



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

CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

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3/4 G-05 - Gerald Malitz	YouTube: ANC3G
3/4 G-06 - Dan Bradfield	202.363.5803
3/4 G-07 - Christopher Fromboluti, Vice-Chair	

Meeting Minutes  
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
September 14, 2020  
Zoom Meeting, 7:00-9:10 pm

**Introductions, description of virtual meeting procedures, and adoption of agenda  
(00:00:00)**

Commissioner Speck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. Commissioner Speck reviewed meeting procedures. Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioners Clayman, Fromboluti, Malitz, Maydak, Speck, and Tuck-Garfield were present. Commissioner Bradfield was absent. Commissioners voted to approve the agenda 6-0.

**Announcements (00:04:26)**

Commissioner Speck made the following announcements:

- November Election — The key dates for voting are: (1) now, check your voter registration information and make any corrections at <https://dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status>; (2) early October, the Board mails ballots to every registered voter; (3) mid-October, return ballots by mail or at drop box locations (<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Mail-Ballot-Drop-Sites#>) (4) October 27th through November 2nd, early voting centers (<https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org>) are open between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm; (5) November 3rd, Election Day voting centers (<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Election-Day-Vote-Centers>) open between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. You can find the voting location nearest you at <https://bit.ly/3miTXG3>.
- The DC Board of Elections will hold a virtual town hall meeting on the 2020 General Election on September 17, 2020, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Board officials and staff will describe its plans for the upcoming election and answer questions about voting. Residents may register in advance for this webinar at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_j69LSLrBTBujIZVZ6arPIA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j69LSLrBTBujIZVZ6arPIA). Residents may submit any questions to [info@votesafeDC.com](mailto:info@votesafeDC.com).

- Candidates' Forum — On September 10th, the ANC, the Chevy Chase Citizens Association and the Shepherds Park Citizens Association co-sponsored the first two of three forums for the 24 for candidates in the At-Large Council race. The video of those two sessions will soon be available on the ANC's YouTube page. The final virtual session will be held on September 23rd at 7:00 pm, and you may attend the forum at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86518030077>. If you have questions for the candidates, you can send them to the moderators, Robert Gordon ([rfgboss@aol.com](mailto:rfgboss@aol.com)) and Mark Pattison ([pattison\\_mark@hotmail.com](mailto:pattison_mark@hotmail.com)).
- ANC Candidates' Forum — The Chevy Chase Citizens Association is holding a forum for ANC candidates on September 17th at 6:30 pm. You may attend the virtual forum at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81494792298>.
- Write-in Candidates for ANC 3/4G06 — There will be no candidate on the ballot for this position (currently held by Commissioner Bradfield). The position can be filled by the person with the most write-in votes at the general election. To be elected as commissioner by write-in votes, a person must have lived in the Single Member District for 60 days prior to Election Day (i.e., by September 4th), must be a registered voter in the District of Columbia, and must file an "Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy" with the Board of Elections any time up until 4:45 pm on November 9th.
- Neighborhood Watch — Samantha Nolan, city-wide coordinator for neighborhood watch, is conducting virtual trainings for anyone interested in reducing crime in their neighborhoods. You can arrange for the training by contacting her at [nolantutor@yahoo.com](mailto:nolantutor@yahoo.com).
- Lafayette-Pointer Park and Recreation Center — The Council's Committee of the Whole will hold a hearing on September 15, 2020, on the Lafayette-Pointer Park and Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center Designation Act of 2020, which will rename the Park and Rec Center in honor of Captain George Pointer, whose descendants were displaced to build Lafayette Park and Elementary School. The ANC supported this name change in a July 8, 2019 resolution (<https://bit.ly/2T5Wxld>) and will testify in support of the bill.
- Change of Date for Next ANC Meeting — Because the Commission's next regular meeting on September 28th falls on Yom Kippur, we will move the virtual meeting to September 29th from 7:00 pm until 8:45 pm, so that we will end before the first presidential debate at 9:00 pm.

Dee Smith, deputy chief of staff for Councilmember Mary Cheh, submitted the following announcement:

- The Committee on Transportation and the Environment will be holding a hearing on October 5<sup>th</sup> to hear from the Department of Motor Vehicles and residents about the backlog for appointments due to limited operations during the public health emergency.

Residents can read more about the hearing and sign up to testify at <https://bit.ly/35HBb5p>.

**Update on coronavirus emergency impacts and available resources (00:12:10)**

Commissioner Malitz presented on local businesses and the impact of the pandemic on nearby businesses.

Items discussed were:

- Chevy Chase Main Street application being submitted for Chevy Chase by District Bridges. This grants would be for \$175,000 for the first year and approximately \$150,000 for subsequent years if goals are met (<https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/DCMS>)
- The FY21 Great Streets Small Business Retail Administration Grant which provides businesses with up to \$50,000 in grants (<https://greatstreets.dc.gov/node/1492786>)
- A new business pop-up, Boccato Gelato, which is soon to open within Little Beast.
- Another new restaurant pop-up, RNF (Real Nutritious Foods) in the former space of Capital Crab and Seafood (which has merged for the time being with The Avenue).

**Second 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 (00:18:10)**

Aaron Goldbeck, a bike engineer at DDOT, presented on the project to install a Bikeshare station in the area of Northampton Street NW and Broad Branch Road NW.

Commissioner Malitz proposed a resolution to support the placement of a Capital Bikeshare station on the southwest corner of the intersection at Northampton Street NW and Broad Branch Road NW. Commissioner Maydak offered an amendment that the Commission also withdraw its January 28, 2019 resolution supporting location of the bikeshare station on the Lafayette Elementary School plaza. (See the minutes of that meeting at <https://bit.ly/35LZrDm>.) With that friendly amendment, the Commission approved the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

**Presentation by Lieutenant Marlon Ollivierre, MPD Second District, on stolen autos and theft from autos in Police Service Area 201 (00:45:05)**

Lieutenant Ollivierre with the Metropolitan Police Department presented on crime statistics for the current year. He encouraged residents to lock their cars and not leave items in cars. Property crime and particularly thefts from automobiles are the most common crimes in the ANC.

**Presentation by Paul Bricker, Knollwood Chief Operating Officer, on Knollwood's stormwater management program and Knollwood's concerns about bioretention cells to be installed on Oregon Avenue (00:57:25)**

Paul Bricker, COO at Knollwood, presented on stormwater management project at the property. Aileen Craig, at the Nature Conservancy, presented on the project and explained the timeline for construction of a rain garden, bioretention cell, and retaining wall on the hill between Knollwood and Rock Creek Park.

Paul Bricker, COO at Knollwood, expressed that Knollwood residents were concerned about maintenance of bioretention cells that are proposed for installation as part of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project. The project is designed to capture stormwater runoff from Knollwood's parking lots so that it will not reach Rock Creek.

Jam Kendrick from Tina Boyd and Associates, Peyton Manning from Tina Boyd and Associates, and Oliver Boehm at Volkert, members of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction project team discussed the proposed bioretention planters near Knollwood and addressed safety and aesthetic concerns raised by Knollwood residents.

**Presentation by Lia Kuduk, representing the Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC, about Initiative 81, the “Entheogenic Plant and Fungus Policy Act of 2020” (01:35:40)**

Lia Kuduk, part of the “Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC,” presented on Initiative 81, which will be on the November ballot. If passed, the initiative would “make the investigation and arrest of adults for non-commercial planting, cultivating, purchasing, transporting, distributing, possessing, and/or engaging in practices with entheogenic plants and fungi among the Metropolitan Police Department’s lowest law enforcement priorities; and codify that the people of the District of Columbia call upon the Attorney General of the District of Columbia and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia to cease prosecution of residents of the District of Columbia for these activities.” Residents can read more about the initiative at <https://decrimnaturedc.org/initiative-81/>. Residents can contact Lia Kuduk at [lia@decrimnaturedc.org](mailto:lia@decrimnaturedc.org).

**Report on the ANC 3/4G’s Task Force on Racism (01:55:00)**

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield summarized recent actions by the task force and its committees. Residents have been meeting regularly to educate themselves on issues of racism and racial justice. The task force will produce a report for the ANC to consider in October.

**Commission Business (02:03:20)**

The Commission voted 6-0 to approve the following items:

- The minutes for July 27, 2020.
- A check to Randy Speck in the amount of \$609.42 to reimburse for Verizon bills for May, June, July, and August
- A check to Randy Speck in the amount of \$222.54 to reimburse for Zoom bills for June, July, and August.

The ANC will potentially consider the following items at its September 29, 2020 meeting:

- Mosquito prevention programs.
- Quarterly financial report.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12pm (02:12:00)