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3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin, Secretary      3/4G-07 – [Vacant]

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Minutes  
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
November 8, 2021  
Zoom Meeting 7:00 – 10:16 pm  
Meeting [Link](#)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm 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). Commissioner Zeldin had computer problems that delayed his full participation. Chair Speck declared a quorum (being four Commissioners present).

[00:03:27](#)      **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.

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

Chair Speck moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was passed 5 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstain). Commissioner Zeldin was absent at this point.

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### **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Speck

**Chris Fromboluti’s Retirement from the Commission**— The community greatly appreciates Chris Fromboluti’s almost 13 years of service as a commissioner and vice chair on ANC 3/4G. He brought a level-headed approach and his architectural expertise to assist the Commission and the community on a wide range of topics. He will be missed.

**Commission Vacancy** – With Chris Fromboluti’s retirement, there is now a vacancy for the commissioner’s position in his Single Member District (SMD), 3/4G07. The Board of Elections posted the vacancy to fill out the term through December 31, 2022, in the District Register on October 22, 2021, but the Commission was not notified, and only discovered the posting on November 6, 2021. The deadline for submitting a petition with at least 25 signatures of registered voters within the SMD is [November 15, 2021](#). (Because no one submitted a petition by the deadline, the District’s Board of Elections subsequently re-posted the vacancy with a filing deadline of December 20, 2021.) The boundaries of SMD 3/4G07 are on this [map](#), and candidates must have lived within the SMD for at least 60 days. After a one-week challenge period, the Board of Elections will certify the candidates. If there is only one qualifying candidate, that person will be considered elected. If there is more than one qualified candidate, the Commission will be required to hold an in-person election, with all registered voters in the SMD eligible to cast a ballot. More information is available on the [Board of Election’s ANC webpage](#).

If anyone is interested in running for this position and wants to know more about serving on the ANC or how to navigate the process, please contact any of the current ANC commissioners. Our contact information is available on the [ANC 3/4G’s’s website](#).

Serving on the ANC is a rewarding way to contribute to the community, and the ANC is currently addressing a number of important issues. The residents in this SMD need to be represented on the ANC for the next year.

**Vaccination Sites** — Now that 5 to 11 year-olds are eligible for vaccination, the District has set up a number of sites where these children can get vaccinated. The sites are listed on the District’s [coronavirus website](#).

**Congresswoman Norton and the National Park Service** — Congresswoman Norton and National Park Service representatives will hold a joint community meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm. You may email [NortonEvents@mail.house.gov](mailto:NortonEvents@mail.house.gov) to RSVP for the event and receive the Zoom link.

**No More Gas-powered Leaf Blowers** — Gas-powered leaf blowers will not be allowed in the District after January 1, 2021. (See the Commission's [December 11, 2017 minutes](#) for a discussion of the legislation.) The new law provides needed protection for the health of the workers and quieter neighborhoods. Neighbors can report violations to DCRA for enforcement after January 1st. More information, including yard signs and some tips on the transition from gas-powered blowers to cleaner, safer, and healthier alternatives, is available at <https://www.quietcleandc.com/transition-guide>.

### Commissioner Higgins

**Maret School-Episcopal Center for Children Update** – Commissioner Higgins said that he and Chair Speck are monitoring the interaction between Maret and the community about the school's plans for developing athletic fields at the ECC site. He said the Commission may need to add some ANC provisions to the BZA permit for the project or arrange a separate agreement with Maret, as occurred with the expansion of the Ingleside retirement community. Higgins said he and Speck already have made some suggestions to Maret. But he said the Maret proposal is a bit fluid at this point as community reaction continues.

Higgins and Speck met with Maret officials and residents in a series of four neighborhood meetings between November 1-4, 2021. By the end of the evening of Thursday, November 4, 2021, Maret officials indicated a willingness to continue the dialog on virtually all issues, whether it be the height of the scoreboard, traffic control or water drainage. Maret's weekday usage projections won't change. Maret is still leaning towards including third party use, but is open to further discussion/options on this subject. There were many questions on the details of [the actual 64-page BZA application](#), which has now been filed. Maret represented towards the end of discussions that those BZA application details are in the context of preliminary or design stage descriptions and should not be considered final – with modifications possible as informed by community reaction and as further detailed engineering and construction studies evolve.

Marjo Talbott, Maret's head of school, indicated they had received 72 questions and planned to answer them all on the school's website this week. Maret will conduct another community Zoom presentation on November 16, 2021, and would like to use the good offices of the ANC for a second public presentation and Q&A at some future date. Maret will also conduct further meetings with the immediate neighbors soon and will bring engineers etc. to those discussions to answer technical issues. The followon is that BZA will put Maret on its

calendar for a public hearing with a date in March 2022. The BZA application can be modified up to three weeks before the hearing date. Thus, there is reasonable time for further community input.

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### Community Announcements

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

**COVID 19 Update** -- The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has extended its recommendation of the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. Since this version of the vaccine is formulated differently for younger children, it won't be available at the same DC-sponsored locations as the other vaccines. Vaccines will be available at select pharmacies such as CVS and Walgreens, as well as health clinics around the community. Walgreens is currently accepting appointments up to two weeks in advance, and allows you to book appointments for both doses at once, guaranteeing that your child will be fully vaccinated. Safeway has certain days at certain locations where the pediatric vaccine is offered. (See: <https://www.safeway.com/pharmacy/covid-19/covid-vaccine-for-kids.html>) Parents can book appointments for those days. On the meeting day, the Safeway at 3830 Georgia Ave NW was accepting appointments for Friday, November 19, 2021 from 3-8 p.m. DC Health is also hosting several popup locations. Times and locations in Wards 3 and 4 include Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. at Center City Public Charter School - Brightwood Campus; Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Murch Elementary from 10 a.m.; Tuesday November 16, 2021 at the Palisades Recreation Center; Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the E.L. Haynes Public Charter School from 3:30 p.m.; Friday, November 19, 2021 at both Lafayette Elementary and Janney Elementary schools both from 3:30 p.m., and Saturday November 20, 2021 at Whittier Elementary School from 10 AM. In addition, Spring Valley Pediatrics in Ward 3 and Mary's Center Fort Totten in Ward 4 have availability of the vaccine. Please call Spring Valley at 202-966-5000 and Mary's Center at 844-796-2797. Community groups can also request to launch pop-up vaccination drives at [vaccineexchange.dc.gov](http://vaccineexchange.dc.gov)

**Leaf Collection** -- DPW has begun leaf collection. Leaf collections will still occur twice in each neighborhood. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves, for collection, to the curb or into the tree box at the front of the residence. Please keep leaf piles free of any other objects which can damage equipment. No need to bag the leaves up; if you do, they will be collected as trash and not recycled. For missed leaf collections, residents can use 311 to open a "Leaf Season Collection" service request. Residents can also bring leaves to the Fort Totten

Transfer Station 4900 Bates Road, NE, Mondays – Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. See: <https://dcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fa5476e8cedb4eb185c9b30f173fde4b>

**Good Foods** -- The public is invited to join Mayor Bowser on Saturday, November 13, 2021, for the grand opening of the Good Foods Market at 4001 South Capitol St SW. The new grocery store is the latest effort to improve equitable access to fresh and healthy food in areas with less access.

Alex Krefetz, Manager, Chevy Chase Main Street

**Small Business Saturday** - Main Street will host giveaways of coffee, small business Saturday tote bags, and more on November 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please consider joining and supporting a Main Street business during this holiday season

**Chevy Chase Holiday Lights** join the Main Street and the Chevy Chase Businesses Community as we light up the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor from November 19, 2021 to January 6, 2022. Vote for your favorite light display, participate in our scavenger hunt for prizes, and more.

**Main Street Small Business Grants** – Main Street has one grant available to businesses now, and is planning its next round of competitive grants

- E-Commerce Grants - Main Street has set aside up to \$300 for any business that wishes to build out its e-commerce capabilities. Main Street is particularly interested in funding businesses' ability to engage in online sales without the use of app services such as DoorDash, Uber Eats and Postmates) and thereby allow them to retain revenue from sales, as well as the sales of digital gift cards. Businesses do not need to complete an application to be considered for this grant. Interested businesses should reach out to [ccms@districtbridges.org](mailto:ccms@districtbridges.org)
- Upcoming Competitive Grants - Main Street is finalizing plans for its first round of competitive grants, which is scheduled to open in January 2022. Additional information on the timing, amount, eligibility, and focus of the competitive grants will be shared when available. CCMS grants are exclusively offered to businesses within the Chevy Chase Main Street area.

**Small Area Plan-Business Engagement** - On October 29, 2021, five Main Street business owners joined representatives from the Office of Planning (OP), which is staffing the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan to discuss the impact of the small area plan on their businesses and provide an opportunity for a focused discussion on the needs and interests of businesses. Commissioner Gore questioned Krefetz about the low turnout of businesses. Krefetz said that

Main Street is continuing to work with OP to create additional engagements for businesses to participate including meeting business owners at their businesses.

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### **Community Bulletin Board**

Commissioners and other community officials are encountering difficulties finding a home for a proposed community bulletin board. Broadly, the problem is that placing the board in public space would involve expensive permits and structural requirements, and conversations with private businesses including Safeway and the PNC Bank have so far produced no result. At the moment, the most likely site is the Chevy Chase Public Library, using one of their window displays.

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### **Public Space Permit, 6630 31<sup>st</sup> St. NW**

“Cathy” from permit expediter City Permit said the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has told homeowners at 6630 31<sup>st</sup> St. NW they must close a curb cut and parking space made illegally by previous owners, and the District’s Office of Planning has supported DDOT. The homeowners are appealing the DDOT-OP decision in an application for an exception to the Public Space Committee (Tracking # 379540) and is seeking ANC support. Commissioner Gore asked whether the homeowners have pursued the matter with neighbors. Cathy said she didn’t think so. Gore, Chair Speck and Commissioner Gosselin said that while they sympathized with the homeowner, they were not prepared to act and suggested the homeowner seek neighborhood support.

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### **Special Exception, Mamma Lucia, 5504 Connecticut Ave NW**

Mamma Lucia has submitted an application ([20410](#)) for a permit or exception to operate in the former space of Pumpnickel’s deli. As part of the application process, it has been required to post notice of a November 10, 2021 hearing. Commissioner Gosselin whose district includes the pizza shop said that the establishment’s lawyer, Andrew Schulwolf, told him that owners are not seeking a change in use at the location and do not intend to alter the space. Schulwolf described the posted notice is a “mere formality” because the hearing has been postponed until early next year. Gosselin asked about a newly erected canopy over the sidewalk in front of the outlet. Schulwolf, who joined the meeting by phone, said he would find out whether a permit had been obtained for the canopy. (The lawyer subsequently reported that the sign company that erected the canopy failed to get a permit, but would seek one now.)

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### **Military Road NW-Chevy Chase Parkway NW Intersection**

Commissioner Gosselin offered a resolution requesting that DDOT finally install interim safety measures that it promised in July 2021 and that DDOT's acting director, Everett Lott, subsequently promised would be in place by Oct. 31, 2021, but have still not been installed. Gosselin said that he originally believed that these measures would be adequate, but that accidents on Oct. 11 and Nov. 1, 2021, had convinced him that the ANC needs to consider asking the agency to take the further step of making the one block of Chevy Chase Parkway NW from Military Road to Legation Street NW one-way northbound. But he said that because the one-way proposal will take time to discuss with the community and out of that, DDOT would use immediate discussion of the one-way proposal as an excuse not to install the interim safety measures, he framed the resolution so that the Commission will only take up the proposal after DDOT installs the interim measures. Chair Speck asked if Gosselin was already convinced that the interim steps will not solve the problem, in which case he suggested the Commission should consider moving straight to the one-way proposal. Gosselin said he is not so convinced and that evaluating the effectiveness of the interim measures would be part of any ANC consideration of the one-way idea. Commissioner Zeldin said he thought the issue did not merit a resolution, but simply a letter to DDOT. He said that Lott, in a recent private conversation with Zeldin, said that the interim measures would be installed in a matter of weeks. Zeldin and Gosselin disagreed on the matter.

On a motion by Gosselin, seconded by Speck, the Commission vote in favor of the [resolution](#) 5 (Yes – Gore, Higgins, Speck, Chang, Gosselin), 1 (No – Zeldin ), 0 (Abstain).

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### **Chevy Chase Small Area Plan**

Commissioner Chang said the ANC has sponsored six information exchange sessions to supplement the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan (SAP). Videos of the sessions can be found [here](#). Chang said she would conduct one, and possibly two, more. In addition, she and Commissioner Gosselin would sponsor a joint district-level meeting Nov. 17, 2021, at which advocacy group Ward 3 Vision would present its 30-year vision for the community's Connecticut Avenue corridor.

Chang said that she and Gosselin met with other members of the SAP's community advisory committee Oct. 26, 2021, to hear the Office of Planning's agenda for the final community portion of the planning process. It will kick out with a series of community walks on Nov. 20, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 8, 2021 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and Dec. 11, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Residents can sign up for the walks [here](#). In addition, OP will

make available an online design survey from Dec. 1, 2021, to Jan. 6, 2022, to help the community understand the thinking behind urban planning. Finally, the agency will conduct a virtual design “charrette” in mid-January at which OP and the community will exchange ideas about how Chevy Chase’s upper Connecticut Avenue commercial core may change in the future. Chang said the date and the exact format of the charrette are not yet clear. But the hope is that OP will present pictures and drawing to help residents understand how various policy changes would affect the community’s built environment.

Gosselin introduced a resolution that thanks OP for extending the calendar for the last community portion of the SAP process, asks for an additional extension beyond mid-January, requests the agency provide timely visual representations of how various policies would affect the community and consider multiple sessions of the charrette.

Commissioner Higgins expressed concern that many of the Chevy Chase community has still not heard of the SAP or has not yet registered what may be at stake. He suggested the Commission consider doing one or more mailings to all households alerting them to the final stages of the process. He said that as ANC treasurer he has set aside some funds for SAP communications and that the commission might also consider approaching Councilmember Cheh for funds to help pay for postage.

On a motion by Gosselin seconded by Commissioner Gore, the Commission approved the [resolution](#) 4 (Yes – Gore, Higgins, Speck, Gosselin), 2 (No – Zeldin, Chang), 0 (Abstain)

### [02:21:13](#)                      **Racial & Social Equity Standing Committee Update**

On a recommendation by Commissioner Gore, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve Karrenthya Simmons as a member of the committee. It heard reports on the committee’s top priorities and communications strategy.

### [02:35:12](#)                      **Strategy for Community Center-Library Campus**

The Community Center and Library are in line to be renovated. The Commission is exploring whether they can be rebuilt in conjunction with each other and in combination with affordable housing. Chair Speck discussed devising a strategy to align the projects in the District’s capital budget as a first step towards a consolidated approach to the site’s redevelopment.



He said that District's [FY 2021 Capital Budget](#) (at page 33) has \$24 million for the Library, with \$1.1 million in FY 2023, \$17.0 million in FY 2024, and \$5.9 million in FY 2025. The budget for the Community Center (at page 211) is a total of \$17.5 million, with \$6.5 million in FY 2023 and \$11 million in FY 2024. Those numbers bear no rational relationship to the costs actually needed for the Community Center or the Library, and they do not include any funding for affordable housing, an essential component of the project. The Commission has asked that the entire project be consolidated and treated as a single project to get the greatest efficiencies and to ensure that the financing, design, and construction of the complex is coordinated.

The FY 2023 budget process is beginning at District agencies now. The agencies will compile their budgets and submit them to Mayor Bowser. In late March or early April, the mayor will send her proposed budget to the Council. The Council will hold hearings for each agency's budget in April and May and adopt a budget in June. Because the Council works from the Mayor's budget, it is important to get funding in the Mayor's budget, if possible.

Speck said the Commission strategy needs to begin with the three relevant executive agencies — the Library (Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan), the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director Delano Hunter), and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (Deputy Mayor John Falcicchio). The Commission should try to get these officials to submit a joint budget for this consolidated project. Commissioners need to speak with the officials individually, and for the Commission to try to arrange a joint meeting with all three or their senior budget persons. This needs to happen before the end of the year.

First, the budgets need to all begin with significant funding in FY 2023 for planning and design, and the timing of the budgets should be synchronized. The Commission then needs to come up with the cost that it realistically expects the project to require. It can begin with the work that was done on the Community Center, but it may need to get expert assistance from architects and cost estimators. The Department of General Services may be able to help with some rules of thumb based on projected square footage.

Commissioners also need to contact Councilmembers, beginning with Councilmember Cheh, but including Councilmember Lewis George, the at-large councilmembers, and the Chair. The mayoral and council elections may present an opportunity since the votes of Chevy Chase residents will be important to any candidate in the races for mayor, council chair, at-large and Ward 3 council seats. Commissioners need to press the Commission's case with all of them. They can emphasize the high profile that this project will have and how it can be a model for other public projects.

Speck recommended that the Commission create a committee to lead this effort. The Committee should focus on three tasks: (1) getting the agencies to submit a joint budget for the consolidated project; (2) determining what that budget should be, and (3) working with elected officials to get these funds in the FY 2023 capital budget. The Commission will need to testify in the spring of 2022 in support of the budget that is needed to pursue the project.

02:57:18                      **Committee Business**

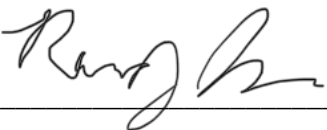
On a motion by Commissioner Gosselin, who is secretary, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of its October 25, 2021 meeting.

On motions by Commissioner Higgins, who is treasurer, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve a check in the amount of \$222.58 to reimburse Chair Speck for the body's Zoom subscription and authorize the submission of the ANC's quarterly financial report to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC).

Higgins said the report for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2021 shows an ending balance of \$28,113.44, as of September 30, 2021. Subsequent to the close of the quarter and fiscal year end, the Commission received an OANC allotment payment in early October. Its current PNC bank balance is \$32,255.78. As noted at the last meeting, the Commission has received the Pantry Fund report and confirmation receipts for the purchase of the refrigeration appliances so that closes out that grant item for fiscal 2021.

03:15:55                      **Adjourn**

**APPROVED** at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of X (X) of six (6) members was present on December 13, 2021, by a vote of X yes, X no, X abstentions.



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary

