

ANC 3/4 G Public Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
Chevy Chase Community Center, 7:00-9:00 pm
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Randy Speck. Present: Speck, Fromboluti, Tuck-Garfield, Maydak. Absent: Bradfield. A quorum was declared.
Approximately 25 people attended the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted by a vote of 4 – 0.

Commissioner Announcements:

Chair Speck:

The Commission is continuing its ongoing investigation of the future of the Chevy Chase Community Center. Several commissioners and interested residents met on December 13 and discussed a possible survey to identify how the community uses the Community Center and what improvements they might want. A working group agreed to develop a survey form that would focus on gathering information about what we need in a community center. We requested and have now received data on classes offered at the Community Center and the numbers of people enrolled. We also arranged with DPR for us to visit three other community/recreation centers in the District, and several of us went to the Deanwood Recreation Center today as the first of those visits. We will visit Raymond and Rosedale on Thursday and Friday of this week. The next meeting to discuss the Community Center's future will be on Monday, January 30, and we hope to refine our plans for a community-wide survey. We urge everyone to attend and participate in this year-long process.

On January 6, the Board of Elections formally declared vacancies in ANC 3/4G01 and 3/4G05. Beginning January 9, petitions may be picked up at the Board of Elections, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 250N. Petitions must be returned with at least 25 signatures of registered voters in the respective SMD by January 30. Petitions may be challenged between Thursday, February 2, 2017 and Wednesday, February 8, 2017. If only one person submits a valid petition, that person will be sworn in as Commissioner, hopefully in time for our February 13 meeting. If more than one person completes valid petitions, we will announce at our February 13 meeting that there will be an election at our February 27 meeting. If there is an election, any registered voter in the single member district may vote at the meeting, and the person with the most votes will be elected commissioner and, if possible, will be sworn in immediately. The commission is aware of at least two people who have expressed an interest in running for the vacancy in 3/4G05 and at least one person in 3/4G01. Anyone interested is urged to participate in this election process.

The ANC Omnibus Amendments Act of 2016 was passed on the second reading at the DC Council on December 20, 2016. The bill that the Council passed was substantially different from the bill that had been developed with input from Commissioners, that was the subject of Council hearings, and that our ANC commented on in a resolution last

summer. The commissioners on our Commission and across the District were concerned about both the process that the Council used in adopting an entirely new bill without giving ANCs an opportunity to express their views and with the substance of the bill, which placed additional burdens on the commissions and failed to address important issues like an enforceable requirement that agencies give ANCs notice and provisions that would give teeth to the requirement that agencies give ANC views "great weight." On December 26, I sent an email to the Mayor urging her to veto this bill so that the Council could address the ANCs' concerns in 2017. Several other ANC Chairs sent similar emails. The bill has not yet been transmitted to the Mayor, so the time to veto or sign the bill has not yet begun to run.

DDOT still has not confirmed that it will provide a bench and install it on Connecticut Avenue in front of the Community Center. This bench will honor Julian Bond, in accordance with the ANC's resolution. We will bring this up with DDOT at our next meeting if it is not resolved sooner.

Commissioner Maydak indicated that the ANC lighting task force will restart reviewing various LED light proposals including those which have been recommended by the American Medical Assn. Commissioner Maydak also indicated that the Farmers Market will continue to meet at the Chevy Chase Community Center location until the spring. After that time, the market will return to the Lafayette School location.

Commissioner Fromboluti noted that DDOT had issued its "NOI" (notice of intent) regarding the 39th Street and Reno Road traffic patterns. There will be a 30 day comment period in which our ANC as well as ANC 3E will have input.

Election of ANC Officers:

Commissioner Speck moved a proposed slate of officers for 2017 (pursuant to by-laws Article IV, Section 1) as follows:

Chair: Commissioner Speck
Vice-Chair: Commissioner Fromboluti
Secretary: Commissioner Maydak
Treasurer: Commissioner Tuck-Garfield

The slate of officers was adopted by a vote of 4 – 0.

Bylaws: A motion was made to reconfirm the bylaws for 2017, unchanged from the previous year.

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 4 – 0.

The chair noted that some of the ANC by-laws provisions may be affected by the ANC Omnibus Amendments Act. For instance, the legislation would eliminate the use of any proxy votes while our by-laws adopt Roberts Rules of Order, which permit written proxy votes. The new law would also require different procedures for voting for officers. Until the new law takes effect, however, we need not change our by-laws.

The ANC meeting schedule is similar to those as in years past -- meetings will be held on every second and fourth Monday except when that falls on a holiday. In 2017, we will

meet twice each month except for August, when we traditionally have no meetings. We will also meet only once in October, on the fourth Monday, and only once in December, on the second Monday. The schedule is:

January 9 and 23

February 13 and 27

March 13 and 27

April 10 and 24

May 8 and 22

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 24

August Break

September 11 and 25

October 23

November 13 and 27

December 11

No Through Street sign to Military Road:

Discussion began on a request to DDOT for installation of a "No Through Street to Military Road" sign at 32nd Street, NW, and Broad Branch Road, NW. As discussed at our December 12 meeting, there is a need for DDOT to install a sign at the intersection of Broad Branch Road and 32nd Street warning drivers, "No through Street to Military Road." 32nd Street is one way south bound from Military Road to Jocelyn Street and two-way in the block from Jocelyn to Broad Branch, but cars -- and particularly trucks -- go north illegally all the way to Military Road. The same situation exists on Broad Branch Road from Nevada north to Military Road. We have asked Metropolitan Police Department to enforce the one-way street, and that has helped, but a sign should alert drivers that they should not attempt to access Military Road via 32nd Street from Broad Branch or Broad Branch from Nevada. The chair moved that the ANC pass a resolution requesting that DDOT install these signs. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 4 – 0.

DC Water and Sewer Authority Discussion on Sewer Pipelines:

A presentation on the Oregon Ave and Bingham Drive Sewer Rehabilitation Project was led by Tanya M. Hedgepeth, Construction Outreach Coordinator, Department of External Affairs, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

Ms. Hedgepeth from the DC Water and Sewer Authority has asked to make a presentation about upcoming rehabilitation work that will be done on sewer lines along Oregon Avenue and Bingham Drive. She was joined by Todd Brown, project manager for Bradshaw Construction, DC Water's contractor for this project.

The project involves replacement of about 4500 feet of affected sanitary sewer pipe. This project is limited to sanitary sewer and does not include any work on storm sewers or water lines, though both may need improvements. The affected lines run down Oregon Avenue from Beech Street to Bingham Drive and under Bingham Drive to Beach Drive. The work will necessitate partial or complete closures on Oregon Avenue from now until April 2019, and complete closure of Bingham Drive for the duration of the construction.

The sewer lines are about 50 feet deep and will be excavated using tunnel boring equipment. The spoils from the excavation will be removed at the intersection of Oregon Avenue and Bingham Drive and will be hauled out by truck south on Oregon Avenue to Military Road.

DC Water has contracted with a company to survey residents' structures that may be impacted by the construction, primarily at a few locations along Oregon Avenue. This survey is to identify current conditions so that they can determine later whether the vibrations from construction have caused any damage. Damage is highly unlikely because there will be no blasting or pile driving, and the tunnel boring will be at a significant depth. Nevertheless, they will notify residents that they may have a survey taken of their property.

The discussion from Commissioners and residents focused on the need for coordination with other concurrent projects. Among the other projects that may affect or be affected by the sewer replacement are the following: (1) DDOT's long-planned reconstruction of Oregon Avenue, which had been scheduled to begin construction in 2017; (2) Phase III of the National Park Service's reconstruction of Beach Drive, which would be impacted by the sewer replacement project at Bingham Drive and Beach Drive; (3) DC Water's Pinehurst, Sherrill, Fenwick Sewer Rehabilitation Project, which will cross the work being done on Oregon; (4) Ingleside's expansion project, which is slated to begin this spring and continue for 30 months and which will impact construction traffic on Military Road; and (5) St. John's expansion of its athletic facilities, which will impact construction traffic on Oregon Avenue.

The Commission expressed its very strong insistence that all of these construction projects be coordinated to minimize the adverse impact on Oregon Avenue residents and on residents in nearby communities. DC Water said that its project manager, Willis Thomas, had been coordinating with DDOT, but he was not at this meeting. The Commission specifically requested that DC Water (and preferably Mr. Thomas) attend its January 23rd meeting when DDOT representatives will also be here to report on the status of its construction projects, including the Oregon Avenue reconstruction. The Commission also requested that DC Water provide its traffic plan for the project so that we could understand where trucks are permitted to travel and where workers will be permitted to park.

The Commission and residents also emphasized the need to assure both normal and emergency access to the Knollwood community throughout this project. In particular, because access from Knollwood to Oregon Avenue will be difficult at times, DDOT should modify the current exit from Knollwood to Tennyson so that vehicles can make a left turn onto Tennyson. This will provide an alternative entrance and exit from Knollwood to avoid the Oregon Avenue construction. DC Water should also take steps to be certain that emergency vehicles will always have access to Knollwood and that emergency organizations are notified of any relevant traffic pattern changes.

Kristine Marsh from WMATA also reported on the impact of DC Water's project on the E-6 bus route. Substantial changes will be necessary, including the elimination of some stops on Chestnut Street for part of the construction. The Commission asked what

notice would be given to residents about these changes. Ms. Marsh indicated that WMATA treats this as a long-term change and will post signs at bus stops with the changes and will adjust bus timetables to reflect the new routes. The Commission requested that there be at least two-weeks notice before the changes are implemented, and both DC Water and Ms. Marsh indicated that they could provide that notice.

Bonding of Chair and Treasurer for 2017: The chair moved that the Commission adopt the following bonding resolution: Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the required agreement.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 – 0.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved by a vote of 4 – 0.

The following **checks** were approved by a vote of 4 - 0: \$112.03 Verizon, \$139.99 IRS December Withholding, \$338.50 DC Tax Withholding 2016, \$41.76 DC Unemployment October –December 2016, \$25.00 ANC Security Fund

Items for the January 23 meeting may include: Presentation by DDOT and discussion of outstanding issues (e.g., status of Oregon Avenue reconstruction, safety improvements at the Reno Road/Ingomar/39th Street intersection, pedestrian crosswalks at Chevy Chase Circle, "no right turn" during morning rush hour sign at Nebraska and Jenifer, sidewalk repairs on Kanawha between 38th and 39th, need to relocate utility pole in sidewalk on 31st Street, missing sidewalks on Utah near Pinehurst Circle, and "no through street to Military Road" sign at Broad Branch and 32nd Street); presentation by Samantha May from CulturalDC on art at Walter Reed, No left turn from garage to alley at 5333 Connecticut Avenue (apartment building), public space application at 5336 29th Street, October-December quarterly financial report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Signed:


Randy Speck
Chair


Rebecca Maydak
Secretary