



**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G**

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3/4G-01 - Lisa R. Gore, Vice Chair      3/4G-02 - John Higgins, Treasurer  
3/4G-03 - Randy Speck, Chair      3/4G-04 - Michael Zeldin      3/4G-05 - Connie K. N. Chang  
3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin, Secretary      3/4G-07 - Chris Fromboluti

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Minutes

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

July 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting, 7-9:40 pm

Meeting [Link](#)

[00:00:00](#)      **Introduction of Commissioners**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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), and Peter Gosselin (3/4G-06). Chris Fromboluti (3/4G-07) was on vacation and absent. Chair Speck declared a quorum (four Commissioners present).

[00:03:04](#)      **Zoom Meeting Procedures**

As it has since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, the Commission met virtually. Chair Speck described the body's Zoom meeting procedures

[00:04:36](#)      **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Speck moved to approve the agenda. The motion was passed 6 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain), 1 (Absent).

[00:04:57](#)      **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Speck

- **District FY 2022 Budget** — Council Committees have submitted their reports on the District proposed budget for next fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2021. The Committee on Transportation and the Environment did not propose an increase in the funds that the Mayor recommended for removal of all DC Water lead service lines without charge to customers. It did, however, propose \$200,000 to create an interagency task force to access DC Water’s plans for lead service line replacement (<https://bit.ly/3hVFkHs> at pages 96-98 and 122-125), as we also recommended in our testimony (<https://bit.ly/3x0jkBx>).

The Committee on Government Operations and Facilities proposed allocating \$250,000 to the OANC for Commissions to have access to expert assistance and to develop a strategic plan for the OANC.

Councilmember Cheh’s office has confirmed that the budget submission to Congress will include the changes that we recommended to the descriptions of the capital budgets for the Chevy Chase Community Center and the Chevy Chase Library to make clear that they will be a unified project consistent with the Small Area Plan.

First Vote on the FY 2022 Local Budget Act and Budget Support Act is scheduled for July 20, 2021, with an August 3, 2021 second vote on the Local Budget Act and first and only vote on the Federal Portion Budget Request Act and the remaining FY 2021 Supplemental, and August 10, 2021, will be the second and final vote on the Budget Support Act. More information on the Council’s FY 2022 Budget is available at <https://bit.ly/3wwUEQ1>.

- **MPD National Night Out** — The Metropolitan Police Department (Second District) invites everyone to the 38th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday August 3, 2021. This year, MPD Second District's event will be held at the Guy Mason Recreation Center located at 3600 Calvert Street NW from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Commissioner Zeldin

**Lafayette Elementary School & Episcopal Children’s Center** – Commissioner Zeldin reported meeting with Chancellor Ferebee and Andrea Swiatocha of the DC Public School system (DCPS) and

the Episcopal Children’s Center CEO Stephanie Nash and board Vice Chair Phil Collyer to discuss opportunities for ECC and DCPS to work together to address overcrowding at Lafayette and related issues. The parties agreed to stay in touch as options are explored.

- **Change in DDOT’s Community Engagement** – Sayra Molina is leaving her position as Ward 4 community engagement specialist for the District’s Department of Transportation (DDOT) and is being replaced by Tanya Powell. She is reachable at [tanya.powell@dc.gov](mailto:tanya.powell@dc.gov), (202) 345-4061. The new specialist for Ward 3 is Christian Pineiro, who is reachable at [christian.pineiro@dc.gov](mailto:christian.pineiro@dc.gov), (202) 716-0417.

#### Vice Chair Gore

- **Sidewalk Palooza** – DDOT has marked two sidewalk segments on Western Avenue near Pinehurst Circle and Chestnut Street for repair in response to requests by Gore. She advised other commissioners to check on the status of their sidewalk service requests. She recommended that the Commission arrange to walk the Wards 3 and 4 portions of the ANC community with DDOT representatives to inspect progress on sidewalk repairs.

#### Commissioner Gosselin

- **Military Road and Chevy Chase Parkway** – There was another accident at this dangerous intersection on Thursday night, July 8, 2021, vehicle damage only. In the past several years, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) has taken some steps to make the intersection safer, but accidents continue to occur. Commissioners tentatively agreed to ask DDOT interim director Everett Lott to meet with them in the near future.

#### 00:25:56      **Update on Chevy Chase Small Area Plan**

Commissioner Chang said the community advisory committee for the the Small Area Plan (SAP) heard reports on a survey of older Chevy Chase residents as well as initial information from the city’s Office of Planning (OP) on its survey and its four “visioning” workshops. Commissioner Gosselin said that OP appears to think there are only two other major events during which residents have a chance to voice their opinions. Both are in the fall, a design charrette and an “open house” at which the agency presents its draft plan. Gosselin said that if the Commission wants other public events, it will have to push hard for them.

#### 00:38:53      **Update on ANC’s Standing Committee on Racial & Social Equity**

Commissioner Gore said the committee sent a letter to the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and councilmembers Cheh, Pinto, and Lewis

George asking for a meeting to discuss non-traffic-related stop data that shows an inordinate share of those stopped were Black. A meeting is set for July 15, 2021.

[00:43:48](#) **DC Veterans Advisory Board Presentation & Discussion**

Commissioner Higgins introduced Stephen Slaughter and Carrie Backner-Mullins of the advisory board who discussed the organization's functions and advocacy of behalf of District veterans.

[01:06:36](#) **DC Department of Insurance, Securities & Banking Presentation**

Commissioner Chang introduced Idriys Abdullah, a consumer protection advocate with the agency, who made a presentation on COVID 19 scams and how to avoid coronavirus fraud. Among the schemes he discussed: cold-call offers of vaccines, cures, test kits, treatments and home air filter systems, investment, charitable contribution, person-in-need, and Social Security benefits scams.

[01:33:28](#) **Presentation by the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

DMV Director Gabriel Robinson announced the end of most pandemic-related restrictions with the DMV ending appointment-only operations and largely returning to walk-in operations beginning the week of July 19, 2021. He said the agency continues to require that masks to be worn during visits to agency facilities. He said that DMV is granting amnesty on almost all ticket penalties through September 30, 2021. He described the new residential parking permit fee structure, said a pandemic-initiated waiver of vehicle registration and inspections ended June 1, 2021 and a similar waiver for driver's license renewals will end September 9, 2021.

[02:01:35](#) **Discussion and Vote on Feed the Family Pantry Grant Application**

Vice Chair Gore and Chair Speck reviewed the status of Feed the Family's grant application for \$1,990 for refrigeration equipment to help the organization service food-insecure residents, particularly those in Regency House, a low-income senior apartment building at 5201 Connecticut Ave. NW. Gottlieb Simon, director of the DC Office of ANCs, has repeatedly objected to the grant, arguing it doesn't provide a "community benefit," and therefore does not comply with the law governing the Commission's grant-making powers. The Commission has asked for an opinion from the DC Office of the Attorney General, but commissioners were generally agreed they did not find Simon's

arguments persuasive. The Commission voted to approve the grant 6 (Yes), (No), 1 (Absent)

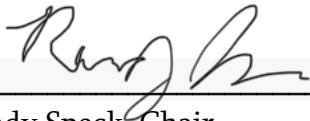
02:21:00 Discussion of Return to In-person/Hybrid ANC Meetings

- **Approval of Checks**

On recommendation and a motion by Commission Treasurer Higgins, the Commission voted 6 (Yes), 0 (No), 1 (Absent) to approve the following checks: \$222.58 to Chair Speck to reimbursed for the Commission's Zoom account, which is in his name, and \$522.89 to the DC Department of Employment Security for fees and penalties.

- The Commission discussed possible agenda items for its July 26, 2021 meeting.

[02:43:56](#) Adjourn



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary