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Minutes

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

March 22, 2021

Zoom Meeting, 7:01-10:05 pm

Meeting [Link](#)

00:00:00 Introductions, Announcement of Meeting Procedures

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commissioner Randy Speck, Chair (3/4G-03), presiding. Also present were Commissioners Lisa R. Gore (3/4G-01), John K. Higgins (3/4G-02), Michael Zeldin (3/4G-04), Connie K.N. Chang (3/4G-05), Peter Gosselin (3/4G-06), and Chris Fromboluti (3/4G-07). The meeting was held virtually via Zoom, and Chair Speck provided an overview of the virtual meeting procedures. Chair Speck declared a quorum (five Commissioners present).

00:04:21 Adoption of Agenda

Chair Speck moved to approve the agenda. The motion was passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

00:04:45 Commissioner Announcements

Chair Speck

- **Roundtable on Post-Pandemic Transportation** — Beginning at noon on March 23, 2021, the Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment will hold a roundtable to hear from the community and the District Department of Transportation

("DDOT") about what transportation initiatives that began during the pandemic should continue. Topics of discussion will include Streateries, bus only lanes, Slow Streets, and whether to ask the National Park Service to permanently close Beach Drive to cars. The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at [\(202\) 724-8062](tel:2027248062) or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us; witnesses will receive information on how to join the roundtable at that time. The record will close on April 6, 2021.

- **Congresswoman Norton's Meeting with NPS** — Congresswoman Norton is hosting a joint community meeting with the National Park Service on March 25, 2021, at 7:00 pm. It will be an opportunity to ask questions of NPS, including about the status of Beach Drive after the pandemic. Please email NortonEvents@mail.house.gov to RSVP for the event and receive the Zoom link.
- **Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes Study Public Meeting** — DDOT will hold two virtual public meetings on its Reversible Lanes study for Connecticut Avenue. The meetings will be on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 9:30 am until noon and on Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. The same information will be provided on both days. You may attend by Webex at <https://rebrand.ly/CTAveRevLane>, Event Number: 160 356 5987, Event Password: DDOTCtAve2021 or you may attend by phone by calling 202-860-2110, with the meeting's Access Code: 160 356 5987, followed by the # key. The Webex system will prompt you for an Attendee ID, but this is not required; just press the # key to join the meeting.
- **Rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road Final Environmental Assessment** — DDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the National Park Service, has issued the final environmental assessment, and it is available at <http://broadbranchrdea.com>. The final EA is the same as what was presented to the ANC at its November 9, 2020 meeting (video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9XwZCQYAgA> 00:47:52).

Commissioner Gore

- **Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee:** The solicitation period for volunteers to serve on the ANC's Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee has closed. There will be an interest meeting for perspective volunteers on April 8, 2021 at 7pm.

Commissioner Chang

- **Community Clean-up:** On Saturday, March 20, 2021 Commissioner Chang and constituents in Single Member District 3/4G-05 participated in Clean City D.C. and cleared trash and debris along Nevada, Broad Branch Road, North Hampton, and other streets in Chevy Chase. Commissioner Chang will have future opportunities for teens to participate in clean-up projects and earn community service volunteer hours.

She will provide teen volunteers with the appropriate participation letter for verification purposes. Commissioner Chang encouraged Commissioners to host a joint ANC clean up.

- **Asian American and Pacific Islanders (APPI) Solidarity:** Commissioner Chang stated the last week has been difficult on the Asian American community with the recent murders that occurred in Atlanta. The community is experiencing sadness and fear. Don't stay silent. Commissioner Chang stands in solidarity with other organizations and the community and stated DHS has a reporting feature where you can report incidents. Commissioner Chang provided the following important resources post meeting:
 - A link with a Feb 27, 2021 statement from DHS's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) on supporting the AAPI communities where they invite concerned individuals to contact their community engagement section. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/02/27/dhs-crcl-statement-support-aapi-communities>
 - A link to DHS's CRCL's community engagement website. <https://www.dhs.gov/community-engagement>).
 - Both links are good sources of information for the community and provide a way for concerned individuals to report incidents and track data nationally. Crime victims should immediately report incidents to their local police departments.

Community Announcements

00:12:04 Emir Gur-Ravantab, Liaison, Ward 3, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services.

Emir Gur-Ravantab provided the Commission with the following announcements:

- The Congressional hearing on D.C. statehood took place today and was attended by Mayor Bowser and several members of the D.C. Council. He encouraged residents to watch the hearing to learn about the need for D.C. statehood.
- The Mayor's office is encouraging the community to provide feedback on infrastructure projects occurring in Ward 3 including the Connecticut Avenue reversible lane study, Small Area Plan, and proposals to change zoning and density. Please contact Emir at emir.gur-ravantab@dc.gov to provide your feedback.
- A detailed update on the District's COVID-19 response, including percentage of D.C. residents that are vaccinated, vaccination eligibility categories, and an explanation of D.C.'s vaccination rate (per capita). D.C. will enter Phase II on May 1, 2021 where anyone 16 and older will be eligible to take the vaccine. Anyone can pre-register for the vaccination now.

**00:19:52 Discussion of Police Surveillance Transparency & Accountability
Presented by Rachel Levinson-Waldman**

Rachel Levinson-Walden, Deputy Director, Liberty and National Security Program, Brennan Center for Justice, and resident of Single Member District 01, provided the Commission an overview of issues surrounding the oversight of police surveillance technologies. Local law enforcement often receives funding for the purchase of law enforcement surveillance technologies. These technologies range from Stingrays to body-worn cameras and the use of these technologies disproportionately impact marginalized communities. Levinson-Walden discussed the need for increased oversight of in the areas of costs, procurement, and data sharing and retention.

**00:54:27 Liquor License Renewal for Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits, 5544
Connecticut Ave. NW**

ABRA License Number 103575 for Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits at 5544 Connecticut Avenue NW was discussed, and no objections were heard regarding this establishment. Commissioner Gosselin moved that the Commission support the application. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

**00:58:37 Commissioners Chang and Gosselin on the Small Area Plan Planning
Process**

Commissioner Chang stated that the Small Area Plan (SAP) kick off meeting was held on March 4, 2021, where nearly 300 people attended virtually. The SAP's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held its second meeting on March 16, 2021. CAC members discussed issues that occurred during the kick-off meeting with Erkin Ozberk who took note of the issues. In response, Ozberk and the Office of Planning (OP) have designed a more targeted engagement process to include a virtual Ask-a-Planner event and smaller community engagement sessions. OP also indicated they will issue one pagers on frequently asked topics.

Commissioner Chang indicated that the office of planning intends to share a timeline when all engagement activities will occur. OP has indicated they plan to hire a professional facilitator from LINK Inc. LINK has engaged in other SAP processes outside of the Chevy Chase SAP. The CAC also discussed the opening questions for the visioning sessions and OP was very open in allowing CAC members to look at the questions and have input on those questions. OP also reported that one member that previously served on the CAC decided to resign because of concerns of having members on the CAC that do not live in D.C.

Commissioner Gosselin expressed gratitude for commissioner Chang and Chair Speck's involvement in the SAP. Commissioner Gosselin stated that Chair Speck met with the CAC and OP and made it very clear to OP how skeptical and distrustful this

community is of OP, and the need for OP to take that into account. Commissioner Gosselin emphasized that we need more meetings, an independent professional facilitator, an extended engagement timeline, and the ANC should have a full discussion on the SAP process.

Chair Speck commented that Commissioner Gosselin testified at the oversight hearing for the OP and one of the things that was particularly interesting was the discussion between the Chairman and the Director of OP about the timeline for the SAP and whether or not it would conclude in September when the fiscal year ends. The Chairman made it clear that the Council can give OP more money in its budget this year so the planning process can be extended beyond this September.

Commissioner Chang emphasized that that OP is encouraging the community to visit the SAP's dedicated website for information (publicinput.com/chevy Chase). OP is trying to centralize the information on the website as opposed to having information located in various locations.

01:14:37 Discussion & votes on Task Force on Racism housing recommendations

Housing Working Group (Amended Recommendations 1-7)

Commissioner Gosselin began by explaining that the language in the housing recommendations has been amended to specify what the Commission means in terms of affordable housing. Commissioner Gosselin emphasized that he and Commissioner Gore understand that some of the recommendations are aspirational and we hope the recommendations allow us to look at a broader set of options to help us achieve the goals we all share.

Commissioner Speck commended the Housing workgroup who put together an outstanding report and set of recommendations. Their work was dedicated and heartfelt and the amended recommendations should not detract from their efforts. The modifications to focus on deeply affordable housing is a good thing, and it will provide a better focus on the racial equity issues that are at the center of what the work group was focusing on. These recommendations are the first step and Chair Speck is supporting the proposed changes in an effort to move the work forward.

Commissioner Gore provided an explanation on modifications to the affordability levels and the importance of targeting lower affordability levels. The District's production affordable housing has primarily focused on higher affordability levels specifically 80%-120% MFI. The median income for Black families in D.C. is roughly \$40,000 which is in between in the 30% and 50% MFI. Commissioner Gore felt it was important, since the recommendations were a product of the Task Force on Racism, to recognize that there remains a lot of work to do in targeting income levels of Black D.C. Commissioner Gore expressed that it was important to recognize the impact of not addressing the

lower affordability levels in the recommendations and it sends a different message when we affirmatively list the lower affordability levels in our recommendations.

01:15:55 Commissioner Gosselin moved that recommendation number one as previously passed be placed back on the table. The motion was properly second and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain). Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussion on the District to build significant dedicated affordable housing and work force housing with a focus on households earning 50% or less of median family income (MFI) above the Chevy Chase Community Center and the Chevy Chase Library and includes five key actions.

Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: The Commission advises the Office of Planning to include mixed-income housing with a goal of at least 50% dedicated affordable housing as part of the Small Area Plan and considering other requirements;
- Key Action 2: The Commission advises the District that the development include a mix of affordable and workforce housing for families including, to the maximum extent practicable, ownership by residents;
- Key Action 3: The Commission advises the District to work with a coalition of non-profit and for-profit developers and the community;
- Key Action 4: The Commission will work with the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to prepare a financing plan that may include participation by community groups, businesses, and foundations; and
- Key Action 5: The Commission will establish a mechanism for the ANC to coordinate programmatic requirements and architectural design with all relevant stakeholders.

The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

01:53:27 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussion on the District to include as part of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan process ways to encourage the development of affordable housing in private development along the Chevy Chase Gateway (upper Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor), with a focus on the production of units for households earning 50% and below of median family income (MFI) and includes four key actions.

Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: The Commission advises the Office of Planning that, as part of this development, the ANC supports the goal of at least 25% affordable housing, with a focus on households earning 50% or less of MFI, considering other requirements as well.
- Key Action 2: The Commission advises the Office of Planning to hold a charrette as part of a Small Area Plan to explore possibilities for development in the Chevy Chase Gateway (upper Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor);”
- Key Action 3: In coordination with Chevy Chase Main Street, the Office of Planning, local businesses, property owners, and the Office of the Deputy

Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the Commission will solicit development proposals for mixed-use buildings along the Chevy Chase Gateway (upper Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor) consistent with opportunities identified in the Small Area Plan;

- Key Action 4: The Commission will establish a mechanism for the ANC to work on the Chevy Chase Gateway (upper Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor) Small Area Plan and subsequent implementation.

The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:05:05 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussed advises the District to preserve and protect affordability of currently affordable rental units and agrees as a Commission to study the issue and includes two key actions.

Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: The Commission requests that the Office of Planning establish criteria for identifying “naturally occurring” affordable housing and determine the amount of such naturally occurring affordable housing in an area.
- Key Action 2: The Commission requests that the Office of Planning establish protocols for how market-rate, naturally occurring affordable housing properties can be preserved and protected.

The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:19:35 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussed by the Commission advises the District to encourage the Council to update the District's rent control law and includes one key action.

Key Action:

- The Commission tasks the Standing Committee on Racial and Social Equity to study proposals to extend the coverage of rent control in the context of addressing historic racism, including making the law permanent.

The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:20:57 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussed by the Commission agrees to study ways to include affordable housing in residential areas without disrupting the look and feel of the neighborhood with the aim of making units affordable for households earning 50% or less of the median family income (MFI) and includes two key actions.

Key Actions:

- The Commission tasks the Standing Committee on Racial and Social Equity to study ways to reduce the shortage of affordable housing in the community, especially for low-income (50%-80% MFI) and very low-income (less than 50% MFI) households.

- The Commission will study ways to address community concerns about the impact of affordable housing in residential areas of existing neighborhoods.”

The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:45:08 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussed by the Commission tasks the Standing Committee on Racial and Social Equity to study the track record of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) at producing affordable housing including households earning 50% or less of MFI. If the Standing Committee concludes ADUs have a positive affordable housing track record, the Commission will examine ways to streamline the permitting, licensing, and zoning process for ADUs and whether granting subsidies or incentives can promote ADU development with enforceable commitments that the ADU will be rented or sold at affordable rates. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:47:58 Commissioner Gosselin motion, as amended, and discussed by the ANC believes Housing Choice vouchers should be part of the community’s mix of affordable housing development. The Commission opposes discriminatory treatment of voucher holders by local landlords or others. The Commission calls for voucher holders to be afforded the social and support services they are owed by the District. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:54:39 Routine Commission Business

Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Gore moved to adopt minutes from the March 8, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

Check(s):

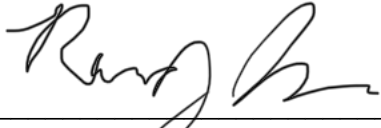
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Possible Items for April 12, 2021 Meeting:

Presentation by the Deputy Mayor or department head on the Mayor’s budget process; discussion and possible vote on testimony for the Council’s FY 2022 budget hearing for the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and the SAP com Community engagement process.

Commissioner Gore recommended that the ANC post resolutions ahead of time on the ANC website. There were no objections but Chair Speck cautioned that optics and events are dynamic and we cannot promise a specific notice timeframe.

03:02:00 **Adjourn** (10:02 p.m.)



Randy Speck, Chair



Lisa R. Gore, Secretary