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Minutes

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

April 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting, 7:01-10:45 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 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 (six Commissioners present). Commissioner Lisa R. Gore (3/4G-01) joined during the Commissioner Announcements section of the meeting.

[00:06:18](#) **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Speck moved to approve the agenda. The motion was passed: 6 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

[00:06:35](#) **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Speck

- **District's FY 2022 Budget** — The district's fiscal year 2022 budget is again delayed. On April 7, 2021, the council set a new date for the mayor to submit her budget by May 27, 2021; the Department of treasury will not provide guidelines on how localities can spend COVID-19 relief bill until May 10, 2021. The federal money is going to be a substantial portion of the budget this year (\$2.2B). The council has not posted a schedule of its budget hearings, but hearings will begin on May 27, 2021, and continue through June. The Committee on the Whole will also likely have separate hearings on the proposed spending of the federal stimulus funds.
- [DDOT Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Study](#) - DDOT is continuing to accept comments until May 1, 2021. Comments should be submitted to Conn-Ave-revstudy@dc.gov. DDOT is expected to make a recommendation by June 30, 2021, and the ANC will be considering a possible resolution at its meeting on April 26, 2021.
- **Chevy Chase Art Group (Ch/Art)** - Ch/Art will have a pop-up art show on Sunday, April 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the PNC Bank parking lot. The art show will feature 18 local artists.
- **Historic Chevy Chase D.C.** - Historic Chevy Chase D.C. will be hosting a series of Zoom webinars to provide a historical context to the Small Area Plan. The first webinar, *Re-Imagining Washington, circa 1900*, will be on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[00:11:03](#) **Community Announcements**

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

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

- A new rental assistance program, StayDC was announced today. It helps D.C. residents facing housing instability during the pandemic with back pay up to 12 months of rent and utilities and 3 months of forward pay for rent and utilities. More information can be found on Stay.dc.gov.
- DCPS will begin enrollment for Fall 2021 completely in-person. Enrollment for the 2021/2022 school year is open at <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov>.
- In response to COVID-19, the new American Rescue Plan provides additional funds for health insurance premiums. The plan reduces premiums for health insurance through [DC Health Link](#).
- On Tuesday April 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. the House will hold its meeting on DC Statehood.

- All DC residents 16 years old and up are available to register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Matthew Landrieu, Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George, 202-286-6311.

Matthew Landrieu provided the Commission with the following announcements:

- The Councilmember will host a public meeting on public safety on April 20, 2021. Collective approaches to gun violence and the District's new Building Blocks program will be discussed.
- The new WMATA budget reversed the proposed service cuts. However, concerns still remain with the E6 route.
- The Mayor's proposed budget release is delayed. The Councilmember wants to engage the community on the budget process.
- There are concerns with weakening language in the revised draft of the Comprehensive Plan, especially language that reduces community input. The Councilmember agrees that the CORE office should be asked to complete the Racial Equity Impact Assessment before the Council votes.

Alex Krefetz, Manager Chevy Chase Main Street

Alex Krefetz provided the Commission with the following announcements:

- Chevy Chase Main Street hosted its first formal kickoff event which included the Mayor's office and political partners. One of CCMS' first programming efforts was its series of small business grants. The grant period is currently closed and they are in the processing of finalizing which businesses will be awarded grants.
- CCMS has been working closely with the Office of Planning on the Small Area Plan process to host additional community meetings.
- The Office of Planning will attend the Ch/Art show this Sunday. Alex will also attend.
- They are working on addressing the graffiti reported by members of the community along Connecticut Avenue.

00:30:03 Andrew Trueblood, director, DC Office of Planning

Director Trueblood was invited to attend the ANC meeting to address concerns raised by the community regarding the Small Area Plan and Comprehensive Plan processes. Specifically, Chair Speck requested Director Trueblood to address three (3) specific questions:

1. What is meant by modest density residential (i.e., what size buildings would be included in that term)?
2. Will the SAP consider any changes to single family zoning in areas adjacent to Connecticut Avenue and the commercial strip?
3. What happens if the Council approves the Comp Plan and a property owner asks that the ZC up zones a parcel on Ct ave before the SAP is completed and adopted by the Council?

Director Trueblood responded to additional questions from commissioners and attendees, but not all questions were answered. Director Trueblood agreed to return at a special meeting (subsequently held on April 21, 2021) to continue this discussion.

01:35:29 Commissioner Gosselin introduces resolution Requesting that the Council and the Zoning Commission Ensure That No Zoning Changes Will Be Approved Before Completion and Council Adoption of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan

Commissioner Gosselin provided an overview of a resolution that the Commission request the DC Council, as part of its consideration of the city's Comprehensive Plan, strengthen language in proposed Plan amendments to preclude changes to the zoning of the Chevy Chase Gateway (upper Connecticut Avenue corridor) until the Chevy Chase community has been able to engage in a full small area planning process, settle on a plan and have it enacted by the Council. Commissioner Gosselin moved that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was properly seconded and passed: 6 (Yes), 0 (No), 1 (Abstain).

01:59:38 Discussion of resolution that the Commission launch an outreach and education program in connection with the Small Area Plan

Commissioner Chang provided an overview of a resolution/motion supporting the Commission in carrying out a community outreach program to bolster and ensure broad community engagement, transparency, and information exchange regarding the Chevy Chase small area plan process.

Commissioner Speck offered an amendment acknowledging the Commission expresses agreement that the Commission needs to take the lead and organize an engagement effort with the community, and include community input in how that will be done, and work out the details of that in an upcoming meeting.

The motion was properly seconded and passed: 5 (Yes), 2 (No), 0 (Abstain).

02:45:26 Discussion of recommendation of Task Force on Racism education work group

Commissioner Gore provided an overview of the working group, and working group member Michael Gibbons provided the community with an in-depth discussion on the working group's process and recommendations, including the impact of the pandemic on the changing state of education in DC. Commissioner Gore moved that the new Standing Committee on Racial Justice and Social Equity carry out the five (5) areas of ongoing work proposed below, in accordance with the identified goals, objectives, and activities.

The motion was properly seconded and passed: 4 (Yes), 0 (No), 3 (Abstain).

03:19:05 Appointment of members of ANC's Standing Committee on Racial & Social Equity

Commissioner Gore moved that the following individuals be appointed to the Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee: Renee Inman; Jean Simmons; Gary Thompson; Libby martin; Lisa Oakley; Carl Lankowski; Cal Simone; Sara Remes; Jerry Malitz; Mara Verheyden-Hilliard; Maurice Werner; Judy Mays; Maria Sims; Ron Eichner; Marlana Perrin; and Ronald Kahn.

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

03:23:03 Discussion of resolution advising city to use federal funds to remove all remaining lead water service lines in the city within 10 years

Chair Speck discussed the persistent and chronic problem of lead service lines in the District, emphasizing that there are no safe levels of lead. The resolution would ask the Council and Mayor to include in the upcoming budget funding to remove lead service lines throughout the District and a commitment to do so within 10 years. Chair Speck moved that the Commission adopt the resolution.

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

[03:30:41](#) **Routine Commission Business**

Meeting Minutes. Chair Speck moved to adopt minutes from the March 22, 2021, meeting, as amended. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

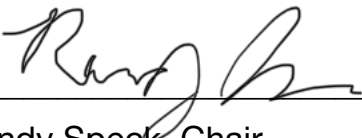
Check(s):

- \$116.58 for Zoom (March).
- \$64.97 for Zoom (Increase attendees from 100-500). Commissioner Speck moved that the Commission increase the Zoom attendees from 100 to 500 and the Commission reimburse for that. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).
- Commissioner Speck moved that the Commission approve the two checks. The motion was seconded and passed: 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

Possible Items for April 26, 2021 Meeting:

Report on Small Area Plan process; discussion and possible vote on testimony before the Council on budget hearings for the Housing Production Trust Fund (April 27th), Department of Parks and Recreation (April 28th), DC Public Schools (May 5th), and the Department of Transportation (May 7th); discussion and possible vote on testimony at the Council's roundtable hearing on DC Water, CRIAC, and lead service line removal (May 3rd);

[03:45:22](#) **Adjourn (10:45 p.m.)**



Randy Speck, Chair



Lisa R. Gore, Secretary