



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

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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 – [Vacant]

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Minutes  
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
December 13, 2021  
Zoom Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
[Meeting Link](#)

00:00:00      **Introduction of Commissioners**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Commissioner Randy Speck, Chair (3/4G-03), presiding. Also present were Commissioners 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 Lisa R. Gore (3/4G-01) was absent. Chair Speck declared a quorum (being four Commissioners present).

00:02:40      **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. He noted that the meeting was the last of 2021.

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### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

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### **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Speck

**Mayor’s Announcement on Affordable Housing** — On Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 10:30 am, Mayor Bowser and DC agencies will provide an update on housing equity in Rock Creek West and other affordable housing announcements. She will “share new opportunities and the path forward to achieving [the District’s] housing equity goals.” The announcements will be made in the courtyard between the Community Center and the Library, 5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW. You may register at [tinyurl.com/HousingEquityUpdates](https://tinyurl.com/HousingEquityUpdates).

**ANC Boundaries** — As the Council concludes its work on redrawing the Ward boundaries, the next phase in the redistricting process is for each Ward member to establish a task force to evaluate and possibly redraw ANC boundaries. Councilmembers Cheh and Lewis George, along with their at-large colleagues, will soon be making appointments to the Ward 3 and Ward 4 task forces. Councilmember Cheh has announced that sitting ANC Commissioners or those planning to run for the ANC will not be eligible to serve on the task Ward 3 force, and the group should be diverse in many ways, including geographical diversity. If you are interested in being appointed to the Ward 3 task force, please email Abigail McLean at [amclean@dccouncil.us](mailto:amclean@dccouncil.us) with your name, address, telephone number, and a short description of your interest in serving. For Ward 4, you may email Lenace Edwards at [ledwards@dccouncil.us](mailto:ledwards@dccouncil.us) in Councilmember Lewis George’s office.

**Leaf Pickup** — The Department of Public Works (DPW) reports that it is running about two weeks behind schedule. The updated timing for the second pass for leaf collection in our ANC indicates that residents should rake their leaves so that they are in the tree box or the street by Sunday, December 19, 2021. You may check DPW’s [website](#) for any later updates.

**ANC 3/4G07 Vacancy** — The Board of Elections has reposted the vacancy for commissioner in ANC 3/4G07. The period for circulating petitions is currently open but closes on December 20, 2021. Candidates may pick up nominating petitions by emailing [candidate@dcboe.org](mailto:candidate@dcboe.org) or in-person by appointment at 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750. For more information, you may call 202-727-2525.

The boundaries of Single Member District (SMD) 3/4G07 are on this [map](#), and candidates must have lived within this 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](#).

**ANC 3/4G's FY 2021 Annual Report** — As required by law, ANC 3/4G has prepared an annual report of its activities in FY 2021, and it is available on the Commission's [website](#). The report describes the Commission's meetings, the major issues that the Commission addressed, all of the presentations at Commission meetings, the resolutions that the Commission adopted, grants given, testimony submitted to the Council or District agencies, and financial data.

**Beach Drive** — In July, the National Park Service (NPS) indicated in a public presentation that it would take comments in November on its proposed Environmental Assessment of future plans for the northern section of Beach Drive, which has been closed to vehicular traffic since early in the pandemic. NPS now indicates that it is “a bit behind schedule” because they “have a lot of data to analyze.” They “now plan to release the [Environmental Assessment] in January for a 45-day comment period.” More information is available on the National Park Service's [website](#).

### Commissioner Higgins

**Episcopal Center for Children (ECC)-Maret Update** -- A group has formed to address the concerns about the proposed playing fields at ECC, which calls for landscaping changes to the field. The Center has leased the field to the Maret School, which has proposed the creation of football, soccer and baseball fields at the site. The citizens group will be following Maret's application to the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and has engaged legal counsel for that effort. The email for the group is: [friendsofthefield20015@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthefield20015@gmail.com).

In other ECC-Maret developments:

- On Dec. 16, 2021 at 6 p.m., Maret will host a virtual community outreach meeting. You may register to attend this meeting at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvdu2sqDssEtYGGg9Ro57MM\\_Wk-y4UrMPN](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvdu2sqDssEtYGGg9Ro57MM_Wk-y4UrMPN)
- On Jan. 6, 2022, Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George will hold a public virtual meeting for residents to express their views about the project and Maret's BZA application. Register for the event at: [https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMocOGuqzsrH9NkkmF-YgsAc7SrwKP\\_8jwU](https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMocOGuqzsrH9NkkmF-YgsAc7SrwKP_8jwU)

- Chair Speck and Higgins have formed a small advisory group to assist the ANC in addressing residents' concerns with a range of perspectives on the field and will be putting people from Friends of the Field on that advisory group.

### Commissioner Chang

**Traffic Calming On Broad Branch Road** – On Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, Commissioner Chang will host a neighborhood meeting with representatives of the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to discuss installing speed humps or speed tables on Broad Branch Road between Legation and Morrison Streets.

### 00:18:36                      **Community Announcements**

Alex Krefetz, Manager, Chevy Chase Main Street

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

**School Zone Traffic Safety** -- Beginning Monday, November 29, 2021, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) will be conducting a traffic safety campaign targeting safety in school zones. The goal is to provide additional safety measures in school zones for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians during high-pedestrian traffic times. The campaign will include seven MPD officers conducting enforcement and education in school zones. The enforcement will occur three hours prior to school arrival time and three hours after dismissal. Officers will focus on distracted driving, speeding, stop sign violations, and pedestrian violations. School resource officers will distribute traffic safety literature to roadway users near schools to remind them to exercise caution.

**Leaf Collection** -- Residents can leave their bagged leaves at Fort Totten Transfer Station 4900 Bates Road, NE.

**Ticket Amnesty Program** – The Department of Motor Vehicles' amnesty program remains in effect until the end of 2021. Late penalties are being waived on outstanding tickets, late penalties until then.

**COVID Vaccinations** – Residents can schedule at-home vaccinations for family members ages

five and up. Appointments can be made by calling 1-855-363-0333. In addition, residents and of-age children can get vaccinated at city libraries, walk-up sites and pop-up clinics.

**Senior Celebration** -- On Wednesday December 15, 2021, the annual Senior Holiday Party will be held from 11 am to 2 pm at the Convention Center. It's open for residents aged 60 and older, please RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/mmbseiorholidaycelebration>.

**Foot Race** -- Additionally, Saturday January 1st, Mayor Bowser will kick off the new year with the annual Fresh Start 5k, at 10 am at Anacostia Park. Join us in marking the new year by encouraging healthy habits. Register at [fitdcfreshstart5k.com](http://fitdcfreshstart5k.com).

During an exchange with Gur-Ravantab, Commissioner Zeldin said he is concerned that the city's ban on loud, gas-powered leaf blowers, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2022, poses a crippling financial burden on small, minority-owned landscaping companies and should be delayed. He said the city's rebate program to help owners switch to electric-powered blowers is inconsequential.

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#### **Community Center-Library Redevelopment**

Chair Speck reported on his Dec. 13, 2021 meeting with Mayor Bowser, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development John Falcicchio and Richard Reyes-Gavilan, the executive director of DC Public Library, about the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library site. The ANC is seeking to coordinate redevelopment of the site, likely including affordable housing. Speck said Bowser told the group that the District's Housing Production Trust Fund, the principal way the city supports affordable housing development, would not contribute until plans for the site are further advanced. She was reluctant to issue a request for proposal for the site until the community's small area plan is complete. Speck said the meeting focussed on coordinating the capital budgets for the Center and Library for next fiscal year so planning could get underway. He said the mayor and city officials strongly support the coordination.

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

Commissioner Chang, who sits on the community advisory committee for the plan with Commissioner Gosselin, said the DC Office of Planning (OP) told her that 30 to 40 people attended each of three recent community walks with some coming to more than one of the walks. She said that the agency finally has hired the design firm of Cunningham Quill to produce plans, renderings and elevations to give residents a better sense for what various planning and zoning changes would mean for the community. She said OP plans to hold an in-person design charrette, possibly at Deal Middle School on January 22, 2022. (The agency subsequently dropped the idea of an in-person event after the Omicron COVID variant spread.

01:08:25                    **Ward Redistricting Update**

Commissioner Zeldin said that in the aftermath of the ANC voting to call for a change in the Ward 3-4 boundary to shift neighborhoods west of the park back to Ward 3, the District Council decided in the first of two votes to not make the change and leave the ward boundary intact. He said that residents are circulating a petition calling for reunification until Dec. 15, 2021. The Council takes its second and final vote Dec. 21, 2021.

01:12:54                    **Commission Business**

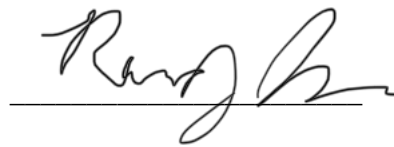
On a motion by Commissioner Gosselin, who serves as secretary, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve minutes for its Nov. 8 and Nov. 22, 2021 meetings.

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, who serves as treasurer, the body approved checks for \$222.58 to reimburse Chair Speck for the ANC's Zoom account and \$50.93 for the IRS in connection with early 2020 employee taxes.

Commissioner Chang discussed the job description for an administrative assistant to help the Commission with its business.

01:30:28                    **Adjourn**

**APPROVED** at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of four (4) of seven (7) members was present on January 24, 2022, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary

