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Minutes: ANC 3/4G Public Meeting, **July 22, 2019**, Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20015. (Video of this meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/uT3vnwpSh8>.) 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 approved the agenda by a vote of 6 to 0.
- Andrew Reese, Director of the Department of Disability Services, described the transition of services when the contract with Georgetown University Hospital expires.
- The Commission approved a resolution by a 6 to 0 vote 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.
- By a vote of 6 to 0, the Commission agreed to support Arucola's (now Capital Crab and Seafood's) application to renew its Class C liquor license, including a settlement agreement with terms similar to those for other neighborhood establishments.
- The Commission approved a resolution by a vote of 6 to 0 urging the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of General Services to continue moving forward and to complete the planned scope of

work for the Recreation Center project in a timely manner and within the authorized budget.

- By votes of 6 to 0, the Commission approved the July 8, 2019 minutes, one check, the quarterly financial report for the third quarter of FY 2019, and the purchase of a white board.

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

Attendance: Approximately 5 people attended the meeting.

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

Commissioner Speck called the meeting to order, explained the purpose of the ANC, and reviewed the meeting norms. Commissioners introduced themselves. The agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner announcements (00:05:28)

Community Center Design Contractor Selected — On July 8, 2019, the Department of General Services (DGS) notified the Commission that Bell Architects (<https://www.bellarchitects.com>) will be the design contractor for the Community Center modernization. (This is almost five months after the scheduled date for the notice of award.) DGS has not yet finalized the contract or issued the notice to proceed with the design work. Commissioner Fromboluti is working with Brent Sisco, the point of contact for the Department of Parks and Recreation, to set a date in early September for the first community meeting with the design contractor. The Commission has created two task forces to work on the Community Center — Commissioner Fromboluti heads the design task force, and Commissioner Speck heads the construction logistics task force. Both task forces will hold organizational meetings after Labor Day.

Second District MPD Awards Banquet — Second District MPD Citizens Advisory Council is hosting its annual awards banquet on September 26, 2019, at 6:30 pm at Maggiano's Little Italy (5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). You may purchase a table for eight either for award-winning officers and staff or for you and your friends for \$400, and it comes with get a free ad in the program. A full-page add is \$100, and individual tickets are \$50 for an award-winning officer or for yourself. You can make a donation or buy a ticket by sending a check to Samantha Nolan, 2940 Northampton Street, NW, Washington, DC 20015, or you may purchase a ticket on Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/2OnZApR>.

There were no community announcements.

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 (00:09:53)

Commissioner Speck summarized the purpose for inviting Director Reese. A July 3, 2019 article in the Washington Post (<https://wapo.st/2YenlEs>) reported that the District Department on Disability Services (DDS) has decided not to renew Georgetown University Hospital's contract to provide services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities who require hospitalization. According to the Post article, the Hospital staff handles 4,000 consultations a year and has helped reduce hospital stays from an average of 14 days to six days. The contract has been in place for 14 years and supports a team that includes a physician, two nurses, two psychologists, two home visitors, a public health analyst and a health educator. The contract expires on August 31, 2019.

Commissioner Speck asked DDS Director Andrew Reese to describe the decision to terminate this contract and how these important services for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities will be provided in the future.

DDS Director Reese explained the services that Georgetown helped DDS provide and how DDS would continue to provide those services when the current contract expires. Director Reese stated that DDS has an adequate pool of employees and contractors to provide all of the services that Georgetown has been providing. DDS has received a Medicaid waiver that allows it to be reimbursed for services not normally reimbursable under Medicaid. This waiver was developed in consultation with Georgetown. Director Reese spoke about how DDS staff have been trained to deal with clients who experienced trauma. Director Reese repeatedly stated that while the Georgetown contract was ending, the services provided for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities will continue to be provided. He provided a copy of DDS's transition plan (<https://bit.ly/2YdB7Dc>) to Commissioners. He said that they expect to have a continuing relationship with Georgetown despite the expiration of this particular contract. He indicated that the Council's Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Human Services had scheduled a public roundtable to discuss DDS's decision not to renew the Georgetown contract for July 23, 2019. (See the notice at <https://bit.ly/2Gpc8Xz>.)

Commissioner Speck asked whether DDS was considering an op-ed or similar response in the Washington Post to clarify DDS's actions. Director Reese responded that they were developing a communications strategy to inform the public. He said that those receiving services have been informed about the transition.

Commissioner Malitz mentioned the follow-up story in the Washington Post (<https://wapo.st/2Oegh6K>) and asked what he expected from the public roundtable

scheduled for July 23, 2019. Director Reese stated that he would testify and wanted to make sure everyone knew that providers would supply the same consistent services moving forward.

Commissioner Clayman asked about the Medicaid waiver and how it worked. Director Reese stated that the waiver allowed DDS to provide services beyond what is usually offered to clients with disabilities.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield asked about hiring of staff and whether DDS worked with the public schools. Director Reese replied that public schools provide disability services for students, and the Department typically provides services once those with disabilities are out of school.

The Commission thanked Director Reese for coming to its meeting and for explaining the steps that DDS has taken to ensure continuing disability services following the expiration of the Georgetown University Hospital contract.

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 (00:32:25)

Commissioner Speck summarized the ANC's discussions regarding the Comprehensive Plan. In March, 2018, the Commission testified before the Council's Committee of the Whole on the proposed Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan. That testimony identified two problems with the Office of Planning's draft: (1) it relied on vague or inconsistent prediction models and assumptions, resulting in unreliable, biased population growth conclusions; and (2) it abandoned the certainty that must be the hallmark for an effective Comprehensive Plan and created unacceptable ambiguity that would harm residents. The Council has now passed on first reading a number of revisions to this Framework Element, and a second vote may be taken when it returns from recess in September, 2019.

The Council's revisions do provide greater certainty, as the Commission recommended, and we commend the Council for making those changes. The new version does, however, still project a population in the District of almost one million by 2045, but it does not consider the impact that such an expansion would have on the District's infrastructure and livability. If the Council truly expects a 40% increase in population by 2045, the Comprehensive Plan should include provisions for commensurate increases in available schools, parks, libraries, recreation centers, and the transportation infrastructure.

Commissioner Speck introduced a resolution (<https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Resolution-on-Comprehensive-Plan-Amendments-Act-7-22-2019.pdf>) that urges the Council to include planning for those elements in the Comprehensive Plan, and also asks the Council to provide a realistic opportunity for comments before finally adopting this key planning roadmap for the District's future.

Commissioner Malitz added that "community centers" should also be considered as part of the resolution, and Commissioner Speck modified the resolution to reflect this suggestion.

The Commission voted to approve the resolution by a vote of 6-0.

Discussion and possible votes on Class C liquor license renewals for Arucola (now Capital Crab and Seafood) (00:40:40)

Tim Walsh, owner of Capital Crab and Seafood, described the application to renew this license. His company had purchased Arucola in April, 2019, and converted it into a seafood house. He explained that seafood would be on the menu as was seasonally appropriate and that some dishes from Arucola would also remain on the menu.

Commissioner Speck asked about the name on the license, trash pickup, and hours. Mr. Walsh stated that the license was in the process of being transferred to Capital Crab and Seafood, that trash pickup would continue six days per week, and that the hours of operation and service would remain the same. Mr. Walsh acknowledged the additional efforts that would be necessary to contain the odor of the crab wastes and described the steps that they were taking to contain any residual smell.

Allen Beach asked whether there would be a settlement agreement with the ANC. Commissioner Bradfield explained that a settlement agreement comparable to the one in place for The Avenue would be signed.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield asked about the hours of operation. Commissioner Bradfield stated that they would remain 10:00 am to 12:00 am daily.

The Commission voted 6 to 0 to support the application to renew the liquor license, consistent with a settlement agreement that mirrors the terms of the agreement with The Avenue.

Discussion and possible vote on resolution urging the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of General Services to proceed with modernization of the Lafayette Recreation Center and the Lafayette Park stormwater management program in a timely manner and within the available budget (00:49:35)

Commissioners Maydak provided a summary of the resolution on the Lafayette Recreation Center. From October 2017, through July 2019, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS) have held eight community meetings and conducted a survey to get residents' input for the design of a new Lafayette Recreation Center and to address the stormwater management issues in Lafayette Park. ANC commissioners have attended all of those meetings.

DPR, DGS, and the design contractor have considered many community comments offered at these meetings or through the survey. As would be expected, not all of the comments were consistent and community members sometimes differed in their views about what should be done. Over the course of these meetings, DPR, DGS, and the design contractor made a number of changes to the design to address community comments or concerns, including reducing the size and shape of the building, making the design more residential to fit into the neighborhood, increasing the size of windows, changing the exterior light fixtures to face downward, reducing the temperature of the lights to the Commission's recommended 2700 Kelvin, and adding funding for stormwater management. They are continuing to evaluate other community-initiated changes.

Given increasing construction costs that reduce the purchasing power of the existing \$4.6 million budget and the extensive community input, the resolution provides that the "Commission supports and strongly agrees that DPR and DGS continue to move forward and complete the planned scope of work for the Recreation Center project in a timely manner, within the authorized budget, and without waiting for the funding and future Phases of the Stormwater remediation in the remaining areas of the Park."

Commissioner Maydak emphasized the need to move forward with the project to avoid any further delays. Commissioner Speck explained that project delays, would mean that construction material and labor costs would increase and, if the budget remains fixed at \$4.6 million, the scope of the work would have to be reduced.

The Commission voted to approve the resolution (<https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Resolution-Lafayette-Recreation-Center-Modernization-7-22-19-final.pdf>) by a vote of 6-0.

Tribute to Northwest Current publisher Davis Kennedy

This item will be rescheduled to a later date because Davis Kennedy was not in attendance.

Commission Business (00:57:00):

1. The Commission approved the July 8, 2019 minutes by a vote of 6-0.

2. The Commission approved one check to Verizon for \$142.30 by a vote of 6-0.
3. The Commission approved the quarterly report for the quarter ending June 30, 2019 by a vote of 6-0.
4. The Commission approved the purchase of a white board for speaker sign up by a vote of 6-0.
5. Items for September 9, 2019 meeting may include: upcoming meetings on the Community Center design and construction logistics

Signed,



Randy Speck
Chair



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Secretary