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**ANC 3/4G Resolution**  
**Announcing the Commission's Intention to**  
**Sponsor a Series of Community Forums as Part of the**  
**Chevy Chase Small Area Planning Process and**  
**Seeking Community Partners**

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission sponsor a series of community-wide forums to serve as the focal point for the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan process and as an opportunity for constructive exchange among residents about the future of our neighborhood.

**FURTHER**, that forums be organized in the near term to accommodate as many residents as virtual meeting technology and independent, professional facilitation can manage in order to permit a full democratic exchange in which residents can make points and receive responses from each other as a means of building trust and to develop a broadly shared consensus about where Chevy Chase should be headed, and that initial plans be made for in-person meetings, if eased COVID restrictions permit later in the year.

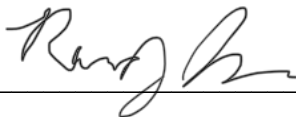
**FURTHER**, that the Commission requests the city's Office of Planning (OP) extend the calendar for the planning process through the end of calendar 2021 and asks the DC Council to appropriate additional funds to underwrite the extension beyond the end of the current fiscal year.

**FURTHER**, that the ANC-sponsored community-wide forums be coordinated with outreach efforts by OP and community groups such as Historic Chevy Chase DC and the Chevy Chase Citizens Association as well as workshops, presentations and discussions facilitated by the Commission and others to engage and inform Chevy Chase residents.

## RATONALE

1. The Chevy Chase Small Area Plan is a pioneering effort that emerges in substantial measure from actions by this Commission and aims to foster democratic discussion among residents about the future of their home in hopes of making this neighborhood more equitable and diverse, sustaining a strong commercial core and preserving the community's many positive attributes.
2. The Commission recognizes the rollout of the planning process to date has not been sufficiently ambitious or well-executed to meet the original aims of the Plan. It has expressed concern about these issues on several occasions.
3. In its February 22, 2021 resolution, the Commission called on OP to adopt a « more engaged and collaborative approach » by, among other things, working with the community to hire an independent, professional facilitator, scheduling many more community-wide meetings than the three it said it planned to conduct and, if necessary, extending the time frame for the process through the end of the calendar year. OP has not yet responded.
4. OP's first community-wide meeting, its March 4, 2021 public launch session, was not well received. Subsequent efforts by OP appear designed to encourage individual and small group interactions between residents and the agency, but little or no large-scale conversations among residents. These efforts by the planning agency include holding virtual office hours, doing neighborhood walk-about and planning for a survey.
5. During an April 6, 2021 Small Area Plan community advisory committee meeting, Erkin Ozberk, OP's project manager for the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, was asked whether it is the ANC's responsibility, rather than his agency's, to sponsor large community forums. His answer : « Yes, as an ANC commissioner, that is your partner role. That is a forum that you have the ability to sponsor as an ANC. »
6. As the elected voice of Chevy Chase, the Commission needs to step in in order to get the Small Area Plan back on track and give residents the means to play an important role in formulating a vision of where our community should head in the coming period.

**ADOPTED** at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of seven (7) of seven (7) members was present on April 26, 2021, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.



Randy Speck, Chair



Lisa R. Gore, Secretary