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ANC 3/4G Resolution
For the Commission to Foster
More Informed Community Engagement
in the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan

Adopted April 26, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission will carry out a community outreach program to bolster and ensure broad community engagement, transparency, and information exchange regarding the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan process and designates Commissioner Chang, ANC 3/4G-05, as the contact person for this program.

RATIONALE

The Commission has been involved with the latest DC Comprehensive Plan amendments since their inception and has been instrumental in initiating a Small Area Plan that provides supplemental and more detailed guidance to the “Comp Plan.” With an operating budget of \$150,000 for FY2021, DC’s Office of Planning started work on the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan in December 2020. Community engagement via the project website and an initial public meeting commenced in the first quarter of 2021. The Office of Planning’s virtual “public kick-off” meeting in early March 2021 was not well received, however, by the community, which has led to the Commission’s determination that an enhanced public engagement process would be beneficial. This Commission initiative is designed to complement the Office of Planning’s engagement process in a spirit of partnership and cooperation to foster a positive vision for the future of the Chevy Chase neighborhood. As a service to the community, the Commission has provided an extensive background document that includes an account of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan planning and engagement process. This background document accompanies this resolution. Both documents are available on the ANC3/4G website under the Resolutions section of the Documentation menu tab.

DETAILS

1 – The Commission will facilitate workshops, presentations, and discussions on neighborhood development to provide an opportunity for considering land use, zoning, residential issues, including affordable housing, nonconventional forms of ownership, and the social, economic, and other impacts of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan. Topics covered will be based on questions, concerns, ideas, or needs raised by residents in ANC 3/4G. The purpose is to help the community reach a greater understanding of complex issues related to neighborhood development.

This effort is meant to complement the Office of Planning’s engagement process (see: <https://publicinput.com/chevychase>) and is different from the Commission’s intention to sponsor community-wide forums for residents to share thoughts with each other regarding the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan.

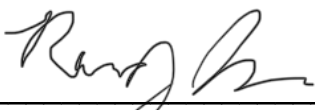
2 – The Commission offers to organize this outreach effort with stakeholders, including members of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan Community Advisory Committee, members of its own Standing Committee on Racial and Social Equity, other local civic organizations, and individuals with interest in Chevy Chase, DC, depending on the topic. It is expected that thought leaders, planners, professionals, and other stakeholders with knowledge, professional experience, and diversity of opinion and lived experience will be invited to lead and/or take part and address questions to help our community make sense of complex issues.

3 – The Commission expects to begin internal planning in May 2021, and engage in outreach efforts, as appropriate, until the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan is completed and delivered to the Council for deliberation and approval.

4 – Expressions of interest from local organizations and individuals who wish to partner with the Commission should be directed to Commissioner Chang at connie.chang@anc.dc.gov or 3g05@anc.dc.gov.

5 – Planned events will be announced and made available on the ANC website.

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