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Meeting Minutes

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

November 9, 2020

Zoom Meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm

Video available at <https://youtu.be/M9XwZCQYAgA>

Introductions, description of virtual meeting procedures, and adoption of agenda
(00:00:00 on the video)

Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Speck reviewed meeting procedures. Commissioners Malitz, Tuck-Garfield, Fromboluti, and Speck were present. Commissioner Bradfield, Clayman, and Maydak were absent. Commissioner Speck declared a quorum. The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the agenda.

Announcements (00:02:40)

Commissioner Speck made the following announcements:

Report from Commissioner Clayman — Jack Joseph Clayman was born last night. He's doing well and Mary is recovering and resting nicely. Commissioner Clayman reports that Jack weighed 9 lbs, 1 ounce, 20 inches long, and is very cute.

Election Results — The Board of Elections reported the following results for the ANC 3/4G commissioner races: ANC 3/4G01 — Lisa Gore; ANC 3/4G02 — John Higgins; ANC 3/4G03 — Randy Speck; ANC 3/4G04 — Michael Zeldin; ANC 3/4G05 — Connie Chang; ANC 3/4G06 — Write-in candidate; ANC 3/4G07 — Chris Fromboluti. The commissioners congratulated these commissioners-elect.

Ingleside Task Force Completed — In December 2014, the Commission entered an agreement with Ingleside at Rock Creek covering its planned expansion project (available at <https://bit.ly/3kkjxIF>). Six years later, Ingleside has received the final certificate of occupancy for all of the new buildings. The project has been successful from every standpoint — the residents at Ingleside have a new, state of the art facility, Ingleside managed the project to have a minimal impact on the community, and the ANC’s task force closely monitored the project to ensure compliance with our agreement. When there were violations — e.g., construction workers parking in the residential neighborhood or trucks driving on neighborhood streets — fines were imposed on the violating subcontractors pursuant to the terms of the agreement. Over the course of the project, \$216,700 in fines were assessed, collected, and distributed by the task force to 18 non-profit organizations in the District. Under the terms of the agreement with Ingleside, the task force has completed its work and will end with a final meeting on November 17, 2020. Commissioner Speck said that the Commission will post a final report on the task force’s work on its website.

Zoning Commission Hearing on Inclusionary Zoning Plus — The Zoning Commission is holding a hearing on November 16, 2020, at 4:00 pm on changes to the rules governing Inclusionary Zoning — i.e., the requirement that a percentage of the space in a new residential building be reserved for low-income residents. The new rules specify how the percentage is calculated up to a maximum of 20%. The rules also create incentives for developers to include affordable housing set asides for very low income tenants and to promote unit ownership for those tenants. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3l9ZMVz>.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield reported on the status of the Commission’s Task Force on Racism. The Commission created the Task Force last June, and it has worked over the summer through three working groups — Community, Education/Health, and Housing. The Task Force work groups presented their draft reports to the Commission at its October 26, 2020 meeting. The Commission will hold a town hall at 7:00 pm on November 16, 2020, to hear input from the community on the work group reports. The draft reports are available on the Commission’s website at https://anc3g.org/task_forces/task-force-on-racism/. The Zoom link to join the town hall meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84188065276>. (Dial in is available at 301-715-8592, Webinar ID: 841 8806 5276.)

Discussion and possible vote on testimony before the Council’s Committee of the Whole on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (<https://plandc.dc.gov/node/1494536> and <https://bit.ly/3oBu7hH>) (00:11:48)

Commissioner Speck described the proposed testimony before the Committee of the Whole. The testimony reviews the Commission’s comments since 2018 on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. In its February 2020 comments, the Commission

supported proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map for the Connecticut Avenue corridor with the proviso that the Office of Planning prepare a Small Area Plan (SAP). The Office of Planning included the SAP in its subsequent revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, money was appropriated to complete the SAP, and the Office of Planning has begun work on the SAP. Thus, the Commission supports that aspect of the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Nevertheless, the Commission continues to have concerns about the Comprehensive Plan. The population growth assumptions are not well founded, particularly in light of the significant changes that have been and will be caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan does not include specific planning for infrastructure — especially schools — to support the assumed population growth. The Commission continues to question these aspects of the Comprehensive Plan.

Nevertheless, the Commission does not oppose the Council’s approval of the Comprehensive Plan based on representations that the Plan will be completely rewritten by 2025, when the Office of Planning will better understand the long-term impacts of population growth trends and COVID-19.

Commissioners Malitz, Tuck-Garfield, and Fromboluti raised questions about the status of the Office of Planning’s work on the Small Area Plan. They particularly expressed concerns that the Commission and the community must have a substantial role in development of the SAP. Commissioner Speck said that he would follow through with the Office of Planning on the status of the SAP work.

The Commission approved the proposed testimony before the Committee of the Whole on the Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 4 to 0.

Discussion and possible vote on testimony before the Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment on the Slow Street Program
(<https://ddot.dc.gov/slowstreets>) (00:29:20)

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield reviewed the Commission’s experience with DDOT’s proposal for making Tennyson Street, NW a slow street. She described DDOT’s stated characteristics for Slow Streets, the Council’s legislation setting deadlines for designation of Slow Streets, and DDOT’s inadequate one-week comment period for its proposal to make Tennyson Street a Slow Street. She summarized DDOT’s presentation at the October 13, 2020 Commission meeting and the Commission’s vote not to support a Slow Street for Tennyson Street. The testimony then suggests improvements that DDOT should make in the Slow Street program — clarifying its purpose, selecting candidate streets based on data and analysis, considering the impact of a Slow Street designation on other streets, providing adequate public notice, and defining the degree of community support necessary to proceed with a Slow Street.

Commissioner Fromboluti expressed broad concerns about DDOT's approach to the Slow Street program.

After a discussion and community comments, the Commission approved the revised testimony, which now included reference to a community-wide petition that garnered much support for "Support Transparency & Community Input into Traffic Changes," that will be presented before the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 4 to 0.

Discussion and possible vote on comments on the Department of Transportation's revised draft Environmental Assessment for the Broad Branch Road rehabilitation (<http://broadbranchrdea.com/RevisedEA.html>) (00:47:52)

Commissioner Speck described the Commission's involvement in review of the draft Broad Branch Road Environmental Assessment since 2013 and introduced DDOT's manager for this project, Wayne Wilson. Mr. Wilson reviewed the history of the project, DDOT's development of alternative concepts for the project, and its current revised draft Environmental Assessment with a preferred alternative that includes a pedestrian sidewalk but that does not include a bicycle lane (preferred Alternative 3 modified). (A more extensive, 20-minute narrated DDOT presentation on the project is available at <http://broadbranchrdea.com/projectupdatepresentation.html>.)

Commissioners expressed strong support for including a bike lane in the much-needed and long-overdue rehabilitation project. They suggested that DDOT evaluate every possible option to provide for a bike lane, including considering a bike lane for part of the road, contacting Representative Norton to get assistance with the National Park Service and the State Department on expansion of the available right-of-way, and building a combined sidewalk and bike lane that would accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. The Commissioners emphasized that Broad Branch Road would continue to be used by cyclists, and it will continue to be a serious safety concern — that is inconsistent with the Vision Zero initiative — so long as bikes and cars share the Road. The Commissioners urged DDOT to consider a modification to its Alternative 4 that will provide for both a pedestrian sidewalk and a bike lane.

Several residents also expressed support for a bike lane on all or at least part of the Road. They noted that the portion of Broad Branch Road between Linnean Avenue, NW and 27th Street, NW has a much wider right-of-way that would accommodate a bike lane. They also urged that when DDOT gets to the design phase, that it should include road markings and signage to protect cyclists.

After discussion, the Commission voted 4 to 0 to approve comments urging DDOT to study further the feasibility of a bike line — Alternative 4 modified — and to include as its preferred alternative a bike lane that extends at least part of the length of the project.

Commission Business (01:42:52):

The Commission approved the minutes for the October 13, 2020 and October 26, 2020 meetings by a vote of 4 to 0.

The Commission voted 4 to 0 to approve the following checks:

- \$150.00 to the U.S. Postal Service for the Commission's post office box; and
- \$115.58 to Randy Speck as reimbursement for Zoom.

Items for November 23, 2020 meeting: discussion on resolution on the Task Force on Racism's recommendations

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 (01:45:40).

Signed:

Randy Speck
Chair

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Secretary