



Government of the District of Columbia
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CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

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3/4 G-06 - Dan Bradfield	202.363.5803
3/4 G-07 - Christopher Fromboluti, Vice-Chair	

Meeting Minutes
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting
July 13, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 7:00-8:30 pm

Introductions, description of virtual meeting procedures, and adoption of agenda

(00:00:00)

The ANC operated its meeting via Zoom. Commissioner Speck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Clayman, Fromboluti, Malitz, Maydak, and Speck were present. Commissioner Tuck-Garfield joined the meeting at 7:05pm. Commissioner Bradfield was absent. The Commissioners voted to adopt the agenda by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Announcements (00:03:45)

Commissioner Speck made several announcements:

- Metro Transit Police Review Panel — Following action last month to create a new public advisory body for the Metro Transit Police Department, the Metro Board of Directors is seeking members of the public to serve on the panel. The new Metro Transit Police Investigations Review Panel (IRP) is an independent advisory body that can recommend changes to MTPD training and policies. The panel is one of the first actions taken as part of the Board's authority-wide review of equity matters. The seven-member panel will consist of four members of the general public – one from each Maryland, Virginia, the District, and an at-large member – plus three members with law-enforcement experience from outside agencies. Any member of the community with an interest in serving is welcome to apply. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm July 31, 2020, on Metro's website at wmata.com/mtpd-irp. The Board expects to nominate the IRP's first seven members in September. The panel's first meeting is expected this fall.
- Renovation of WMATA Bus Turnaround — WMATA last made a presentation to the Commission on November 25, 2019, and it reported that construction on the bus

turnaround was expected to begin in July 2020, and be completed in December 2020. The latest report is that the contract was advertised on May 1, 2020, and bids were received on June 10, 2020. The award to the apparent low bidder — Potomac Construction Company — is anticipated mid-July with a notice to proceed issued by the end of July. The work is to be completed within 240 days, including a 60-day preconstruction period. Based on this schedule, the work should begin in late September and will be complete in the Spring of 2021, weather permitting. WMATA still has no plan for an alternative use of this space, as the ANC has requested on several occasions.

- Chevy Chase Circle Safety Improvements — DDOT made a presentation to the Commission on March 9, 2020, on planned changes to the lane marking and signage in Chevy Chase Circle. (See the Commission’s minutes at <https://bit.ly/38Gextx>.) The Commission had been requesting safety improvements for many years. DDOT’s plan was prepared in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration, the town of Chevy Chase, Maryland, the National Park Service, and the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle and was based on an extensive analysis of traffic flow and pedestrian traffic through the Circle. The implementation of that plan began with changes to lane markings on July 6, 2020.
- Bingham Drive Restoration — Bingham Drive was badly damaged by DC Water’s sewer project and subsequent stormwater. The original schedule called for Bingham Drive to be reopened in 2018, but it is still closed. On July 13, the DC Water project manager reported that he had a meeting on July 1, 2020, with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of Energy and the Environment (DDOE), and he believes that they have “have a path moving forward.” DC Water is preparing a 30% design for NPS and DDOE to review. After they review and comment, they will proceed to a 65% design which should address any concerns that NPS or DDOE would have. They will then move to a final design, “which shouldn’t take long after that” with the goal of trying to complete the restoration before the full closure of this segment of Oregon Avenue (which is scheduled for the second quarter of 2021). He said that DC Water is “anxious to complete this project and we will pursue all possible avenues to completing this project as soon as possible.”

Commissioner Clayman announced that the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project is moving forward, and Phase 1 is expected to be finished in the next two months.

Commissioner Fromboluti announced that the residential project at 5301 Connecticut Avenue NW is moving forward.

Commissioner Malitz announced that the Tenleytown Library is open with limited hours.

Commissioner Maydak encouraged residents to complete the Episcopal Center’s needs assessment (<https://bit.ly/3fY0bHT>). This survey data will be used by the Center to determine next steps for their property at 5901 Utah Avenue NW.

Community Announcements (Submitted via email)

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

- The Council had its first vote on the budget last Tuesday July 7th, 2020.
- The Committee on Government Operations is holding an additional meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 to consider three bills:
 - B23-037: Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2020;
 - B23-038: Racial Equity Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2020; and
 - B23-147: Office for Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing Establishment Amendment Act of 2020.

Update on coronavirus emergency impacts and available resources (00:13:30)

Commissioner Malitz discussed the most recent data on COVID-19 positive cases, deaths, and which businesses are open on Connecticut Avenue.

Presentation by DDOT on its Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes and Safety Study (00:18:45)

Ed Stollof, project manager at DDOT, and Cynthia Lin, deputy project manager at DDOT, presented on the Connecticut Avenue NW Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study. The purpose of the Connecticut Avenue NW Reversible Lane Safety and Operations Study is to assess the multimodal (vehicular, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian) operational and safety impacts associated with removing or maintaining/improving the existing reversible lane system. Stollof and Lin presented four alternatives that DDOT is considering for Connecticut Avenue NW.

Residents can access the complete presentation at <https://bit.ly/2ZJPrai>.

Commissioners and residents asked questions about the scope of the study, potential bike lanes, the impact on traffic lights, potential pros and cons for each concept, and parking needs.

Presentation by the Board of Elections and discussion on voting procedures for the November 3, 2020 general election (00:54:55)

Michael Bennett, chair of the Board of Elections and Alice Miller, executive director of the Board of Elections presented on the November General Election.

Bennett stated that the Board is discussing methods for vote by mail and will consider a proposal to mail every voter a ballot at its next meeting. Additionally, the Board is considering other measures including:

- Using large buildings in the District for in-person voting to accommodate social distancing.
- One week of early voting.
- Large receptacles where voters can drop off completed ballots rather than relying on the postal service.

Report on the ANC 3/4G's Task Force on Racism (01:19:50)

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield summarized the purpose of the Task Force on Racism and invited residents to join the Task Force. Residents can access the Task Force’s framework at <https://bit.ly/2AIW1Ex>.

Report on the District’s FY 2021 Budget as it affects the Chevy Chase Community Center, Chevy Chase Library, and planning for the Chevy Chase Gateway (01:26:05)

Commissioner Speck summarized the actions that the ANC has taken with regard to the FY21 budget. Residents can access the budget bill and supporting materials at <https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/fy-2021-budget>.

Based on the Commission’s recommendations in testimony to the Council that it approved on May 19, 2020 (available at <https://bit.ly/3fY4hPZ>), Councilmember Cheh added \$150,000 in the FY 2021 budget for the Office of Planning to prepare a small area plan, consistent (Committee of the Whole Report at page 34). The Councilmember also provided \$200,000 for a start-up grant for a Chevy Chase Main Street (Committee of the Whole Report at page 25).

With regard to the Community Center and the Library, the ANC recommended that the two projects be consolidated on the same schedule so that they could be designed and built together and achieve greater efficiencies. The budget would delay funding on the Community Center until FY 2024, so that the two projects will be on the same schedule and ensuring that no more work is done now on the Community Center that would jeopardize a more comprehensive approach (Committee of the Whole Report at page 110). There is still about \$300,000 left in the project now for continued planning. The spread of the funding is on the Committee of the Whole Report at page 137.

Commission Business (01:33:40)

- The Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting.
- The Commission voted 6-0 to approve a check for \$74.18 to Randy Speck for June Zoom expenses.
- The Commission voted 6-0 to approve the revised quarterly financial reports for Q2, Q3, and Q4 of FY 2019.

The Commission discussed potential agenda items for the July 27, 2020 meeting including a discussion and possible vote on a resolution regarding the name of the fountain in Chevy Chase Circle.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm (01:39:45)