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Minutes
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting
July 26, 2021
Zoom Meeting, 7-9:42 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) and Michael Zeldin (3/4G-04) were absent. Chair Speck declared a quorum (being four Commissioners present).

[00:02:36](#) **Zoom Meeting Procedures**

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

[00:03:55](#) **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Speck moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was passed 5 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain), 2 (Absent).

Chair Speck

Chevy Chase Bus Depot — WMATA has finally completed the restoration work on the Chevy Chase Bus Depot, located just south of Chevy Chase Circle. The ANC has been advocating for this restoration since at least March 2015. General Manager Paul Wiedefeld, Councilmember Mary Cheh, and DDOT Director Everett Lott attended the walk through on July 19, 2021. WMATA has prepared a [video](#) of the new facility, and information about the history of the bus depot is available on WMATA’s [website](#). The ANC continues to ask WMATA to consider other uses of this site while still meeting WMATA’s needs and preserving the historic building.

AG Opinion on Propriety of ANC 3/4G Grant — On July 12, 2021, the Commission approved a grant of \$1,990 to Feed the Family Pantry to purchase a refrigerator and cooler to store fresh fruits and vegetables to distribute to the food insecure in our ANC. Currently, the organization is supplying food to 15 residents at Regency House. Because of questions raised by the Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the Commission asked the Attorney General for an opinion about whether this grant is permissible under the ANC statute. On July 20, 2021, the AG gave us his opinion that because the refrigerator and cooler will be “broadly available to needy residents across the community, the community at large will benefit . . . , which would mean that this grant will serve (and the ANC had reason to believe it will serve) a public purpose.” Based on this opinion, we expect the OANC to approve this grant.

FY 2022 Budget — On July 20, 2021, the Council passed the the [Budget Support Act](#) for the FY 2022 budget. The Commission supported including further funding for lead service line replacement and the creation of an inter-agency Task Force to review DC Water’s plan for removing all lead service lines by 2030 (at page 243). The budget also includes funds to implement the Committee on Facilities and Operation’s recommendation that the OANC develop a strategic plan, which the Commission has advocated.

COVID-19 Survey — A student at Georgetown University, Allie Cho, asked that we announce a survey she is conducting on District residents’ opinions on the COVID-19 vaccine. The survey, which is limited to District residents, is open until the end of August, and you may complete it [here](#).

MPD 2D Awards Banquet — Second District MPD Citizens Advisory Council will hold its annual Awards Banquet on September 29, 2021, from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm at Maggiano’s restaurant at 5333 Wisconsin Avenue to honor officers and civilian employees whose performance has been extraordinary. You may support the banquet by paying for the officers’ tickets (\$50 each) and by attending (also \$50 each). Contact Samantha Nolan at nolantutor@gmail.com for tickets and additional information. (Subsequent to the meeting, the Citizens Advisory Council postponed the banquet until later in the year due to concerns about the Covid-19 delta variant.)

00:12:14 **Community Announcements**

Emir Gur-Ravantab, 3 Liaison, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

Military Road-Chevy Chase Parkway Intersection - Responding to neighbors’ complaints, Gur-Ravantab said he is seeking to alert the city’s Department of Transportation (DDOT) to the problem. Commissioner Gosselin said that he and Chair Speck would meet with DDOT officials at the intersection on July 27, 2021, at 3 p.m. and invited concerned citizens to join them.

Stay DC – The District’s rental assistance program can help those experiencing COVID-caused economic hardship and spending 50 percent or more of monthly income on rent with up to 18 months of rental and utility assistance retroactively or three months prospectively. Money for the program will be depleted by September. Commissioner Gore asked whether the city has improved the application process. Gur-Ravantab said he was unsure.

Matthew Landrieu, constituent services coordinator, Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

Income Tax Increase – The Council recently approved a proposal sponsored by the Councilmember to increase taxes on those making more than \$250,000 in annual income. Landrieu said that additional funds will go to expand services for the homeless, provide additional child care, and increase wages for child-care workers. Chair Speck asked whether the funds will be earmarked for these purposes and expressed concerns it could be “raided” for uses other than those the Council intended.

Building Blocks – The program is designed to direct funds to up to 151 blocks in the city that are particularly prone to gun violence in hopes of finding non-law enforcement means to reduce crime. Landrieu said Councilmember Lewis George recently learned that two

locations on Kennedy Street that have experienced problems will not be included in the program.

00:36:09 Discussion and Vote, Special Exception for 3706 Jocelyn St. NW

On a motion by Chair Speck that the Commission advise the BZA that it does not oppose a special exception for the construction of a two-story rear addition at the address, the Commission voted 5 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain), 2 (Absent).

01:03:41 Chevy Chase Small Area Plan Presentations

Alex Krefetz, program manager for Chevy Chase Main Street, reported that a recent market analysis found that about half of customers of business establishments along upper Connecticut Avenue come from the 20015 zip code and about another 20 percent coming from immediately adjacent zip codes, according to credit card usage. He said the age distribution of customers skewed to those under 25 and over 64. He said the area has a low vacancy rate and that those who frequent it prize its “comfortable” neighborhood feel. Erkin Ozberk, DC Office of Planning project manager for the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, reported on the results of an agency survey of residents as well as four June visioning workshops. He said residents’ comments about the community clustered around six themes:

- Social and cultural character, its diversity, inclusiveness and resilience;
- Physical character, its human scale, green, historic assets;
- Civic core at the community center/library;
- Retail character, its mix of neighborhood-serving, independent shops and services;
- Inclusive housing, its need for more housing options to accommodate a greater range of incomes, ages and races;
- Mobility, the need for it to remain walkable, provide transit, safer biking options, and clear parking provisions.

Ozberk said there is greater opportunity for changes on the east side of the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor than on the west side. He said OP will use the themes in preparing proposals that it will present during a design charrette in the fall.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gosselin, Ozberk promised the agency would be flexible and, if necessary, extend somewhat the time needed to complete the planning process. In response to a question from Chair Speak about protecting current small businesses along the commercial corridor, Krefetz said the recently announced the Great Streets Legacy Small Business Recovery Grant program aimed at businesses that have been in operation for 20 years or more. The deadline for applying is Aug. 18, 2021.

[02:12:57](#) **Update on ANC’s Standing Committee on Racial & Social Equity**

Commissioner Gore reported that members of the committee met July 15, 2021 with senior Metropolitan District Police officials as well as councilmembers Cheh, Lewis George, and Pinto to discuss statistics showing that 65 percent of Second District non-vehicle stops were of Blacks while Blacks make up only seven percent of the area’s population. The Committee is concerned the numbers indicate racial bias. She said MPD is examining the issue, but questions whether the use of population data is the correct way to measure disparities in stop data. MPD officials said that 53 percent of the stops were the result of calls for service by residents rather than a decision to stop by officers.

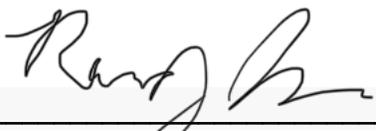
[02:32:04](#) **Discussion of Alternative Commission Meeting Venues**

Chair Speck reported that the Council passed emergency legislation on July 3, 2021, that permits ANCs to continue holding virtual meetings until February 5, 2022. The Commission will continue to explore other places to hold ANC meetings so that we can have hybrid meetings — both in person and virtual. Commissioners Zeldin, Gosselin, and Speck are checking with possible sites to see whether they might be suitable for ANC meetings.

[02:35:13](#) **Commission Business**

- On a motion by Commissioner Gosselin, who serves as secretary, the Commission unanimously approved minutes for the June 28, 2021 and July 12, 2021 meeting.
- Commissioner Higgins, who serves as treasurer, reported that the DC Department of Employment Security (DOES) waived a \$100 penalty for late filing of documents.

[02:41:57](#) **Adjourn**



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary