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Minutes
ANC 3/4G Special Public Meeting
June 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting, 7:30-8:40 pm
Meeting [Link](#)

00:00:00 **Introductions, Announcement of Meeting Procedures**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 (four Commissioners present).

00:03:31 **Adoption of Agenda**

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

00:03:58 **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Speck

- **Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes** — Contrary to a previous statement, the DC Department of Transportation will not resume reversible lanes and parking on Connecticut Avenue starting on June 1, 2021. Rules for the avenue will remain as they've been during the pandemic period, at least until the Department receives and reviews the findings of the reversible-lane study. Rush-hour parking restrictions are being enforced by DPW as of 6/1/2021. The Streatries will still keep curb lane access.”
- **Small Area Plan Visioning** — The DC Office of Planning invites everyone to take the [Visioning Survey](#) (closes June 24) and to register for one of four upcoming virtual [Visioning Workshops](#) on June 5, 8, 9, or 10.

Commissioner Zeldin

- **Traffic Ticket Amnesty** -- On June 1, 2021, the City launched an amnesty program giving drivers an opportunity to pay outstanding tickets for parking, photo enforcement (including speed, red-light, and stop sign), and minor moving violations. The program will run through September 30, 2021. Drivers eligible for the amnesty program are still obligated to pay the original ticket amount; however, any penalties will be waived. Department of Public Works (DPW) tow and storage fees, if any, will not be waived.
- **Dedication of the New Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center** – Mayor Bowser and Historic Chevy Chase DC invite the public to the dedication of the Center and the unveiling of two historical signs on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Commissioner Gore

- **Traffic Safety Assessment** – The Commissioner is participating in a safety assessment of the intersection in the 3200 block of Worthington Street NW and asks interested residents to contact her by email at 3G01@anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Chang

- **Sidewalk Palooza!** – ANC 3/4 G asks for the public's help as part of a city-wide effort to spot and report pedestrian safety problems, including cracked or buckled sidewalks from June 4, 2021 to June 11, 2021. Residents can submit 311 requests for repairs via the mobile app, by tweet ([@311DCgov](https://twitter.com/311DCgov), [@DDOTDC](https://twitter.com/DDOTDC), [@ANC3G](https://twitter.com/ANC3G)), or text DC311 (32311)

00:16:58 Discussion of and Vote on ANC Testimony on Proposed FY 2022 Budget for DC Public Schools (DCPS)

Commissioner Zeldin, who drafted the testimony, explained that it focusses on current and likely future overcrowding at the Lafayette Elementary School. It asks the District Council to include funds in the new budget so public school officials can seek additional space now, before the problem grows worse. Zeldin said the testimony focusses in particular on the non-viability of the Episcopal Children’s Center as a lease opportunity. Zeldin moved that the Commission authorize the testimony. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

00:21:45 Discussion of and Vote on ANC Testimony about District Contribution to Housing Production Trust Fund

Commissioner Chang, who drafted the testimony, said it applaud a proposal by Mayor Bowser to increase the District’s contribution to the trust fund from \$100 million a year to \$400 million over two years and asks that the mayor and Council set aside a portion of the funds to help Chevy Chase develop affordable housing in the community and most immediately at the Community Center-Library campus.

While agreeing that the increase is in the right direction, Commissioner Gore asked “Is it enough” or is it a Band-aid? She also asked that the testimony emphasize the help the fund could provide not just to private developers, but also to non-profit developers. Chang and Chair Speck said the testimony cites both non-profits and the District itself as a possible developers. Commissioner Zeldin asked that, when mentioning affordable housing, the testimony cites the Commission’s March 22, 2021 resolution that set as a goal for housing development in the community that units be affordable to household making 50 percent or less of the area media income (AMI).

Chang moved that the Commission authorize the testimony. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

00:38:24 Discussion of ANC support for proposed changes at the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC)

Chair Speck said that, rather than delivering testimony about the OANC budget, he has been working with a group of ANC commissioners and At-Large Councilmember Robert White to lay the groundwork for improvements at the agency. This has included conducting a survey of commissioners about what they need from OANC to do their jobs better. He said when the survey is presented to White, who chairs the committee that oversees OANC, he will simply voice his support for its findings.

Speck reported that White is “frustrated” with the agency’s past failure to spend appropriated funds earmarked for operational improvements.

Commissioner Zeldin asked whether the group had discussed whether it is time for a leadership change at OANC and the retirement of the agency’s current director. Speck said he had suggested this to White, but the councilmember is not currently interested in taking such a step. Commissioner Gosselin asked about whether a non-binding resolution of current ANC commissioners seeking a leadership change at the agency might be in order.

Commissioner Fromboluti countered that he was a “big fan” of the current director and that he disagrees with the idea of replacing him. Commissioner Speck said that there was no suggestion for a change of OANC leadership by any of the commissioners working on the survey.

00:50:44 Discussion of and Vote on ANC Testimony on Proposed FY 2022 Budgets for DC Water and Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

Chair Speck said the testimony will focus on the request by DC Water for \$350 million from the recent federal allotment to the District to fund removal of all lead water service pipes at no expense to customers. While the request was supported by six members of the District Council, Mayor Bower in her FY 2022 budget proposal includes only \$15 million for both pipe removal and lead paint mitigation. He said that this is “not an acceptable number.”

Commissioner Chang asked what competing uses the funds were put to. Speck said it was unclear. Chang called the \$15 million amount “a travesty.” Commissioner Gore said the lower number was “so disheartening.” Both commissioners said they may suggest even stronger language than is the current draft testimony to express the Commission’s disagreement with the mayor about the amount being proposed.

Speck moved that the Commission authorize the testimonies. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

01:04:12 Discussion of and Vote on Proposed FY 2022 Budget for Office of Planning (OP)

Commissioner Gosselin, who drafted the testimony, said it focuses entirely on small area plans and makes two points, that the budget items that OP uses to support small area plans are unwisely slated for cuts and that our community needs some additional funds to improve the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan now underway by adding a series of community forums.

Gosselin moved that the Commission authorize the testimony. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

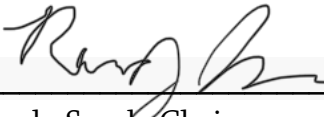
01:13:30 **Vote on ANC Quarterly Financial Report and Routine Commission Business**

Commissioner Higgins, the Commission's treasurer, said the quarterly financial report to the OANC for FY 2021, Second Quarter, shows an ending balance of \$22,903.02. The report has been completed and is ready for submission to the OANC. Of note, during May 2021, ANC3/4G received an OANC allotment payment of \$4,719.60. Higgins moved that the Commission approve the report for submission to OANC. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

Separately, Higgins moved that the Commission agree to reimburse Chair Speck \$222.58 for Zoom teleconferencing services. The motion was seconded and passed 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain).

The Commission then discussed possible agenda items for its June 14, 2021 meeting.

01:20:05 **Adjourn**



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary