

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

CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

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3/4 G-01 - Abraham Clayman, Secretary 3/4 G-02 - Chanda Tuck-Garfield, Treasurer 3/4 G-03 - Randy Speck, Chair

3/4 G-04 - Rebecca Maydak

3/4 G-05 - Gerald Malitz 3/4 G-06 - Dan Bradfield

3/4 G-07 - Christopher Fromboluti, Vice-Chair

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ANNUAL REPORT

CHEVY CHASE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G FISCAL YEAR 2020 (OCTOBER 2019 — SEPTEMBER 2020)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2020, ANC 3/4G held 15 public meetings, generally on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. The meetings through March 9, 2020, were held at the Chevy Chase Community Center, but, because of the COVID 19 public health emergency, the meetings from April 27, 2020 through September 14, 2020, were held virtually on Zoom. All meetings began at 7:00 pm and were open to the public for comments and questions. An average of 5.6 commissioners (out of seven) attended each meeting with an overall 80% attendance rate. A total of approximately 272 persons attended the eight in-person meetings at the Community Center, with an average attendance of about 34 persons per meeting. The attendees at the Zoom meetings were not available. The Commission put videos of every meeting on its YouTube channel (ANC3G), and they have been viewed on average by 75 persons per meeting.

Officers

At the January 13, 2020 public meeting, ANC officers were nominated and elected as follows: Randy Speck for Chair, Chris Fromboluti for Vice-Chair, Abe Clayman for Secretary, and Chanda Tuck-Garfield for Treasurer. The Commission agreed at that meeting to adopt the Bylaws for 2020.

The ANC considered, discussed, and acted on a broad range of issues at its public meetings during FY 2020, including the following:

Comprehensive Plan Task Force

The Office of Planning released its proposed amendments to the District's Comprehensive Plan on October 15, 2019. At its October 28, 2019 meeting, the Commission created a Comprehensive Plan Task Force (http://bit.ly/373tRj1). The Task Force — which included four commissioners and seven constituents, including one small-business owner — was asked to make proposals for Commission comments on and requested changes to the Office of Planning's recommended amendments to the District's Comprehensive Plan (https://plandc.dc.gov). The Task Force held public meetings on November 12, 2019, November 21, 2019, December 2, 2019, December 16, 2019, and January 23, 2019. It also conducted an on-line survey with 682 respondents between December 2, 2019, and December 20, 2019, of residents in the ANC to obtain their views about issues raised by the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. Based on public input and Task Force members' research and analysis, the Task Force prepared a Report and Recommendations (available at http://bit.ly/2RV5mPi). The Commission discussed the Report at its regularly scheduled meetings on January 27, 2020, and February 10, 2020. Based on its review and discussion of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations in the Report, the Commission adopted a resolution with its comments on and requested changes to the Office of Planning's proposed amendments (available at https://bit.ly/2Ir1Gzb).

Task Force on Racism

On June 8, 2020, ANC 3/4G approved a Statement on Racism (https://bit.ly/3dsxsJ3). That Statement included creation of a Task Force to identify equity and justice issues within our community and to propose concrete solutions. The Commission discussed the Task Force at its June 22, 2020 meeting and emphasized the Task Force's objective to focus on substantive issues and specific actions that the Commission can take. The Task Force divided into three working groups: Community, Education/Mental Health, and Housing. Those working groups met over the summer and early fall and prepared draft reports for the Commission's consideration. The Commission considered the Task Force's recommendations at meetings in FY 2021.

Applications to the Public Space Committee

ANC 3/4G did not object to the following applications for the use of public space:

- 6431 Western Avenue, NW (Tracking # 335595) for a curb cut and parking pad (5-19-20)
- 3815 KanawhaStreet, NW (Tracking # 350999) for a new residential driveway (5-19-20)
- 6652 32nd Street, NW (Tracking # 354987) to replace an existing driveway (7-27-20)

ANC 3/4 G objected to the following applications for the use of public space:

• 5101 Connecticut Ave, NW (Tracking #339955) for a permit to build a 42-inch high fence (1-13-20)

Special Exception Applications to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

• The Commission voted to support Broad Branch Market's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a variance to use its small basement space for a fitness center (3-9-20)

Liquor License Applications

ANC 3/4G supported the renewal of the following liquor licenses:

• The Avenue and Capital Crab & Seafood for a Substantial Change to their liquor licenses to add sports wagering to their operations (12/9/19)

Grants

ANC 3/4G approved the following grants:

• \$2000 to Ward 3 Mutual Aid Network for the purpose of providing groceries, medicines, and other household needs to be paid to an entity that is acceptable to OANC (6/22/20)

Presentations by District Agencies, Residents, and Other Organizations

ANC 3/4G heard 18 presentations, including ones on the following topics:

- Willis Thomas of DC Water, Daniella Colon, a Construction Manager for AECOM, Steve Saari, Restoration Branch Chief for the Watershed Protection Division at the District Department of Energy and Environment, and Nick Bartholomeo, Chief of Resource Management for the National Park Service presented on the reconstruction of Bingham Drive (10/28/19)
- Steve Thornton of Salis Holdings presented on plans to open Sidekick All Day at the old American City Diner location (11/25/19)
- Stephen Powers, Senior Program Manager at WMATA presented on updates on the bus turnout at Connecticut Avenue NW and Oliver Street NW (11/25/19)
- Elizabeth Feinstone, of Flavors Hook Kids DC presented on legislation to ban flavored tobacco products (11/25/19)
- Director Trueblood from the Office of Planning and Director Donaldson of Housing and Community Development presented on proposed changes to Comprehensive Plan (12/9/19)
- Ellen Jones, Chief Project Delivery Officer, and Samer Alhawamdeh, project manager at the Department of Transportation presented on plans for sidewalks on Chestnut Street (1/27/20)
- Jennifer Kulp of the Department of Energy presented on programs to reduce utility bills for residents (1/27/20)
- Captain Edward Bernat of the Metropolitan Police Department presented on Crime Protection Measures (2/10/20)
- Dennis Howland, project manager at DDOT, Joseph Chukwueke of AECOM, and Joseph Cepler of WMATA presented on Oregon Avenue reconstruction and the E6 bus detour (2/10/20)
- Director Jeff Marootian and safety engineer Derrick Voight of DDOT presented on proposed changes to traffic patterns at Chevy Chase Circle on March 9, 2020
- David Bardin, former commissioner of ANC 3F and former member of the DC Water Board of Directors, presented on possible DC Water testing of sewage as indicator of coronavirus resurgence (6/8/20)
- Ed Stollof, project manager, and Cynthia Lin, deputy project manager of DDOT presented on Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes and Safety Study (7/13/20)
- Michael Bennett and Alice Miller of the Board of Elections presented on voting procedures for the November 3rd general election (7/13/20)
- Jam Kendrick and Peyton Manning of Tina Boyd and Associates, and Joseph Chukwueke, of AECOM presented on the Oregon Avenue reconstruction project (7/27/20)
- Aaron Goldbeck of DDOT presented on project to install a Bikeshare station in the area of Northampton Street NW and Broad Branch Road NW (9/14/20)

- Lieutenant Ollivierre with the Metropolitan Police Department presented on Crime statistics for the current year (9/14/20)
- Paul Bricker, Knollwood COO, and Aileen Craig of the Nature Conservancy presented on Knollwood's stormwater management program, and and Mr Bricker presented on Knollwood's concerns about bioretention cells to be installed on Oregon Ave (9/3/20)
- Jam Kendrick and Peyton Manning of Tina Boyd and Associates, and Oliver Boehm of 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 (9/14/20)
- Lia Kuduk, representing the Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC, presented about Initiative 81, the "Entheogenic Plant and Fungus Policy Act of 2020" (9/14/20)

Approved Resolutions

ANC 3/4G approved resolutions on the following topics:

- Requesting additional time for comments on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Citywide and Area Elements (11/25/19)
- Requesting that the Office of Planning address lighting pollution directly in the Comprehensive Plan Amendments (2/10/20)
- On WMATA's FY 2021 budget proposals to combine the E6 and M4 but routes and capital expenditures for historic bus terminal rehabilitation (2/24/20)
- Requesting that DC Water and the District Department of Health examine and, if feasible, implement sewage testing for COVID-19 (6/8/20)
- Requesting that the Council require the Board of Elections to send mail-in ballots to all registered voters for the general election in 2020 (6/8/20)
- Statement on Racism (6/8/20)
- Calling for the Francis Newlands name plaque removal at the fountain at Chevy Chase Circle (7/27/20)

Commission Operations

ANC 3/4G took the following actions related to its own operations:

- Approving all required quarterly reports and disbursement checks at public meetings
- Approving a schedule of meetings
- Electing Officers
- Adopting By-laws

Approving ANC Security Fund

Testimony Before the Government of the District

ANC 3/4G submitted testimony in person and in writing at a variety of hearings, including 13 performance oversight and budget hearings. A complete list is below:

- Committee on Government Operations Performance Oversight Hearing on the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (1/16/20)
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Transportation (1/27/20)
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Performance Oversight Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (1/30/20)
- Supplemental Testimony Before the Committee on Facilities and Procurement Performance Oversight Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (1/31/20)
- Supplemental Testimony Before the Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Transportation (2/10/20)
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Performance Oversight Hearing on the Washington Area Transit Authority (2/19/20)
- Committee on Recreation and Youth Affairs Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Parks and Recreation (2/21/20)
- Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Aging and Community Living (2/25/20)
- Committee on Government Operations Performance Oversight Hearing for the Secretary of the District of Columbia (2/26/20)
- WMATA Board of Directors Testimony on retention of the E6 Bus (2/26/20)
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing for DC Water (2/27/20)
- Committee of the Whole Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (3/5/20)
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Budget Hearing on the Department of Energy and Environment (5/21/20)
- Committee on Recreation and Youth Affairs, Committee on Education, Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, and Committee of the Whole Budget Hearing on the Department of Parks and Recreation, DC Public Library, Office of Planning, and Housing Production Trust Fund (5/27/20, 5/29/20, 6/4/20, and 6/8/20)

Allotments and Disbursements

The ANC 3/4G received \$18,878.40 during FY 2020 representing final allotments from FY2019 and two allotment for FY2020. Disbursements for the year were \$12,119.40 for an ending balance of \$15,679.44.

Requests for Additional Information

Please submit any questions about ANC 3/4G's operations and this Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report to the Commission's mailing address, ANC 3/4G, P.O. Box 6252, Northwest Station, Washington, DC 20015, to its office in room 215 at the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW (where office hours after the public health emergency will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon), by phone at (202) 363-5803, or by e-mail at 3G@anc.dc.gov. During the public health emergency The ANC's website is www.anc3g.org.