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March 15, 2022  
Washington, DC

Anita Cozart  
Interim Director  
DC Office of Planning  
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Dear Interim Director Cozart;

This letter is to alert you to our concerns about the timeline and logistics for the final local phases of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan process and to join with the advocacy group Ward3Vision in asking for a number of changes.

During our March 10, 2022 special meeting, Erkin Ozberk, the OP project manager for the planning effort, told the Commission that the Office would release its draft plan on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>; that the Commission and community would have a 30-day comment period through April 13<sup>th</sup>; that OP would collect comments, but not release them until the end of the comment period and that OP would hold a hearing on the draft plan on April 13<sup>th</sup> in the comparatively small Chevy Chase Library meeting room.

Commissioners told Ozberk of our concerns during the meeting, but he indicated the Office had little ability to make adjustments because the April 13<sup>th</sup> public hearing and venue

have already been posted in the District Register. The Commission authorized this letter at its duly noticed March 14, 2022 meeting by a vote of 6 to 0 with no abstentions and one absent (four being a quorum).

ANC 3/4G believes that the 30-day comment period does not provide adequate time for the Commission and community residents to comment. This is especially so, given that OP presented its first, limited visual representations of what our upper Connecticut Avenue corridor might look like in the future at a January 22, 2022 design workshop and only modestly augmented those representations for a February 23, 2022 poster session at the Library.

The ANC believes that conducting the hearing immediately on the heels of the comment period is unwise and that the Library meeting room is too small a venue. Finally, we believe that the community and the Commission would be best served if they could see comments as they come in, rather than at the end of the comment period.

With these concerns in mind, we ask for the following changes in process:

1. Extend the comment period from 30 to 60 days
2. Change the venue of the public hearing from the Library meeting room to a substantially larger setting, perhaps the Deal Middle School, after the 60 days.
3. Post written comments as they are received, rather than at the end of the comment period.

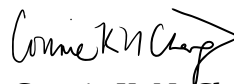
As Ward3Vision noted in its communication with you, many Chevy Chase residents are becoming aware that a planning process has been underway. The extension of 30 days would give them additional time to digest the draft plan and comment. It takes into account an early spring calendar that's crowded with events such as candidate forums, Passover, Easter and school spring breaks. And it doesn't appear to cause problems with the Council's schedule, which typically is filled with budget matters through late May.

On behalf of the Commission,



Peter Gosselin

Commissioner 3G-06



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