



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

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3/4 G-05 - Gerald Malitz	YouTube: ANC3G
3/4 G-06 - Dan Bradfield	202.363.5803
3/4 G-07 - Christopher Fromboluti, Vice-Chair	

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

Summary of Commission Actions:

- The Commission voted to not object to the public space permit for a retaining wall at 6431 Western Avenue NW.
- The Commission voted to write a letter supporting the Lafayette Home School Association's permit application for the Lafayette Fall Festival.
- The Commission provided a number of updates on the planned modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center.

Introductions and announcement of meeting procedures (00:00:00)

Commissioner Speck called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and reviewed the meeting procedures. Approximately 15 residents were present. Commissioners Speck, Fromboluti, Clayman, Maydak, and Bradfield were present. Commissioner Tuck-Garfield arrived at 7:15pm. Commissioner Malitz was not present due to back surgery.

Commissioners introduced themselves.

Commissioners voted to adopt the agenda with no changes by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Announcements (00:06:40)

Commissioner Speck encouraged residents to attend the House of Representative hearing on September 19, 2019. The hearing will focus on a DC statehood bill. Commissioner Speck encouraged residents to attend the meeting. The hearing will be held in the Rayburn Building, room 2154 and will begin at 10:00am. Residents can learn more about the hearing at www.showup4dc.com.

Commissioner Speck encouraged residents to attend Chevy Chase DC Day on September 14, 2019 and noted that Keene Taylor, past president of Historic Chevy Chase DC, will conduct a free walking tour of the Chevy Chase neighborhood. The walking tour will be one hour long and take place on Connecticut Avenue and surrounding streets. The group will assemble in front of the Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave, at 11:00 am. Commissioner Speck noted that Chevy Chase DC Day will include a BBQ, art activities organized by Ch/Art, a moon bounce, face painting, a balloon artist and an ice cream truck. The events will take place in and around the Community Center and along the Avenue.

Commissioner Speck encouraged residents to support the Second District MPD Award Banquet on September 26, 2019 at 6:30pm. The banquet is sponsored by the Second District MPD Citizens Advisory Council and will take place at Maggiano's Little Italy (5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). Residents can pay for the tickets of officers by sending checks to Samantha Nolan at 2940 Northampton Street NW. Checks should be made out to 2D MPD CAC. Residents can also purchase tickets for officers through the banquet's Eventbrite page at <http://bit.ly/2A6nEDz>. The price for one officer's ticket is \$50.

Commissioner Speck announced that the Office of Planning and the Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a Community Conversation about affordable housing on September 21, 2019, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Ron Brown High School, 4800 Meade Street NE. The discussion will focus on the Mayor's goal to build 36,000 new residential units by 2025. Residents can register to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/9-21HousingDC>.

Commissioner Speck announced that the Washington Post had recently written a story about the Van de Graff generator located at the Carnegie Institution for Science on Broad Branch Road NW. Commissioner Speck noted that ANC encouraged the Institution to preserve the generator and supported the designation of the generator as a historic landmark. Residents can read the story at <https://bit.ly/2kIkEsX>.

Commissioner Maydak noted that the Lafayette Recreation Center was currently closed to residents because of renovations set to begin in October or November. Commissioner Maydak noted that she was working with the Department of Parks and Recreation to have portable toilets placed nearby.

Commissioner Fromboluti announced that the owner of 5303 Connecticut Avenue NW had partially torn down the derelict house at the address. Commissioner Fromboluti stated that the owner is planning to construct a four-story apartment building at the address.

Community Announcements (00:14:28)

Gabrielle Priest, the Ward 4 liaison in the Mayor's Office of Community Relations made several announcements about upcoming events that the Mayor is sponsoring. Ms. Priest stated that the Mayor was attending the National Maternal and Infant Health Summit on Tuesday, September 10th. Ms. Priest noted that beginning on October 1st, all diapers will be exempt from sales tax. Ms. Priest noted that Mayor Bower will visit DC Fire and Emergency Services personnel on September 11th to commemorate the events of September 11th, 2001.

Abigail McLean, a staffer from Councilmember Mary Cheh's office, introduced herself.

Thelma Mrazek, a resident from Knollwood Military Retirement Community, announced that Councilmember Brandon Todd was planning a briefing on the Oregon Avenue reconstruction project for residents from the District Department of Transportation. Commissioner Speck said that he would also contact DDOT to request an update for the scheduled start of construction and to ask about the status of the promised new project website.

Discussion and possible vote on public space permit application (DDOT Tracking Number 335595) for a retaining wall at 6431 Western Avenue NW (00:20:40)

Commissioner Clayman introduced Will Williams who was applying for a public space permit to construct a retaining wall and two curb cuts in public space. Mr. Williams submitted the application for the purpose of constructing a semi-circular driveway on his property and in public space. Mr. Williams and his wife, Ms. Williams, noted that without a driveway, they parked on the street and that loading and unloading their children was not safe because of traffic on Western Avenue NW. Mr. Williams provided copies of the permit documents to the Commission as well as letters of support from his neighbors. Commissioners asked questions to clarify the plans. Commissioner Fromboluti and Speck recommended that Mr. Williams consider permeable pavers for the driveway. The Commissioner voted 6-0 to advise the Public Space Committee that it does not object to the application, provided that the Williams' use permeable materials in the driveway construction.

Discussion and possible vote on letter of support for the Lafayette Home School Association's permit application for the Lafayette Fall Festival on October 19, 2019 (00:42:10)

Commissioner Maydak introduced Taryn Tuss, a representative from the Lafayette Home School Association. Ms. Tuss requested that the Commission provide a letter to support the HSA's application for a permit for the Lafayette Fall Festival. Ms. Tuss agreed to provide fliers to residents living near the park at the request of Commissioner Maydak. The Commission voted 6-0 to write a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation in support of the Lafayette Fall Festival.

Presentation by and discussion with Tom Weaver, Safeway store manager, on service improvements (00:46:30)

Commissioner Speck introduced Tom Weaver, the store manager for the Safeway at 5545 Connecticut Avenue NW. Mr. Weaver noted that he had worked in the grocery business for 37 years. Mr. Weaver stated that self-checkout machines had been installed at the store and that the store had raised \$3,000 for Murch Elementary. After a question from Mr. Speck, Mr. Weaver stated that he was working with the company to renovate the location. Allen Beach, a resident and former Commissioner, noted that the parking lot and property were subject to a special exemption and that the parking lot had two separate landlords. Commissioner Speck added that, unlike other special exceptions for parking lots, has no expiration date, so the Commission has no opportunity to periodically review the terms of the special exception.

Update on the Community Center design and construction logistics (00:53:55)

Commissioner Speck announced that the Community Center Construction Logistics task force met briefly for the first time on September 5, 2019, to begin discussing how to minimize the impact of the upcoming construction on the surrounding neighborhood. The task force includes Dave Engel (former ANC 3/4G05 commissioner and resident within a half block of the Community Center), Mike Osborne (veteran of the Ingleside task force, which addressed many similar issues), Martha Saccocio (Director of Community Engagement at the Library, which will be affected by construction), Robert Gordon (co-owner of Little Beast, former ANC commissioner, and representative of the businesses on Connecticut Avenue), Mark Bacus (DGS project manager or his supervisor, Cassidy Mullen), Commissioner Malitz, and Commissioner Speck.

The task force will tentatively address four primary topics: (1) parking, including both restrictions on where construction workers can park and provisions for library parking, especially for handicapped patrons; (2) limitations on where truck traffic will be permitted; (3) work hours for the project; and (4) steps to limit or contain noise, dust, contamination, and rats during construction.

The task force discussed outreach to the community to get further input and participation in this aspect of the project. The task force concluded that it would be best to have a single community meeting to kick off the project and that subsequent community meetings would likely be separate meetings for design and construction logistics.

At the task force meeting, DGS' Cassidy Mullen said that the design contract is currently held up by insurance issues, but those should be resolved soon, and he expects that contract to be signed imminently. He said that design process would take ten to twelve months. He would hope to request proposals for construction contractors about two-thirds of the way through the design, i.e., in about eight months. Construction could start in about a year and would take up to 18 months. Mr. Mullen now expects construction to be completed in the spring of 2022.

Commissioner Speck noted that the first community meeting will likely be held in October or November. All meetings of task forces will be open to the public, and the ANC will video the meetings and make links available on both the ANC's website and on the project's webpage.

Commissioner Fromboluti noted that the design task force had also received some updates regarding the project. No Notice to Proceed had yet been issued but an architect had been selected. Once a Notice to Proceed was issued, the task force would schedule meetings.

In response to a question from Rick Heuwinkel, a resident, Commissioner Clayman stated that he and Commissioner Malitz had compiled a list of the classes taking place at the Community Center and that they would work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to ensure as many classes as possible were available.

Commission Business (01:12:48)

The Commission approved the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting by a vote of 6-0.

The Commission approved three checks by a vote of 6-0.

- \$122.37 to the United States Treasury
- \$142.62 to Verizon
- \$19.61 to Jerry Malitz

The Commission received its quarterly allotment of \$3,997.96 from the DC Government.

The Commission may consider the following items for its September 23, 2019 meeting: discussion and possible vote on a resolution relating to parking signage and markings on the west side of the 5300 block of Connecticut; discussion and possible vote on application for a special exception at 3917 Military Road NW to build an addition consistent with an existing one-foot side yard exception; tribute to Northwest Current publisher Davis Kennedy.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.