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ANC3C Resolution 2023-013
Resolution to Support the “Undesign the Redline” Project by Providing a
Grant for \$5,000 to St. Columba’s Episcopal Church

WHEREAS Saint Columba’s Episcopal Church of Albemarle Street, working with an interfaith planning team, has submitted an application with appropriate supporting information for grant funding from ANC3C in the amount of \$5,000 to support the “Undesign the Redline” project. St. Columba’s has partnered with other Ward 3 houses of worship—Adas Israel, Chevy Chase Presbyterian, Temple Micah and Temple Sinai—to create a planning team and undertake the project;

WHEREAS the “Undesign the Redline” project is a traveling exhibit to serve as a catalyst for dialogue and education regarding how Ward 3 came to look the way it does today in terms of race, income, and opportunity. The exhibit will explain the history of federal, state, and local policies that had the effect of segregating housing and other economic activities in the 20th century, and which legacy continues today;

WHEREAS the “Undesign the Redline” project exhibit and associated programming is customized and shaped by local stories. Gathering those stories and bringing them to the light is a part of the project and can be a transformative community undertaking. The project and exhibit can engage with school curriculum and field trips, book groups and facilitated conversations, and docent-led tours. The project is expected to be undertaken in 2023 and the exhibit would be installed for public viewing and programming in early 2024;

WHEREAS the “Undesign the Redline” project will be contracted with the New York-based firm, designing the WE, which has undertaken similar projects in communities across the country. The contract should include licensing fees, consultation, research, training of facilitators, as well as creation of the exhibit in close consultation with the Community Advisory Group. ANC3C’s grant funds will be used to cover costs related to be community engagement and actual assembling the physical exhibit;

WHEREAS the “Undesign the Redline” interfaith planning team is currently reaching out to schools, businesses, advocacy organizations, and Ward 3 ANCs to solicit financial support and other in-kind support. The planning team will create a Community Advisory Group to lead the execution of the exhibit and related programming. The project is meant to provide opportunities for: Supporting community-led research into stories of our neighborhood’s development, led by experts in history and story-telling; Building on existing activism at ANC3C schools to engage more youth on wrestling with history and racial equity; Informing residents’ understanding of how ANC3C and other upper northwest Washington DC neighborhoods evolved toward racial and economic exclusivity; Enabling community dialogue in safe local spaces around difficult issues of race and inequity; Motivating residents to act, and providing specific ideas for “What now?”; Retaining the results of this research in our community for display after the exhibit has formally closed;

WHEREAS the history of racial exclusion in Northwest DC neighborhoods has been documented in several places and remains a legacy of profound concern to our community. This history is relevant to current plans and developments in upper northwest Washington DC;

WHEREAS Barbara Kraft of Upton Street presented the application at a meeting of the ANC 3C Community Engagement and Grants Committee on 11 July 2023; she is a member of the Undesign The Redline Planning Team led by St. Columba's Episcopal Church, a member of the Temple Sinai Davis Center for Social Justice Steering Committee, and a member of the board of trustees of the Washington Interfaith Network;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ANC 3C approves the grant request for \$5,000 provided St. Columba's agrees to comply with all the ANC 3C guidelines with respect to expenditure of funds, maintenance of receipts, and accounting procedures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C authorizes the Chair and the Treasurer to represent the Commission in this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janell Pagats', written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on July 17, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote (8-0-0) on July 17, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.