



**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G**  
CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

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ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
July 8, 2019  
Chevy Chase Community Center, 7:00-9:00 pm  
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20015

**Minutes:** ANC 3/4G Public Meeting, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20015 (Video of this meeting is available at [https://youtu.be/K\\_yxOGnJsmo](https://youtu.be/K_yxOGnJsmo).) The Commission meetings are video recorded for YouTube to be available to the public. Speakers and Commissioners — but not audience members — are included in the video.

**Summary:**

- The Commission took no action on the Class C liquor license renewal for Arucola as no representative was present. The Commission will address the issue at its July 22, 2019 meeting.
- The Office of Campaign Finance presented on its new public funding program for qualified candidates.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to support the re-naming of Lafayette Park and Lafayette Recreation Center to be Lafayette-Pointer Park and Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center.
- Representatives from Pepco and The Office of the People’s Counsel presented on Pepco’s proposed multi-year rate increase.
- The Commission voted 4-0 to support the Mayor’s statement regarding upcoming proposed raids on undocumented immigrants in 10 American cities.

**Present:** Commissioners Speck, Tuck-Garfield, Malitz, and Clayman were present.

**Attendance:** Approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Before adopting the agenda, Commissioner Speck explained the purpose of the ANC, how ANC meetings work, and the norms for the meeting. His comments are below:

Good evening and welcome to tonight's meeting of ANC 3/4G. At the beginning of our meeting, we are going to take a few minutes to discuss the role of our Commission and how we will hold meetings moving forward. We are elected officials chosen for two year terms by you, our neighbors. We each represent approximately 2,000 people and collectively represent about 15,000 residents in Chevy Chase, Hawthorne, and Barnaby Woods. We are volunteers. We receive no compensation for this position. We advise city agencies on a variety of issues including transportation, the use of public space, liquor licenses, and community concerns. Votes on those issues will always occur at a public meeting.

Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday monthly from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. ANC stands for Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Let me stress that word – advisory. We do not pass legislation or make binding decisions. Our views are often entitled to be given “great weight” by the District government. Outside of these two meetings, we each spend a number of hours per week emailing, calling, researching, and writing to hopefully help make our corner of Washington a little bit better each day. Commissioners, please introduce yourselves.

We also want to take a minute to introduce Stefanie Van Pelt and Allen Beach. Stefanie is our office manager and Allen is a former Commissioner who served this community for decades. They assist us in running this meeting and you will see them participate in the meeting, answer questions and collect papers, including, when requested to keep time for speakers.

Our meetings are run with a few norms in mind, and those are included at the end of the agenda that was on each chair. We post video of our meetings online so that those not present can view our meetings. We expect everyone to abide by these norms. They promote a civil and respectful discourse.

- Speakers address the group from the podium using the microphone. This will ensure that all speakers are recorded on video and heard by attendees.
- Participants in the meeting speak one at a time. Everyone deserves to be heard without interruption.
- Meetings run according to the agenda and the times listed there, with any modifications determined by the Chair.
- After a presenter completes his or her statement, Commissioners ask questions, and then others have an opportunity to ask their questions.
- Speakers must limit any statements or questions to the time allotted. The Commission also accepts emailed and written comments or questions.
- Every resident will have an opportunity to be heard once on an issue before any resident is heard twice.
- We understand that sometimes issues may provoke strong emotions and that these expectations may be forgotten. Part of the Chair's job is to remind you of these norms during the meeting.

For each item on the agenda, the Chair will ask for a show of hands for those who plan to speak on that item. Make sure you have written your name on a signup sheet located at the back table. Those who come in later can also add their name to the list of speakers for a given issue.

The Commission adopted the agenda by a vote of 4-0.

### **Commissioner Announcements:**

#### Commissioner Speck:

- DC Statehood — The House Oversight Committee will have a hearing on HR 51, the D.C. Statehood bill, on July 24, 2019, and there are a number of ways to participate in this process to support DC Statehood. It will be important to pack the hearing room and the overflow rooms to show members of Congress and the country that the District strongly supports statehood. DC for Democracy will hold its [monthly meet-up at the Eaton Hotel](#) to rally support for statehood. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/2G2VSem>.
- DC Water Construction Hours on 30th Street — At the ANC's June 24, 2019 meeting, the Commission agreed to support DC Water's request to extend the hours of work from the previously approved 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekdays. After subsequent communications among the Director of DDOT's Public Space Administration, Washington Gas, and Commissioner Speck, the Director approved extended hours from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm.
- Lafayette Recreation Center Modernization Meeting — DPR and DGS will hold a meeting at 6:30 pm on July 10, 2019, to discuss the final design of for the Lafayette Recreation Center modernization.

#### Commissioner Tuck-Garfield:

- Oxford House on Moreland Street — At the ANC's June 24, 2019 meeting, the Commission approved a resolution advising DCRA to grant Oxford House's currently pending request for reasonable accommodation to occupy one house by up to ten unrelated persons. DCRA had advised the Commission that it could not defer the decision beyond July 5, 2019. On July 3, 2019, however, DCRA's Zoning Administrator informed Oxford House that it was not able to approve the request and needs additional information "demonstrating the nexus between each occupant's disability and the reasonable accommodation, for occupants beyond six (6) unrelated individuals constituting a household." The ANC will continue to monitor the developments.

#### Commissioner Clayman:

- Work on Beach Drive is still moving ahead on schedule, and the National Park Services anticipates completing the project this fall. One update is upcoming work to add signs, speed tables, and enhanced striping on Beach Drive near Harvard Street NW and to add stop signs on Beach Drive at Blagden Avenue NW. You can read more about the work's schedule at [go.nps.gov/beachdrive](http://go.nps.gov/beachdrive).
- Bingham Drive will remain closed between Oregon Avenue NW and Beach Drive until the Beach Drive rehabilitation project is complete. The paved trail next to Bingham Drive is open for pedestrians and cyclists. Last week, DC Water, the National Park

Service, and the District Department of Energy and the Environment agreed on a restoration plan for the roadway. It will be restored from curb to curb. The next phase is design and approval. DC Water is pushing for an expedited review cycle in order to complete the project as soon as possible. The goal is to have the road opened along with Beach Drive in the fall. I expect to receive another update before the end of the month. Thank you for your patience as the various agencies work together to re-pave and re-open this roadway.

### **Community Announcements:**

Gabrielle Priest from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services introduced herself and announced that representatives from the Office had spent the day throughout the city reporting downed trees or flooded roads.

### **Discussion and possible votes on Class C liquor license renewals for Arucola (now Capital Crab and Seafood) (Commissioner Bradfield)**

There was no representative from Capital Crab and Seafood in attendance. The Commission decided to move this discussion and possible vote to its July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **Presentation by the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) on the District's new Public Funding Program that OCF administers to qualified candidates (Commissioner Speck)**

Eddie Defeng presented on OCF's public funding program. The program will provide a base grant of \$40,000 and match 5 to 1 contributions up to \$200 for qualified candidates. In order to qualify, candidates must raise \$5,000 from 150 donors who live in the District. Candidates for State Board of Education, DC Council, Attorney General, and Mayor are eligible. Candidates must choose whether to participate in the public funding program or to raise money under the old system.

Commissioner Speck asked who was likely to participate in the program. He noted that candidates have been able to raise more money under the old system and are unlikely to opt for tighter limit on their funding. Mr. Defeng responded that OCF was trying to encourage the "little person" to run for office when they do not have large donors under the old system.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield asked if the program would apply to Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. Mr. Defeng stated it would not and that the DC Council had passed the law naming which offices were eligible.

Commissioner Malitz asked if he was correct in understanding that a candidate could raise \$2,500 from an individual under the old system and \$1,200 including matching funds from an individual under the new system. Mr. Defeng stated that was correct and that out-of-state contributions would be permitted but would not be matched.

Commissioner Clayman asked about the total amount of dollars budgeted for the program. Mr. Defeng stated that the city would match funds up to the average spent in total on elections over the last two cycles.

Commissioner Speck asked whether the program would apply to both the primary and general elections, and Mr. Defeng said that it would.

**Presentation and discussion on a petition, and possible vote on a resolution to rename Lafayette Park Lafayette-Pointer Park (Commissioner Maydak)**

Carl Lankowski, president of Historic Chevy Chase DC and a resident on McKinley Street presented on the history of Captain George Pointer and his descendants. Pointer's descendants lived on the land that became Lafayette Park and Lafayette School. The government used the power of eminent domain to remove the people living on the land that became the park and school. He explained the organizing effort, oral history (available at <https://bit.ly/2JuRYNO>), and research that had been conducted on George Pointer and his descendants. On behalf of Historic Chevy Chase DC, he requested that ANC 3/4G support the group's efforts to rename Lafayette Park and Lafayette Recreation Center Lafayette-Pointer Park and Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center.

Commissioner Speck asked about why the group was requesting that the park be named after Pointer instead of Mary Harris, his descendant who lived on the land. Pointer did not live on the land. Mr. Lankowski stated that the naming would be the leading edge for people doing and learning more. James Fisher, a descendant of George Pointer stated that Pointer had contributed financially to the purchase of the home on Broad Branch Road.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield stated that she was thankful for the presentation.

Commissioner Clayman asked about the specific request that Historic Chevy Chase DC made of the ANC. Commissioner Speck clarified that the resolution on the table was regarding the name change and did not request the creation of special signage at Lafayette Park or Recreation Center. Commissioner Speck stated that the budgets for stormwater management and Recreation Center modernization were particularly tight and that he did not want any funds to be removed from that budget for signage.

The Commission voted to pass the resolution by a vote of 4-0.

**Presentations on and discussion of Pepco's proposed rate increase (Commissioner Speck)**

Mark Battle, vice president for government and external affairs at Pepco, discussed Pepco's proposed multi-year plan including proposed rate increases over the next three years. In the past, Pepco has requested annual rate increases from the Public Service Commission (PSC). This year, Pepco is proposing a three-year plan of rate increases. Mr. Battle stated that the total rate increase between 2018 and 2022 would be \$162 million.

Commissioner Speck asked about how this plan related to “the grid of the future” proceedings that had been ongoing at the PSC for several years. Mr. Battle responded that some of the provisions in the rate increase request are in response to the PSC’s proceeding. For instance, as part of performance-based rates, Pepco must meet certain performance metrics annually or face a financial penalty.

Commissioner Malitz asked how the proposed rate increase relates to fees that ratepayers pay for DC PLUG. (DC PLUG is a program funded jointly by the District and Pepco to place major feeder lines underground.) Mr. Battle explained that those charges were separate and were not affected by the requested rate increase.

Commissioner Clayman requested that Mr. Battle and any presenter send documents ahead of time to allow commissioners to read them before a presentation.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield asked why Pepco sought this rate increase now when its financial statements indicated that it was earning reasonable profits. Mr. Battle responded that Pepco’s reliability has increased dramatically in recent years and that Pepco is required by law to get better and better each year. He said that investments are required to achieve those improvements. Pepco is working on creating a special rate for senior citizens to reduce the burden of rate increases on them.

Anjali Patel, assistant People’s Counsel in the litigation services division of the Office of the People’s Counsel (OPC), summarized Pepco’s request for a rate increase. Ms. Patel stated that annual rate increases based on past, known expenditures provide certain safeguards to ensure reasonable increases. Historically, the PSC grants Pepco about 50% of its requested increase. Ms. Patel stated that OPC was closely examining the proposal. The PSC has not issued a procedural schedule yet.

Commissioner Speck expressed that ANC 3/4G would like to participate in the process and requested a copy of the schedule when it becomes available.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield asked whether different jurisdictions received different rate increases — e.g., whether Maryland’s rate increases are less than those in the District. Mr. Battle stated that costs associated with Washington, DC are borne by DC ratepayers, and those costs differ from costs in Maryland.

Commissioner Malitz asked if there are different kinds of rates that customers pay. Mr. Battle stated that there were rates for residential and commercial customers.

Commissioner Speck asked if residential customers would pay a higher percentage of the increase than they had in the past. Ms. Patel said that the proposal does include greater increases for residential customers. Mr. Battle stated that residential rates historically have not covered their share of costs.

**Discussion and possible vote on resolution supporting Mayor Bowser’s statement on President Trump’s threat to arrest and remove immigrant residents (available at <http://bit.ly/2Y11IPx>) (Commissioner Malitz)**

Commissioner Malitz summarized the resolution and expressed that he was interested in having other ANCs offer similar support.

The Commission voted to pass the resolution by a vote of 4-0.

**Commission Business:**

1. **Minutes: June 24, 2019:** The Commission approved the Minutes for the June 24, 2019 meeting by a vote of 4-0
2. **Checks:** The Commission approved the following checks by a vote of 4-0: \$404.83 US Treasury (Fed tax withheld); \$47.63 DOES (unemployment April-June)
3. **The Commission received its quarterly allotment of \$3977.96**
4. **Items for July 22, 2019 meeting may include:** tribute to Northwest Current publisher Davis Kennedy; discussion and possible vote on resolution urging the Council to make provision for infrastructure improvements in the Comprehensive Plan that will support its projected population growth to 990,000 by 2045; presentation by Andrew Reese, Director, District Department of Disability Services, on the Department’s termination of its disability services contract with Georgetown University, discussion, and possible vote on a resolution;

Signed:

Randy Speck  
Chair

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Secretary