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ANC 3/4G Resolution Seeking to
Assure Quality and Public Participation in the
Remaining Community Portion of the
Chevy Chase Small Area Plan Process
November 8, 2021

RESOLVED, ANC 3/4G thanks the DC Office of Planning (OP) for its recently announced extension of the community portion of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan (SAP) process into January, 2022, and its decision to schedule community walking tours, an urban design survey, and a design charrette.

FURTHER, in order to assure public participation, the Commission requests that OP :

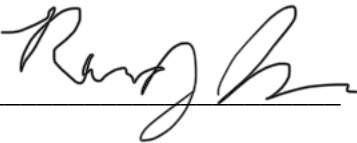
- Consider further extending the calendar for the community portion of the SAP as necessary, to ensure that Chevy Chase residents have adequate time to fully consider more detailed design proposals for our community;
- Provide residents with timely visual representations of the Chevy Chase Gateway corridor under various scenarios so that residents can see how the community's built environment might look in the future.
- Consider possibly conducting multiple sessions of the charrette, if requested by the Commission or community members, so that residents may fully review and debate proposals for the community's future.

RATIONALE

From the outset, this Commission has sought to ensure robust public participation in the SAP and to encourage OP to conduct an engaged and collaborative process with residents. During the information exchanges series it sponsored to supplement the SAP in the fall of 2021, it heard from Habitat for Humanity of Washington, D.C.'s president and CEO, Susanne Slater, and Alexandria, Virginia's deputy planning director, Jeffrey Farner, among others, that residents are most likely to engage in a planning process when they are given an opportunity to visualize and react to a concrete plan, which suggests that, properly designed and executed, the most productive leg of the planning process could be ahead of us.

To continue pursuing the goal of assuring the community a strong voice in its future and to take maximum advantage of the remaining community portion of the planning process before the focus turns to the Mayor's office and District Council, the Commission requests that OP allocate sufficient time for review of visual representations and consider the possibility of additional charrette sessions.

ADOPTED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of four (4) of six (6) members was present on November 8, 2021, by a vote of 4 (Yes), 2 (No), 0 (Abstain).



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary