



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

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3/4G-01 - Lisa R. Gore, Vice Chair      3/4G-02 - John Higgins, Treasurer  
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 - Charles Cadwell

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Minutes  
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
April 11, 2022  
Zoom Meeting 7:00 – 8:57 pm  
Meeting [LINK](#)

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

Commissioner Randy Speck, Chair (3/4G-03), called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also present were Commissioners John K. Higgins (3/4G-02), Connie K.N. Chang (3/4G-05) and Charles Cadwell (3/4G-07). Commissioners Lisa R. Gore (3G-01) and Michael Zeldin (3/4G-04) joined a short time later. Speck declared a quorum (being four Commissioners present).

[00:02:21](#)      **Zoom Meeting Procedures**

Chair Speck said the Commission is now in its third year of meeting virtually because of the COVID pandemic. He said that ANC's last in-person meeting was March 9, 2020. He briefly

described the meeting procedures. The Commission recently began asking to register in advance of the meeting to try to prevent a repeat of a Zoom-bombing incident.

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### **Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion by Chair Speck and with Commissioner Zeldin now in attendance, the agenda was approved. The vote was 7 (Yes), 0 (No), 0 (Abstentions).

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### **Commissioner Announcements**

#### Chair Speck

**Maret Proposed Sports Field** — On April 6, 2022, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) unanimously approved Maret's proposal for sports fields at the Episcopal Center for Children. The Board found that the proposed sports fields are a legitimate private school use and, therefore, are properly considered by the Board as a special exception. They rejected the argument that Maret's leasing of the field converted it into a commercial operation and rejected the arguments by the D.C. Attorney General that this was more properly a zoning variance that could only be considered by the Zoning Commission. The Board complimented the ANC for its work with Maret and the community to develop the conditions in the MOU, but it found that some of the MOU conditions were beyond the zoning scope of the BZA's jurisdiction and what it could enforce. Therefore, it would not incorporate the MOU into the order but would reference the MOU in the order and expect Maret to honor all of its provisions. The Board's order will include as a condition that Maret designate a representative to be the liaison to the ANC to ensure that the MOU is followed.

The group that opposed Maret's proposal immediately filed a motion to stay the case pending an appeal, but the BZA rejected the motion as premature because it cannot be made until there is a final, written order and decision. A final written decision may not be issued for months.

**ANC Redistricting Reports and Subcommittee Hearing** — The Ward redistricting task forces have completed their reports with recommendations for new ANC and Single Member District boundaries. They are available on the [Ward 3](#) and [Ward 4](#) redistricting websites. (Pages 80-87 of the Ward 3 report and pages 28-29 of the Ward 4 report address ANC 3/4G.) On April 7, 2022, the Council's Redistricting Subcommittee held the first of two hearings on these redistricting reports, and the video of the hearing is available [here](#). (The portion on Ward 3 begins at 02:22:28 and is followed by Ward 4.) The second and final Subcommittee

hearing will be held on April 28, 2022. Information on participating in that hearing is available [here](#).

**Beach Drive Closure** — The National Park Service has been preparing an Environmental Assessment that was to have been issued last December. The Superintendent now reports that the process is delayed because the US Fish and Wildlife Service recently issued a plan to protect the endangered Hay Spring Amphipod which lives in the seeps alongside Beach Drive. This plan will impact the final decision about opening Beach Drive, and NPS needed to wait for it to be finalized. They are also doing a carrying capacity study for this area. The Fish and Wildlife Plan is open for comment for another 30 days. Right now, NPS expects to complete the Environmental Assessment in July. The road will remain closed until a final decision is made. The Superintendent said that “NPS is very deliberative in this process to try and get the best informed decision.”

**Carnegie Neighborhood Lecture** — The Carnegie Institution for Science on Broad Branch Road will begin its spring neighborhood lecture series on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm with a discussion by Dr. Peter Gao on his work with the new James Webb Space Telescope to explore unusual exoplanets — “Hot Jupiters, Super Puffs, and Lava Planets.” You can register for this lecture [here](#). Carnegie plans to hold the next lecture in this series on June 16, 2022, and it will be in person.

#### Commissioner Higgins

**Oregon Avenue Reconstruction** – A new bridge over Pinehurst Run, which had been expected to be finished in early April, is now slated for “substantial” completion in late May.

#### Commissioner Zeldin

**Leasing to Alleviate School Overcrowding** – In a reversal of its previous ban on leasing property for schools, DCPS recently sought leasing opportunities to alleviate overcrowding at Lafayette Elementary School, but received no proposals. It is renewing the request for lease space and intends to leave the offer to lease open until it locates appropriate facilities.

#### Commissioner Chang

**Community Center-Library Playground** – Commissioner Chang said the District's Department of General Services (DGS) informed her it will begin replacing or patching the playground turf. The patching was supposed to have occurred in June and then

September of 2021, but was delayed because of supplier issues. The latest schedule is for the work to begin April 11, 2022.

### Commissioner Cadwell

**Connecticut Avenue Redesign** – Commissioners Chang and Cadwell attended a meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for the Connecticut Avenue redesign April 6, 2022. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) reported that it has already removed reversible lane signs and is reducing the speed limit on the avenue from 30 miles per hour to 25.

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### **Community Announcements**

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

**DC Emancipation Day** – The day will be celebrated April 16, 2022 with a parade that will begin at 2 PM at 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Pennsylvania Avenue NW and end at Freedom Plaza in front of City Hall. There will be food, music, and fireworks, and Mayor Bowser will be present. For those unfamiliar, DC Emancipation Day is a holiday similar to Juneteenth, celebrating the freedom of enslaved people after the Civil War.

**Groundbreaking** -- On Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11 AM, the city will break ground for the Joy Evans Recreation Center, which is to be renovated to offer wellness programs in a physical, emotional, and mental sense to all ages, provide a heated pool, a spa and bio-immersion to promote and encourage connection to nature, and sensory rooms for children with autism.

#### Jim Lewis Constituent Services Coordinator, Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

#### **Legislative Updates –**

- The week of April 4, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles to streamline the removal of abandoned vehicles in our neighborhoods by updating the overlapping definitions in current law. Along with the legislation, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is acquiring additional impound lot space and expanding its towing team to improve the city's response to abandoned vehicles.
- In March, the councilmember introduced the CLEAN Collections Act to regulate trash and recycling services from apartment buildings that are not serviced by DPW.

The measure sets standards for how many cans should be at each apartment/condo building and requires that collectors pick up trash at least twice a week. For more about the bill, see: <https://janeeseward4.com/introducing-the-clean-collections-act-to-address-trash-overflow-and-rodents-in-dc-neighborhoods/>

**Ward 4 Cares** – The councilmember is planning two outreach days, the latest in a series in various neighborhoods, when she, staffers and DC agency representatives check in with residents, make sure they're connected to DC resources, and see what issues they're facing and what support they need. For a full schedule and to sign up for your neighborhood's event, see: <https://janeeseward4.com/care/>

The next events will be:

- Thursday, May 26, 2022 from 4pm-7pm: Chevy Chase
- Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 4pm-7pm: Barnaby Woods & Hawthorne

Amy Sinnenberg, Constituent Services Coordinator, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary M. Cheh:

**Filing Extension for Short-term Rental Licenses** -- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is extending the application grace period for short-term rental licenses. To assist hosts who have not yet obtained their licenses, and to allow them confirm eligibility for the Homestead Deduction or obtain a Certificate of Clean Hands from the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), DCRA will extend the grace period for an additional 60 days until June 9, 2022.

00:26:05                      **Initial Discussion, Draft Chevy Chase Small Area Plan (CCSAP)**

The night's discussion was the first since the Commission convinced the District's Office of Planning (OP) to extend until May 13, 2022, the deadline for comment on the draft small area plan that the agency publicly released March 14, 2022. The aim of the discussion was to set the stage for the ANC to write and agree on a resolution about the draft. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Gosselin, who moderated the discussion, suggested the ANC use as a yardstick its February 12, 2020 resolution first calling for the small area plan to take the measure of the draft. He cited its three top-line points:

- “Our community needs more affordable housing that will promote income diversity and enrich our civic life;
- Our neighborhood can and should accommodate population growth while also

preserving its hallmark livability and assuring that new development has a compatible scale, function, and character with the surrounding structures; and

- Our residents require increased infrastructure planning - especially for public schools and transportation - that specifies how the District will meet demands for the current and future population.”

Commissioner Higgins said the Commission should “not get into a gotcha situation” in assessing the draft plan, which he described as a “guidance document” with few enforceable specifics. Chair Speck responded that the final CCSAP will guide and restrict the Zoning Commission in changing zoning along the Connecticut Avenue corridor to allow new development. “I do think it’s going to have some teeth,” he said. He said the Commission can and should persuade OP to modify the draft to make it more specific. Commissioners Chang and Gore echoed the call for more specifics, especially involving affordable housing small businesses along Connecticut Avenue. “I think our resolution needs to be extremely firm and really convey what we want to see,” said Gore.

Commissioner Zeldin took a different tack saying that the draft plan is “too vague” and suggesting that the community might be better off turning to an historic district both to protect the “design structure of our neighborhood” and to make sure “there is affordability that’s built in.”

Speck suggested the Commission schedule a series of special meetings to bear down on various elements of the draft plan. Gore called for more public involvement in the process. Reminded of the tight timetable for comments, she called on the Commission to “go the extra mile” to solicit public comment about the draft plan.

#### **01:19:04      **Presentation by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)****

Christopher Dyer, Lead Engagement Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation:

DPR manages year-round programming at 244 sites in the city across 900 acres and more than 100 capital improvement projects.

For information about department programming, go to: <http://dprprogramming.com>.

For a calendar of DPR events, go to: <http://dpr.events>.

Use of DPR sites by 10 or more people requires a permit. For permits, go to: <http://dpr.dc.gov/permits>.

The department is working on a 20-year strategic plan that can be reviewed at: Ready2PlayDC.com.

Commissioners and meeting attendees quizzed Dyer about fencing programs, horseshoe pits and building an ice skating rink.

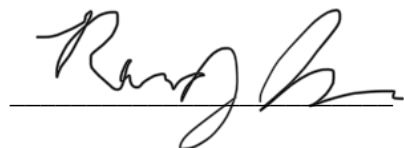
01:35:25                      **Commission Business**

**Treasurer Report** -- Commissioner Higgins, who serves as treasurer, said that the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) contacted him about issues the Commission had not been paying attention to in making its quarterly financial reports. He said that he has straightened them out and the Commission is now in full compliance. He praised OANC staffer Dawn Dickerson for her help.

**ANC Administrative Assistant** – Commissioners Chang and Higgins said that, yet again, the Commission has lost a potential candidate for the position of Commission administrative assistant. The position has been empty for almost a year. They said they are seeking to post notices about the job at the University of the District of Columbia and American University in hopes of attracting a student worker.

01:57:03                      **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 May 23, 2022, by a vote of **6** (Yes), **0** (No), **0** (Abstentions).



Randy Speck, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary