favor.

12. Treasurer's Report (March & FY26 Q2 summary) — 02:20:36

- March monthly report: opening balance \$21,957.34; closing \$22,098.24; net +\$140.90. Expenditures included grant to Van Ness Main Street, communications (Google Workspace, Wix), and see-me flag expenses.
- FY26 Q2: total receipts \$7,674.65; disbursements \$29,173.99 (legal bill for Canada Art protest, \$10,000 in grants, communications, personnel transition costs). Ending checking balance \$22,098.24.
- Note: Technical assistance grant(s) expected to offset some (or possibly all) legal expenses.
- Roll call vote to accept financials carried unanimously.

13. Minutes Approval, Next Meeting & Adjournment — 02:26:50 / 02:27:09

- March 2026 meeting minutes approved without objection.
- Next ANC3F meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM (pending discussion of start time at executive meeting).
- Meeting adjourned.

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- Meeting adjourned at ~9:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by: [ANC 3F Secretary Amy Rofman]

1. Signed:

/s/:

Prepared by: Commissioner Amy Rofman, 3F01

Approved on: May 12, 2026

Attested by: /s/ Commissioner Courtney Carlson (Chair)