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Meeting Minutes ANC 3/4G Public Meeting July 27, 2020 Zoom Meeting, 7:00-9:00 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. Commissioners Clayman, Fromboluti, Malitz, Tuck-Garfield, and Speck were present. Commissioners Bradfield and Maydak were absent. The Commissioners voted to adopt the agenda by a vote of 5-0.

Announcements (00:03:25)

Commissioner Speck made the following announcements:

• Election procedures and need to update registration information — As Chair Bennett foreshadowed at our July 13, 2020 meeting, on July 17, 2020, the Board of Elections voted to send a mail-in ballot to every registered voter in the District and to use at least 40 in-person voting sites for the general election. As the first step in that process, the Board is sending an address confirmation mailer to each voter this week. The mailer is currently at the printer and mail house, and the Board anticipates that it will be mailed by July 30, 2020. Even before receiving the card, voters may check their registration information at https://dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status. If they need to update that information, they need to fill out the form at https://www.vote4dc.com/UpdateApply/SearchOldVoter. After completing the form, they need to print it out, sign it, and send it back to the Board via the Postal Service or email. The Board also needs additional workers for the General Election. Information on working in the election is available at https://dcboe.org/Poll-Workers/Apply-to-be-an-Election-Day-Worker.

- ANC election petitions due August 5th Anyone wishing to be on the ballot in the General Election for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner must submit the required ten signatures on a Board of Elections petitions no later than 5:00 pm on August 5, 2020. Information about declaring candidacy and obtaining petitions from the Board of Elections is available at https://dcboe.org/Candidates/Candidate-Ballot-Access-Information.
- MPD Citizen's Advisory Council Meeting The Second District MPD CAC will meet virtually on August 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Samantha Nolan, nolantutor@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

The Mayor's office provided the following announcements:

- On June 22nd, Mayor Bowser issued a new Mayor's Order. When you leave home, you must wear a mask. The full order and other details around the mask order may be found here: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/maskorder. Guidance on the coronavirus.dc.gov website has been updated to reflect these changes https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo. For businesses, residents can file a complaint at abra.dc.gov/service/complaint or by calling 202-329-6347 or calling 311.
- As of today, June 27th, anyone coming into Washington, DC from a high-risk state (within the prior 14 days) who was traveling for non-essential activities will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days from their arrival in the District. Individuals traveling from high-risk states after essential travel or arriving in the District for essential travel are required to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days and, if they show signs or experience symptoms of COVID-19, they are to self-quarantine and seek medical advice or testing. The list of states below are considered high-risk. Travel to and from Maryland and Virginia is exempt from the Order. This list should be used until Monday, August 10, when an updated list will be posted on coronavirus.dc.gov. Order may be found here:

 $\frac{https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/mayor\%E2\%80\%99s-order-2020-081-requirement-self-quarantine-after-non-essential-travel-during-covid-19}{}$

Update on coronavirus emergency impacts and available resources (00:08:20)

Commissioner Malitz provided an update on local businesses that are open and others that are closed as well as an update on recent data related to COVID-19. Residents can access more information about COVID-19 at coronavirus.dc.gov.

<u>Presentation updating DDOT's work on the Oregon Avenue rehabilitation project</u> (00:14:25)

Jam Kendrick and Peyton Manning, of Tina Boyd and Associates and Joseph Chukwueke, of AECOM, presented on the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project. Phase 2 of the project from Military Road NW to Rittenhouse St. NW is expected begin on August 4th with the closure of the northbound lane.

The presenters assured the Commission that access to St. John's College High School would be preserved, particularly if and when the school is used as a polling station in the General Election.

Presentation and possible vote on change in location of proposed Capital Bikeshare station from Lafayette School to the southwest corner of Northampton Street, NW and Broad Branch Road, NW, in the street on Northampton (00:28:00)

Greg Matlesky, Bicycle Specialist at DDOT, presented a plan to install a Capital Bikeshare station in the street on Northampton St NW on the southwest corner of Northampton Street NW and Broad Branch Road NW.

Tracy Stannard, owner of Broad Branch Market, discussed potential impacts to trash collection and Fire Department access.

The Commission decided to table the vote until Mr. Matlesky and Ms. Stannard discussed the placement in greater detail. The Commission decided to discuss the issue at one of its September meetings.

<u>Discussion and vote on a resolution regarding the name of the Chevy Chase Circle</u> <u>Fountain (00:51:35)</u>

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield introduced a resolution regarding the Chevy Chase Circle Fountain (Francis Newlands Memorial Fountain). The resolution as drafted would (1) remove the brass plaque honoring Newlands, (2) place an educational exhibit at the Circle, (3) require the Task Force on Racism to provide the ANC with recommendations for a name for the Fountain, and (4) require the ANC to discuss and vote on the recommendations.

Julia Washburn, Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, and Brad Krueger, a Cultural Resources Program Manager at the National Park Service, discussed the relevant legislation and regulations governing monuments on Park Service land and the process for changing or removing such monuments.

Superintendent Washburn discussed the steps that the National Park Service is taking to install one or "wayside exhibits" at the Circle.

William Rowley, a former professor at the University of Nevada – Reno, and the author of a book on Francis Newlands, discussed Newlands views on race.

Superintendent Washburn and Mr. Krueger encouraged the ANC to change some of the language in the resolution to "request" instead of order the Park Service, since the ANC does not have jurisdiction over the Park Service. The Commission agreed to make the relevant changes.

Commissioner Clayman offered an amendment encouraging the NPS to consult with "students and community members" in addition to historical experts when designing the wayside exhibits. The Commission voted to accept the amendment.

Residents Neil Flanagan, Gary Thompson, Ruth Robbins, and Lisa Gore spoke on the resolution.

The Commission voted 5-0 to pass the resolution with the approved amendments.

<u>Discussion and possible vote on a resolution to support the "Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act of 2019" (B23-0234, available at https://bit.ly/3ezOCoZ) (01:57:00)</u>

Commissioner Speck discussed the Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act and a letter to the Council that the ANC had planned to vote on. Because the Mayor recently established the District of Columbia Facilities and Commemorative Expressions Working Group (DC FACES) to evaluate named public spaces in Washington, DC and provide recommended actions, the ANC decided not to hold a vote. The Working Group and the Commission are intended to serve a similar purpose.

The Working Group will present formal recommendations to the Mayor before Fall 2020. Residents can complete a <u>survey</u> to provide input on the Working Group's work and read more about it at <u>mayor.dc.gov/dcfaces</u>. Commissioner Fromboluti left the meeting after this discussion.

Report on the ANC 3/4G's Task Force on Racism (02:01:25)

Commissioner Malitz and Tuck-Garfield discussed the work of the Task Force and provided an update on the issues that the task force will discuss, including recommendations regarding the Newlands Memorial Fountain.

Residents who are interested in working on the Task Force can contact Commissioners Tuck-Garfield or Malitz.

<u>Discussion and possible vote on application for a public space permit (Tracking Number 354987) at 6652 32nd Street, NW to replace an existing driveway (02:07:45)</u>

The Commission voted 4-0 to not object to Christine Ott's application for a public space permit at 6652 32nd St. NW. Ms. Ott is applying for a permit in order to replace an existing driveway.

Commission Business (02:09:20)

- The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 meeting.
- The Commission discussed potential agenda items for the September 14, 2020 meeting including an update on the process for re-naming the Newlands Memorial Fountain.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10pm (02:10:30)