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November 2019 Newsletter



OREGON AVENUE MEETING ON DECEMBER 11TH AND OTHER ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES!

A number of transportation projects are currently underway or will begin soon in our neighborhood. Here are updates on the major projects.

- DDOT will hold a public meeting regarding **Oregon Avenue** on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm at Lafayette Elementary School (5701 Broad Branch Rd. NW). The construction team will present preliminary project phasing, schedule, bus detours, and maintenance of traffic.
- **Bingham Drive** remains closed and will now be replaced curb-to-curb. DC Water and other agencies provided information on this project at the ANC's October 28



VIDEO NOW ON YOUTUBE FOR ANC 3/4G OCTOBER 28TH PUBLIC MEETING

The October 28th meeting of ANC3/4G is now available to view through ANC3/4G's [YouTube Channel](#). Highlights include a discussion of the process for responding to the DC Comprehensive Plan including the creation of a Task Force.

Agenda items included:

- Presentations by DC Water, the DDOE, and the National Park Service and discussion about reconstruction plans for Bingham Drive.
- Discussion of status of the Office of Planning's draft amendments to the city-wide and area elements of the DC Comprehensive Plan and process for responding including creation of a Commission Task Force.

Want more information about road construction in our neighborhood? Contact your ANC Commissioner!



WHAT IS ANC 3/4G?

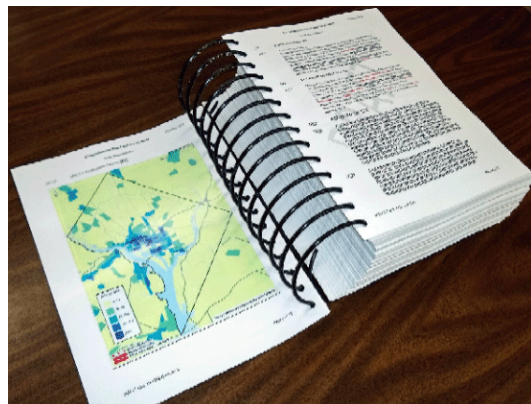
ANC stands for Advisory Neighborhood Commission. A few facts about our ANC and others in the District:

- Congress created DC's ANCs in 1976.
- Non-partisan, voluntary, and no compensation.
- Commissioners represent approximately 2000 residents.
- Our views are entitled to "great weight" but we have no authority to order, require, or legislate.
- We can advise on virtually anything that affects the neighborhood - traffic, use of public space, zoning variances, liquor licenses, sidewalks, historic preservation, transportation projects, and testimony before the DC Council
- We are unified by a love for the community and a commitment to making it the best it can be for our neighbors!



NEW PLANS FOR AMERICAN CITY DINER SPACE

The American City Diner closed in July 2018 and has been vacant since. Restaurateur Steve Salis (Ted's Bulletin, Federalist Pig, and Kramerbooks) purchased the lease and planned to open a French brasserie and café. Due to complications those plans stalled and it has recently been reported in [The Washingtonian](#) and [Eater DC](#) that the space is now envisioned as a Sidekick Bakery. The first Sidekick opened in Ballston ([see menu](#)). Plans for this location include a café that will serve dishes all day and a book nook that will have titles from Kramerbooks for sale. Representatives will be at the Nov. 25th ANC meeting to present their new concept to the Commission and the community.



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Community Center.

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COMMUNITY CENTER KICKS OFF MODERNIZATION PROJECT WITH ARCHITECT AT NOV. 6 MEETING

The ANC 3/4G Design Oversight Task Force, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and Bell Architects held a public meeting on Wednesday, November 6th to discuss the modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center.

The project has recently entered the design phase. Bell Architects was chosen to design the modernized building. Over the course of the next four months, Bell Architects has outlined a series of milestones before presenting a detailed plan to the community in February. These milestones include opportunities for the architects to present information to the community as well as receive feedback.

Representatives from Bell Architects discussed their approach to designing a modernized community center including the many factors they must take into account when presenting a design to the community – zoning, geography,

At its October 28, 2019 meeting, the ANC created a task force to analyze the Office of Planning's recent proposals for changes to the District's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year framework that guides the District's future growth and development, and it contains four major components: (1) the Framework Element that provides an overview of expected growth and development; (2) City-Wide Elements that address projected District-wide plans for land use, housing, environmental protection, transportation, educational facilities, urban design, and other topics; (3) Area Elements that focus on planning for particular parts of the city (e.g., the Rock Creek West Area for our ANC); and (4) the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) that delineates public policy for future land uses block-by-block throughout the city.

The Council approved the Framework Element on October 8, 2019. The Office of Planning released its draft for the remaining parts of the Comprehensive Plan the next week (available at <https://plandc.dc.gov>). A summary of the plan for Rock Creek West is at <http://bit.ly/36gFgLM>, and the Future Land Use Map is at <http://bit.ly/2JBLyfk>.

In a particularly important potential change for our community, the draft FLUM proposes to change the current projected use of the Chevy Chase commercial district along Connecticut Avenue from Livingston Street, NW to Chevy Chase Circle from low-density commercial to mixed use low-density commercial and moderate density residential. That change could be the first step in eventually permitting four- or five-story residential/commercial buildings along that strip.

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Bell Architects emphasized the importance of community engagement during the process. They also summarized findings from the ANC's report and recommendations on the community center including the need for the space to fit the needs of a diverse and multi-generational group of residents.

Residents were given an opportunity to ask questions about the design as well as the process. Residents were shown pictures of recently modernized buildings in the city and asked to provide feedback in order to guide the architects.

Another community meeting will take place in mid-December.

The video of the meeting is available at <https://bit.ly/33vj5Qm>.

A copy of the presentation is available at <https://anc3g.org/archives/letters/>.

to encourage more affordable housing stock in the Rock Creek West Area to meet the Mayor's housing equity goals (<http://bit.ly/2phiFxFW>).

Based on the Office of Planning's schedule for receiving comments, the ANC needs to receive community input by December 20, 2019, in order to meet the deadline for ANC resolutions of January 31, 2020. To meet this timetable, the Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its first meeting on November 12, 2019, and will hold further community meetings on November 21st, December 2nd, and December 16th, all at the Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW) beginning at 7:00 pm. The November 21st meeting will focus on ways to create significant affordable housing in our ANC through approaches that do not rely on for-profit developers who are required to designate a small portion of new units as "affordable."

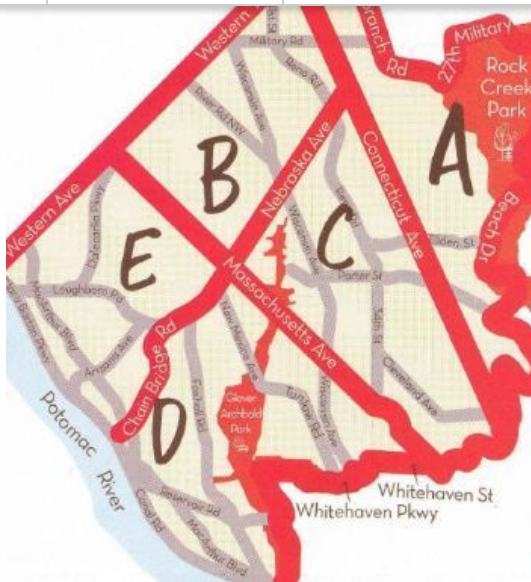
There will be several other public meetings where residents may ask questions and make comments. The Office of Planning will have an "open house" on December 7, 2019, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Wilson High School. Director Donaldson from the Department of Housing and Community Development and Director Trueblood from the Office of Planning will also attend the ANC's regular December 9, 2019 meeting to answer the community's questions. In addition, the Task Force is planning to conduct a community survey about the Comprehensive Plan during the first two weeks of December, and we will keep residents informed as that survey is finalized.

The Comprehensive Plan is the District's blueprint for the city's future. It's important that we get it right. You can participate in that process by

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attending the various meetings, completing the Task Force’s survey, and contacting your ANC commissioner with ideas or concerns.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGAN NOVEMBER 4

Each street will have at least [two scheduled collection weeks](#). Please remember:

- Only place piles of leaves in tree boxes or at the curb on the sidewalk side for collection.
- Do not rake leaves into storm drains.
- Do not rake leaves into the street as this becomes a fire hazard.
- Call 311 if you believe leaf crews have missed your address.



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