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**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G**

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3/4G-03 - Randy Speck, Vice 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  
November 14, 2022  
Zoom Meeting 7:00 – 9:11 pm  
Meeting [Link](#)

[00:00:45](#)      **Introduction of Commissioners**

Commission Chair Lisa Gore (3/4G-01) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Commissioners John Higgins (3/4G-02), Randy Speck (3/4G-03), Connie K.N. Chang (3/4G-05), Peter Gosselin (3/4G-06) and Charles Cadwell (3/4G-07). Commissioner Michael Zeldin (3/4G-04) joined the meeting in its second hour. Gore declared a quorum (being four commissioners present).

[00:03:55](#)      **Zoom Meeting Procedures and Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Gore described the Commission’s virtual meeting procedures. The Commission then unanimously adopted its agenda after Commissioner Chang asked for Commissioner Cadwell’s name to be added to the section, “Discussion on the Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes and Multimodal Safety Project.”

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## Commissioner Announcements

Chair Gore

**Holiday Market at Chevy Chase Farmers Market** -- On Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 3 - 5:30 pm the Chevy Chase Farmers Market hosted its third annual Holiday Market at Lafayette Elementary. The market featured new bakers and new makers of kitchen textiles, art, plants, jewelry, home goods and more.

**Jazz @ Wesley** – On Saturday, November 19 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, the Alex Hamburger Quartet will play at the Wesley Campus, National United Methodist Church, 5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Find more information [here](#).

**Feed The Family (Ward 3) - HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE** -- Please donate a \$25 gift card or more from Giant, Safeway, Target, Trader Joe's or CVS so neighbors in need can enjoy a holiday meal. Please bring your gift cards to the Pantry on Saturdays or Sundays between 10am and 3pm. For more information see: <https://www.feedthefamilydc.org/>.

**Turkey Giveaway 1** - Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and the Lamond Riggs Citizens Association is hosting a turkey giveaway on Saturday, November 19 from 11 am – 1 pm at Lamond Recreation Center, 20 Tuckerman St. NE. They are providing one turkey per family on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring proof of Ward 4 residency. If you are unable to pick up a turkey in person, email the Councilmember's office at [teamjaneese@dccouncil.us](mailto:teamjaneese@dccouncil.us) or call 202-724-8052 during regular business hours with your name, address, and contact information.

**Turkey Giveaway 2** -- The Friends of Emery and the Vernon Davis Foundation are teaming up for a Turkey Giveaway at Emery Heights Community Center, 5701 Georgia Ave NW on Saturday, November 19 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

**Upcoming Council Session** -- On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, the Council will have one of its final legislative sessions before the year and the Council's current term are up. The agenda includes a second vote on DC's criminal code revision and several other pieces of legislation.

**State Board of Education** – The Board's monthly public meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Old Council Chambers in the Marion S. Barry, Jr. Building, 441 4th Street NW and streamed live via [District Knowledge Network \(DKN\)](#).

**DC Job Fair** -- The DC Business Gun Violence Prevention Coalition will host a Jobs Not Guns recruitment fair in Ward 5 on Wednesday, November 16 from 11 am-3 pm at Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, 1100 Michigan Ave. NE.

**Town Hall Conversation on Mental Health** -- DC Health Link is hosting a virtual Town Hall Conversation on mental health care as essential to good health on Thursday, November 17 at 12 pm-1:30 pm. Mental health professionals and advocates will talk about recognizing signs of mental illness, children and teens' mental health, treatment options, racial and ethnic disparities, and resources for residents. Register to attend.

**DC PSC Winter Ready Supplies** -- The DC Public Service Commission is giving away free home weatherization items while supplies last. These include self-stick weatherseal, polyfoam pipe installation and window insulation to help residents reduce their energy costs and protect their home during colder months. The Commissioner also is providing information on utility assistance programs. Please visit one of the other citywide distribution points to pick up weatherization supplies.

**RiverSmart Homes Rain Barrel Workshop** -- The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Washington, DC's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is hosting a virtual rain barrel and stormwater workshop on November 16 from 12 – 1:30 pm. The workshop will discuss major stormwater issues in the District and how the Alliance and DOEE are working to address them. This will include use of rain barrels, their stormwater benefits and basics of installation. The workshop also will discuss the RiverSmart Homes Rain Barrel Rebate Program through which District residents can receive a \$2/gallon rebate for water collected by a qualifying rain barrel. For more information, contact Maya Sterett at [msterett@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:msterett@allianceforthebay.org). Interested residents can register in advance to receive the meeting link here at: <https://www.allianceforthebay.org/event/rain-barrel-workshop/>

**Congresswoman Norton Town Hall with NPS** – On Wednesday, November 16 from 6 - 7:30 pm, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's office will host a town hall meeting with representatives from the National Park Service to provide updates and respond to constituent questions, comments, and concerns about federal park lands and issues under NPS jurisdiction in the District.

### Commissioner Gosselin

**Chevy Chase Playground** – Starting Jan. 1, 2023, the community represented by ANC 3/4G will extend further toward Friendship Heights and include the Chevy Chase Playground at 41<sup>st</sup> St. and Livingston St. NW, which until now has been represented by ANC 3E. Commissioner Gosselin praised 3E-04 Commissioner Tom Quinn and Commission 3E for striking a deal with Federal Realty to include a community benefit as part of its development plan for an apartment building and retail space at 5333 Wisconsin Ave. NW. The developer will landscape and plant the now-overgrown Western Avenue and 41<sup>st</sup> St. borders of the playground at no cost to the city. Gosselin said the catch is that neither the city's Department of Parks and Recreation nor its Department of General Services will maintain the area, once planted. So Gosselin said

that he is working with neighbors to revive a community group, Friends of Chevy Chase Playground, to assume the maintenance responsibility.

### Commissioner Higgins

**November Election Result** – Commissioner Higgins made the following statement: “It’s really been a privilege to serve our ANC 3/4G as a representative for single member district 02 for the past two years and I’m really proud of the record of this ANC during this period. The vote is in, as we all know, and Bruce Sherman, a resident of Nebraska Avenue, will be succeeding me for SMD 02. I trust that all of the members of the Commission, both incumbent and new members, will continue the long tradition of progressive and responsive community engagement that has characterized this Commission for a very many years.”

### Commissioner Cadwell

**ANC Redistricting and Zoning Cases** – At the same time that the Commission will begin representing a new neighborhood near the Chevy Chase Playground, it will lose an area between Chevy Chase Parkway and Nebraska Ave. NW, and, with it, several jurisdictions over several applications for zoning exceptions. Commissioner Cadwell said that, after several months of deliberation, the city’s Board of Zoning Adjustment has decided to delay the cases until the ANC that is taking over representation of that area has a chance to consider the applications.

### Commissioner Chang

**November Election Result** -- Commissioner Chang did not run for re-election. The votes are in and Peter Lynch will likely take over in the new year, once he is sworn in, as the new commissioner for SMD-05. Chang congratulated both Lynch and H. Norm Knickle for running, and said the more people who run and have an understanding of the nature of this job the better.

**Website Home for Chevy Chase Main Street Reports** -- As ANC 3/4G webmaster, Chang has created a dedicated page under "Task Forces | Issue Areas" on the website to house Chevy Chase Main Street's monthly reports to the Commission. The October report is also available on the Oct 24<sup>th</sup> "Meeting Information" page. The November report is available on the Nov 14<sup>th</sup> meeting information page.

**Streetlighting Complaints** -- For complaints regarding streetlighting, Commissioner Gosselin has taken the lead. Chang has created a dedicated page under the "Resources" tab on the website with instructions on how to file a complaint or concern via 311.

### Vice Chair Speck

**November Election Result**– Vice Chair Speck made the following statement:  
“I welcome Jim Nash and congratulate him on his election to succeed me in my (single member district) and I’m looking forward to him being my commissioner ...”  
Commissioner Cadwell followed up by congratulating his Commission successor, Zach Ferguson.

[00:19:39](#)                      **Community Announcements**

James Lewis, Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

**Green New Deal for Social Housing** – A new Council hearing date for the proposed legislation has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 22 starting at 11 am. The measure would encourage development of social housing in DC. Social housing is publicly-owned, mixed-income housing with deeply sustainable elements. Because social housing would be DC-owned, profits that would otherwise go to developers can be reinvested in making rent deeply affordable. To sign up to testify, please email your name and contact information to the Housing Committee at [housing@dccouncil.us](mailto:housing@dccouncil.us). More information on the bill: <https://janeeseward4.com/introducing-green-new-deal-legislation-to-create-social-housing-and-remove-lead-pipes-in-dc/>

**Leaf Collection** -- The leaf collection schedule for this season can be found at: <https://janeeseward4.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-2023LeafBrochure.pdf>  
Residents need to rake their leaves onto their curb or tree box to be collected by the Sunday before their collection week. Leaves should not be in bags. Residents can submit 311 requests for missed leaf collection to be picked up in paper bags as scheduled yard waste.

Declan Falls, Constituent Service for Council Chairman Phil Mendelson

[00:29:38](#)                      **DDOT on Connecticut Avenue Bike Lanes and Re-design**

Edward Stollof, project manager for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), provided an extensive update on the project that already has removed reversible lanes from a 2.7-mile stretch of Connecticut Avenue from Legation to Calvert Street in Woodley Park and reduced the speed limit from 30 mph to 25, and will eventually install protected bike lanes on both sides of the road and revamp the flow of traffic.

Among key points by Stollof:

- DDOT has designated Connecticut Avenue a “bike priority corridor,” not a “transit priority corridor.” He said the agency plans to install bike lanes of four to five feet with protected buffers between one and half and four feet. He said the agency

will provide those who request it information about the 51 District roadways that have been designated transit priority corridors.

- DDOT hopes to study extending protected bike lanes from Legation Street to the Chevy Chase Circle in time that, should it be decided the lanes be extended, construction can occur in tandem with work on the rest of the Avenue. Stolof said staff shortages may delay the Legation-to-Circle study. The original study focussed on the Legation-to-Calvert stretch because this was where the reversible lanes were.
- The agency will prepare final designs for the project between next summer and mid-2024. Construction is likely to begin in late 2024 or early 2025.
- The agency, according to Stolof, has engaged extensively with residents along the corridor during the almost three years the project began. He provided lists of meetings, workshops and walk-throughs and demographic breakdowns of attendees.
- DDOT is likely to ratchet back some on public engagement as it responds to comments already received and works on initial designs
- DDOT recently began a new round of traffic counts to determine whether and how volume has changed. He said that when the agency took counts in the immediate aftermath of the COVID pandemic, traffic was down 50 percent. Its most recent counts show that traffic has returned to about two-thirds of its per-pandemic volume.
- DDOT will consider traffic-calming measures on side streets to “stave off some of the (vehicle) diversion that might occur as a result of the project.”

During Q&A, Commissioner Zeldin, who joined the meeting during Stolof's presentation, warned that DDOT needed to get traffic-calming measures in place in advance of construction or GPS systems such as Waze and Google Maps will begin redirecting drivers onto side streets. While praising Stolof and his team, Commissioner Gosselin said that, if the principal goals of the project are to improve transit safety and reduce pollution to achieve climate goals, buses, not bikes, should be the focus and that the proposed bike lanes are likely to damage, not improve, bus transit. Gosselin said that when the Commission originally voted on the Connecticut Avenue proposal, Commissioner Higgins voted no and he abstained. He said that if proposal as currently conceived comes before the ANC again, he would vote against it. Commissioner Higgins said that among his concerns is that pavement markings and plastic bollards won't adequately protect cyclists.

Picking up on Stolof's description of the Connecticut Avenue right of way as being between 100 and 140 feet wide while the travel lanes themselves stretch across 60 feet, Higgins asked whether some of 40 to 80 feet of additional right of way might be used. Stolof said that the additional space is for sidewalks, tree boxes and loading areas and that to date DDOT has opposed any widening of travel lanes to accommodate the bike lanes. He said minor adjustments of a foot or two might be possible, but nothing beyond that.

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## **ECC-Maret Construction Oversight Panel**

On March 14, 2022, Commission unanimously approved a memo of understanding (MOU) with Maret School governing the school's construction of a multi-sport athletic field on a portion of the campus of the Episcopal Center for Children. As part of it, the Commission is to establish a task force to monitor Maret's compliance with the agreement within 60 days of the expected start of construction. Maret has said that large heritage trees that it intends to relocate on the property must be moved between January and March. The Commission intends to form the task force at its November 28, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Higgins, in whose single member district the project is located, said that the MOU specifies that the ANC appoint three to have commissioners or designees and that Maret appoint members as well. He said that residents should also have seats on the panel. He suggested that the ANC invite volunteers and seek ones who represent the most affected streets and who strike a balance of views about the project. Chair Gore and Vice Chair Speck said the task force is to ensure strict compliance with the MOU in order to ensure the work proceeds in an orderly fashion. It is not to re-argue whether the project should be executed. Gore, Speck and Higgins agreed to draft a call for volunteers and publicize it in time for the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Later in the meeting, a resident asked why Maret is planning to begin construction prior to the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) issuing a final written decision. Vice Chair Speck said that the school is permitted by law to do so because the BZA already has made a final decision, but simply hasn't issued a written document. He said Maret does so at risk of the BZA changing its mind before issuing the written document.

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## **Standing Committee Updates**

- **Zoning, Design and Development Standing Committee (ZDD) –**  
Commissioner Gosselin made remarks on two issues related to the committee. First, he notified the community that commissioners who also are ZDD members are meeting in administrative session with officials of the city's Office of Planning to follow their progress drafting language for the new zoning district for the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor that the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan calls for. Gosselin said that because the OP work is in progress, commissioners have agreed not to release anything publicly or engage in public discussion. He said the commissioners are not negotiating with OP, but are voicing general community concerns and in this way following the ANC advisory function. Separately, Gosselin said that the ZDD will begin recruiting shortly to fill two additional public slots on the panel. Vice Chair Speck said that the Commission asked for these sessions in its resolution supporting the SAP and OP is complying. Commissioner Chang described the sessions as educating commissioners.

- **Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee (RASE)** – Chair Gore said the RASE will meet November 15, 2022 and has a “robust agenda.” Separately, she said that she will shortly issue a solicitation for members for the current fiscal year.

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**Commission Business**

- **Minutes** – On a motion by Commissioner Gosselin, who serves as secretary, the Commission unanimously approved minutes for its October 24, 2022 meeting.
- **Payments** – On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, who serves as treasurer, the Commission unanimously approved reimbursements to Vice Chair Speck for two Zoom bills of \$222.58 each and a payment to Verizon of \$155.98.
- **Debit Cards** – The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) has approved the Commission’s acquisition of a debit card from PNC Bank to pay recurring bills and eliminate having to reimburse individual commissioners. ANC 3/4G will be the OANC’s pilot commission. On a motion by Higgins, the Commission unanimously approved use of a debit card for purposes of paying bills.
- **Possible Items for the ANC’s Nov. 28, 2022 Meeting** – FY 2023 budget; approval of 2022 annual report, formation of Maret project task force, Community Center-Library engagement process; discussion of removing the Newlands name from the Chevy Chase Fountain.

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**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 Nov. 28, 2022, by a vote of **7** yes, **0** no, **0** abstentions.



Lisa R. Gore, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Secretary