

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
Chevy Chase Community Center, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20015

Present: Speck, Fromboluti, Tuck-Garfield, Maydak, Clayman, Malitz, Bradfield

Attendance: Approximately 20 people attended the meeting

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted by a vote of 7 – 0

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Speck

Ingleside -- In anticipation of upcoming construction work, Ingleside has placed a number of traffic control signs on Military Road, Broad Branch Road, and Nevada Avenue. These signs are currently covered but will be used to alert traffic to changes over the course of the work on Ingleside's expansion project. Some preliminary work has begun, including widening the access road to Broad Branch Road and enhancing utilities that will have to be installed under Broad Branch. That work will require this section of Broad Branch Road to be closed for about two weeks. Ingleside will let the community know when that closure will begin.

Iona Senior Services -- Commissioners Malitz and Speck took a tour of Iona Senior Services, located near Tenley Circle. Iona has been in our community for 42 years, but many don't know the services it provides. They are offering tours to inform the community about how they are helping seniors, and you may contact them on their website, [iona.org](http://iona.org), or call them at (202) 895-9448. Iona's role in providing senior services is particularly important as the District tries to create a seniors' virtual wellness center for Ward 3 and Ward 4 west of the Park.

Lafayette Elementary Historic Designation -- The District's Department of General Services has applied for historic landmark designation for Lafayette Elementary School, and the Historic Preservation Review Board will have a hearing on this application on May 25 at 9:00 am at 441 Fourth Street, NW, Room 220 South. Our Commission will consider this application at the ANC's May 8 meeting.

Commissioner Maydak

Lighting Task Force -- The ANC's Lighting Task Force will meet on April 26 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center to discuss the lighting planned on Oregon Avenue based on the modified reconstruction schedule. This will also be a reactivation of the Task Force to address the LED lighting issues more generally.

Lafayette Spring Fair -- The Lafayette Spring Fair will be held on May 13 from 11 am to 4 pm. There will also be a yard sale from 9 am until noon, and residents may reserve a

table for \$25. The Farmers Market is also targeted to return to Lafayette as soon as possible.

Lafayette Recreation Center -- DPR will begin holding community meetings in May to discuss plans for the Lafayette Recreation Center. The planning process will likely take about six months..

#### Commissioner Clayman

Pinehurst Cleanup -- The Commission appreciates the work of John Burwell in organizing the Pinehurst cleanup on Saturday, April 22.

#### Commissioner Tuck-Garfield

DC Water Project -- DC Water's project to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer line under Oregon Avenue will require Saturday work beginning immediately. The work will be between 7 am and 7 pm in the same project areas along Oregon Avenue. The contact person for any concerns about this Saturday work is Todd Brown, 443-864-6641.

#### Commissioner Fromboluti

Reno Road and 39th Street -- Another accident occurred at this intersection on April 24, caused by a northbound vehicle on 39th Street pulling out in front of a car going southeast on Reno Road. The driver of the car on 39th Street was taken to the hospital. It is notable that this accident would not have been effected by DDOT's proposed Notice of Intent for changes at this intersection because the car on 39th Street was heading north, a configuration that would remain unchanged by the NOI. Neighbors indicated that there are also numerous near misses at this intersection, but DDOT has not even taken minimal steps to improve safety -- e.g., improved striping for the crosswalks or signage that warns vehicles of a hazardous intersection. It is essential that DDOT take action to address these safety concerns.

#### Community Announcements

Ian Maggard, from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations reported on the Earth Day cleanup that had been coordinated with the Rock Creek Conservancy. He also announced a food waste drop-off program that the District has initiated in cooperation with farmers' markets. In Ward 3, residents can drop off food wastes for composting at the UDC Farmers Market beginning on May 20 from 9 am to 1 pm. Finally, he reported that the Mayor has presented her FY 2018 budget, and an administration official will attend ANC 3/4G's May 8 meeting to answer questions about the budget. More information is also available at [mayor.dc.gov](http://mayor.dc.gov).

Anthony Castillo from Councilmember Cheh's office announced that budget hearings would be held for the Office on Aging on April 25 and for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works on April 26 at 10 am. The record will remain open for two weeks after the hearing for anyone to submit testimony or comments. The Councilmember will also hold hearings on DDOT's LED lighting



program on May 3 at 11 am. The hearings will explore the experience in other communities installing LED lighting. He reported that the Councilmember has received informal assurance from DDOT Director Dormsjo that, pending a review of the program, LED lights would not be installed in residential neighborhoods unless requested by the ANC or MPD, but installations would continue for highways. Commissioner Maydak clarified that installations would also continue in commercial districts. The Councilmember has reintroduced her bill to eliminate gas powered leaf blowers and has sent a second letter on the homeless shelter in Ward 3.

Jackson Carnes, director of constituent services for Councilmember Todd, reported that the Councilmember will have office hours April 25 from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Gold Coast Cafe, 14th Street and Kennedy. The groundbreaking for Walter Reed was on April 24, and there will be a Walter Reed block party on April 29 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Entrance to the event will be at Georgia Avenue and Butternut Street NW. In response to a question, Mr. Carnes indicated that the Walter Reed development will include housing (one-third of which will be affordable), a recreation center, grocery store, and retail stores.

Gerri Carr, Vice President of the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, welcomed Commissioner Bradfield as a new board member and announced that there will be a pruning party on May 6 from 9 am to 1 pm to reduce the height of the azaleas in the Circle to two feet. A National Park Service horticulturalist will also hold a teach-in on May 5 at 3 pm on proper pruning techniques for azaleas. Casey Trees has recently planted six willow oaks on the Circle bringing the Circle to its full complement of 30 trees. Friends of Chevy Chase Circle are also planning plantings in the islands north and south of the Circle. These plantings will be low shrubs that are drought and salt resistant. The organization is working with the National Park Service to repair or replace the benches in the Circle. Donations may be made at <http://friendsofchevychasecircle.org/donate.php>.

#### Implementation of norms for conducting ANC meetings in anticipation of future video recording

In planning for video recording of the Commission's meetings, Commissioner Clayman described the meeting norms or expectations that the Commission has adopted to improve efficiency and fairness. These norms are consistent with the Commission's by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order: (1) the chair or designee will recognize speakers one at a time; (2) speakers who address the ANC will speak from a microphone, if physically able, located at a designated spot in the meeting room; (3) no attendee may speak twice on the same issue until everyone who wants to speak has been given a chance to speak once; and (4) the ANC may limit the time for speakers in order to allow everyone to speak.

Commissioner Malitz explained that the Commission will be testing the video recording process beginning with this meeting. The plan is to have microphones for the commissioners and for speakers from the audience. After a test period, the recordings will be posted so that anyone who could not attend the meeting will be able to see and hear what happened. The recordings will also be keyed to the agenda so that viewers will be able to skip to the spots when particular items were addressed. The recordings are not

a substitute for written minutes but will provide a more complete record of meetings that will be accessible to the community. The test period will work out any potential issues, e.g., the best place for the lectern.

Discussion of and possible vote on a needs assessment survey plan for gathering information about how the community uses and wishes to use the Chevy Chase Community Center

Commissioner Speck described the Commission's efforts since the fall of 2016 to assess the community's needs from the Chevy Chase Community Center. He noted that since December, a group of commissioners, the Chevy Chase Citizens Association, and members of the community (especially Amy Mack, Patrick Williams, and Jay Thal) have worked on a survey to gather data on how the community uses the Community Center and what services and facilities the community would like to have from the Community Center.

Commissioner Malitz then described a draft pilot survey that incorporates the previous work and reformats it so that we can use Survey Monkey to perform the survey and analyze the results. In preparing this version, he reviewed similar surveys conducted around the country and the kinds of analyzes that were performed. The survey has been consolidated to ten questions (the maximum permitted in the free version of Survey Monkey) so that it can be completed in about ten minutes. Although the draft pilot survey appears to be somewhat shorter than earlier drafts, in reality, it is not because it was possible to capture all of the substantive topics by combining and reformatting some questions. The pilot survey also uses DPR's terminology for programs whenever possible.

Commissioner Malitz suggested that the pilot would be used to determine whether the survey was clear for respondents and whether there were any omissions. For example, the space provided to suggest "other" responses could be used to determine whether the survey should include additional potential answers. This pilot would seek responses from less than 100 residents, and these responses would not be included in the final survey but would help in finalizing the survey for widespread distribution. The pilot will allow each commissioner to send the Survey Monkey link to 10 diverse constituents (although it would be impractical to attempt to devise a statistically representative sample). Additional paper survey forms will be available at the Community Center and at the Library. (Those paper forms will be entered on-line through Survey Monkey so that all the results can be consolidated and analyzed.) The pilot will be conducted in May, any necessary modifications would be made by early June, and the full survey would be conducted in June. The full survey would be distributed as broadly and comprehensively as is practical.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield raised questions about how the proposed pilot survey compares with the previous draft of the survey that were the product of the community meetings and that had been presented to the Commission at its March 27 meeting. Commissioner Speck indicated that the objective had been to incorporate all of the substantive portions of the previous draft, and if there are any omissions, they can be added.



Former Commissioner Beach noted that we may want to have questions about the condition of the building and grounds, noting that trash around the building has made it less inviting. He also noted that the building once housed a vibrant theater group, but it was discontinued because of the fees charged. He also asked whether there was any budget to pay for a survey if costs need to be incurred, and the commissioners indicated that there is no current budget so there would have to be a vote of the commission to spend any money on the survey.

Jay Thal indicated that most of the programs for seniors at the Community Center were offered through the YMCA, not DPR, and that DPR had not been as hospitable for seniors as at other centers in the District. He said that there were few programs and few rooms being used between 9 am and 3 pm on weekdays. He also emphasized that the Community Center serves all of Ward 3 and Ward 4 west of the Park and is not limited to the boundaries of ANC 3/4G. He suggested that other Ward 3 ANCs be notified about the survey, and the Chair indicated that was a good idea and would be done.

Patrick Williams described his work in developing an early draft of the survey based on work that was done for the Palisades Recreation Center. He said that the evaluation of the Community Center's future may need a dedicated website where all of the information can be consolidated and easily accessed by the community. Commissioner Maydak suggested that DPR or DGS should provide such a website.

The Commissioners agreed to send the pilot survey to their constituents in May, as Commissioner Malitz proposed.

#### Discussion of detours required during DC Water's sanitary sewer rehabilitation project on Oregon Avenue, including temporary E-6 bus route changes on Tennyson Street

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield described her efforts with Commissioners Clayman and Speck to improve the signage for detours around DC Water's sewer rehabilitation project on Oregon Avenue. She said that she and Commissioner Speck met with DC Water at the site on April 9 and discussed recommended changes to the signage. DC Water agreed to those changes, and will be installing 20 new signs. The signs will give specific directions around the construction area and to guide Knollwood visitors. A temporary flashing sign at Tennyson and Utah will be replaced with these specific signs. DC Water is also exploring the possibility of installing an interim stop sign at Tennyson and 29th Street in light of the increased traffic on Tennyson.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield also reported that the E-6 bus route will continue on Tennyson to Knollwood. Although DC Water and WMATA had evaluated other alternatives, they concluded that this was the best route to serve Knollwood. WMATA has, however, added an E-6 "cut-through" bus from Pinehurst Circle to Friendship Heights. Thelma Marzek, a Knollwood resident, indicated that the E-6 bus has often been late or has not come at all. Commissioner Tuck-Garfield reported that the schedule for the E-6 will be updated in June to reflect the times for the new route, and by then, the schedule should be more reliable.

In response to a constituent's inquiry, Commissioner Speck reported that he asked DDOT to consider safety measures that could be implemented at the intersection of Military Road and Utah Avenue in light of the detoured traffic around Oregon Avenue, which has increased the volume of eastbound vehicles turning left on to Utah. There is a potential hazard to vehicles and pedestrians at this intersection.

Discussion of and possible vote on requested letter of ANC support for a permit from DPR regarding the Theater Lab's use of the Lafayette Park Gazebo on July 15 from 5 to 7 pm for a celebration of the non-profit's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Commissioner Maydak)

Dane Peterson from Theater Lab indicated that they have applied for a DPR permit to use the Lafayette Park gazebo on July 15 for their 25th anniversary. They had previously used it for their 20th anniversary celebration. Bryce Selty said that they anticipate 50 to 75 people will attend. The event will be catered, but there will be no food trucks and no music. There is a potential question whether they will be required to provide a port-a-john, but Commissioner Maydak indicated that she is trying to work this out with DPR so that they can use the bathrooms in the Park. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to send a letter supporting the application.


#### Commission Business

1. Minutes: The March 27, 2017, meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
2. Checks: \$160.57 IRS, \$48.89 DOES, \$15.90 Jerry Malitz (expense reimbursement for business cards), \$83.07 Jeralynn Graham (expense reimbursement for commissioner business cards), \$114.05 Verizon, \$210.04 Canon approved by vote of 7 to 0.
3. ANC Quarterly Financial Report for January - March 2017 approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
4. Items for the May 8, 2017 meeting: presentation by the Federal Highway Administration and DDOT about restoration of the Chevy Chase Circle bus turnout; discussion and possible vote on historic landmark designation for Lafayette Elementary School; presentation by City Administrator Rashad Young on the Mayor's proposed FY18 budget, Lafayette School/PTA Fair use of Lafayette Playground on May 13.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Signed,

Randy Speck  
Chair

  
Rebecca Maydak  
Secretary