

## Government of the District of Columbia ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G

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Meeting Minutes ANC 3/4G Public Meeting June 8, 2020 Zoom Meeting, 7:00-8:00 pm

### <u>Introductions, description of virtual meeting procedures, and adoption of agenda</u> (00:00:00)

The ANC operated its meeting via Zoom. Commissioner Speck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners introduced themselves. All Commissioners were present. The Commissioners voted to adopt the agenda by a vote of 7-0.

#### **Commissioner Announcements (00:04:15)**

Commissioner Speck made several announcements:

- ANC commissioners will be elected for a two-year term in the General Election on November 3, 2020. Candidates will need 10 signatures to be included on the ballot. The petition period begins on June 26, 2020, and ends on August 5, 2020. The Board of Elections has not yet issued specific procedures for how candidates can declare their candidacy and collect petition signatures either virtually or in person, but those procedures should be forthcoming soon and should be available on the BOE's Candidate Guide to Ballot Access at <a href="https://bit.ly/2APDZQy">https://bit.ly/2APDZQy</a>. Commissioner Speck and Commissioner Fromboluti indicated that they intend to run for another term.
- The 2020 Census is underway, and the census tracks covering our ANC continue to have a strong response rate on-line over 70%. Anyone who has not yet responded can still do so at <a href="may2020census.gov">my2020census.gov</a>. There is a video on the process at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9E40merJ6I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9E40merJ6I</a>.
- The Citizens Advisory Council for MPD Second District will meet on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This will be a particularly important meeting in light of current events, and Commander Bedlion is hoping to be there, if the situation in the city permits. If you

wish to attend the Zoom meeting, contact Samantha Nolan, <u>nolantutor@gmail.com</u>, to get the link to the meeting.

#### **Community Announcements:**

Sam Stephens, legislative aide to Councilmember Brandon Todd, submitted the following announcements:

- The Committee on Government Operations is holding its budget oversight hearings on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday June 10-12
- Hearings can be watched from the Council website on cable channel DCC, Channel 13 for most. Members of the public can submit testimony by emailing governmentoperations@dccouncil.us or leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-6322
- Wednesday 9AM, June 10, 2020:
  - Office on African Affairs
  - o Office on African American Affairs
  - o Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
  - o Office on Latino Affairs
  - o Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Affairs
  - o Office of Nightlife and Culture
  - o Office of Veterans Affairs
- Thursday 3PM, June 11, 2020:
  - o Executive Office of the Mayor
  - o Office of the City Administrator
  - o Office of the Senior Advisor
  - o Office of the Secretary
- Friday 9AM, June 12, 2020:
  - o Office of the Inspector General
  - o Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment
  - Office of the Chief Technology Officer
  - o Office of Risk Management
  - o Office of Administrative Hearings
  - o Office of Human Rights

#### Update on coronavirus emergency impacts and available resources (00:12:30)

Commissioner Malitz shared the following announcements related to coronavirus:

- Approximately 17 local businesses applied for and received DC Small Business Microgrants to support their business.
- The <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov">https://coronavirus.dc.gov</a> website contains information on the virus broken down by Ward as well as neighborhood. (Commissioner Malitz website <a href="https://jerrymalitz.com">https://jerrymalitz.com</a> provides information about the coronavirus emergency in our neighborhood.)
- A number of restaurants on Connecticut Avenue have begun to serve patrons outside.

#### Discussion and possible vote on ANC 3/4G's Statement on Racism (00:18:00)

• Commissioner Tuck-Garfield summarized the Commission's resolution and its call for the Commission to create a task force examining racial inequities in the area.

- Commissioner Speck discussed potential actions that the Commission could take, such as forming a task force or by working with other ANCs. He also recommended videos of two webinars discussing steps to address racism: (1) a Radcliffe Institution's dialogue on "Naming Racism" with two distinguished professors, Camara Phyllis Jones and David R. Williams (available at <a href="https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/video/naming-racism">https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/video/naming-racism</a>) and (2) a discussion with former President Obama and former Attorney General Eric Holder (available at <a href="https://youtu.be/11BkYmdmxUA">https://youtu.be/11BkYmdmxUA</a>).
- The Commission voted 7-0 to approve the statement.
- Residents can access the statement at <a href="https://anc3g.org/archives/letters-and-resolutions/">https://anc3g.org/archives/letters-and-resolutions/</a>.

# Presentations on DC Water's possible testing of sewage as an early indicators of possible coronavirus resurgence, discussion, and possible vote on a resolution urging the District Department of Health and DC Water to consider using this technology (00:31:45)

- David Bardin, a former ANC commissioner in ANC 3F and a former member of the DC Water Board of Directors, discussed the potential benefits and process for testing sewage for COVID-19. Mr. Bardin stated that by testing sewage, the District could determine whether a particular area of the District is experiencing a spike or major change.
- The Commission voted 7-0 to approve the resolution.
- Residents can access the resolution at <a href="https://anc3g.org/archives/letters-and-resolutions/">https://anc3g.org/archives/letters-and-resolutions/</a>

## <u>Discussion and possible vote on Resolution Regarding Procedures for the General Election on November 3, 2020 (00:48:40)</u>

- Commissioner Speck summarized voters' experiences in the June 2, 2020 primary election and the resolution which calls for the Board of Elections to mail every District voter a ballot for the November General Election.
- The Commission voted to adopt the resolution by a vote of 7-0.
- Residents can access the resolution at https://anc3g.org/archives/letters-and-resolutions/

#### Discussion of possible ANC grants related to COVID-19 relief (00:55:20)

- Commissioner Speck explained that the Council of the District of Columbia has expanded the purposes for which ANCs can make grants (available at https://bit.ly/3eZsFjs, page 15.
- ANCs can, as a result of the legislation, "approve grants to organizations for the purpose of providing humanitarian relief, including food or supplies, during the public health emergency, or otherwise assisting in the response to the public health emergency anywhere in the District, even if those services are duplicative of services also performed by the District government."
- The Commission discussed new procedures for accepting and evaluating grant applications in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the new guidelines.
- The Commission discussed potential ways to transfer grant funds since the Commission's checkbook is in the ANC office at the closed Chevy Chase Community Center.
- The Commission decided to open the grant application period beginning on June 9<sup>th</sup> and to hear applications at its June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Peter Lynch, a resident, discussed the grant application for the Ward 3 Mutual Aid Network.
- Commissioners discussed how this organization could also support residents of Ward 4.

• Commissioners decided that they will vote on whether to approve the Ward 3 Mutual Aid Network application at its June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, depending on the merits and any other applications received.

#### **Commission Business (01:17:55)**

- The Commission voted 7-0 to approve the minutes for the May 19, 2020 meeting.
- The Commission voted 7-0 to approve a check in the amount of \$190.75 to Randy Speck for a reimbursement for Zoom meeting charges.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22pm (01:22:20).