



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

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3/4G-03 - James Nash, Secretary 3/4G-04 - Michael Zeldin 3/4G-05 - Peter Lynch

3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair 3/4G-07 - Zachary Ferguson, Treasurer

Minutes
ANC 3/4G Public Hybrid Meeting
June 12, 2023
7:00-8:45 pm

00:00:00 Call to Order and Commissioner Introductions

Commission Chair Lisa Gore called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Also present were Commissioners Gosselin, Lynch, Ferguson, Nash, Sherman and Zeldin.

00:02:45 Announcement of Meeting Procedures and Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

00:04:35 Approval of Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved by a vote of 7-0-0:

- Approval of the May 22, 2023 minutes.
- **Workers Compensation Insurance** – the ANC should approve expenditure of workers compensation insurance policy to go along with the hiring of part-time administrative assistant. (Estimated around \$220 per year.)
- Check Reimbursements

- **Owl Extension Mic and USB Cable**--\$294.68—Extension microphone and USB cable extension.
- Debit card
 - **USPS PO Box** - \$230 to extend usage for another 12 months
 - **Verizon** – \$166.30 –final bill for phone and internet service

00:04:50 **ANC Resident Forum**

- Community member Ron Kahn raised a concern about Zoning Commission case #22-25 (Z.C. Case No. 22-25 of the Office of Planning and the Office of Zoning – Text Amendment), that if approved, would remove community standing in zoning map change matters. Kahn believes this would undermine the public engagement process.

00:08:40 **Sarah Harkcom, BZA Application #20922 for 5724 Nebraska Avenue NW**

Commissioner Zeldin introduced the proposal which was supported by the ANC by a vote of 7-0.

00:18:37 **Discussion and Vote on WMATA Better Bus Draft Visionary Network Resolution**

Commissioner Gore introduced a resolution that was approved by a vote of 7-0-0. The resolution stated ANC 3/4G:

- Opposes WMATA’s proposed changes to both the M4 and E4 bus routes and calls upon WMATA to maintain and improve these routes so that the Chevy Chase civic core is not underserved by public transportation;
- Demands the restoration of the E6 bus route;
- Calls upon WMATA to provide more time for residents to learn about the Visionary Network proposal and to provide substantive comments by extending the comment period until June 30, 2023;
- Authorizes Chair Lisa R. Gore and Commissioner Bruce Sherman to represent the Commission on this matter.

00:44:34 **Agency Presentation by JR Russ, Public Affairs Specialist, Commission on the Arts and Humanities**

JR Russ explained his agency is an independent organization that supports the arts and humanities through financial grants. He spoke about his agency’s grant applications process. The agency is now accepting applications for grants for fiscal year 2024 which begins in October and ends Sept. 30, 2024. Those interested in learning more about the agency and the grant application can learn more by visiting the website: DCArts.dc.gov

00:47:51 **ANC Committee and Task Force Reports**

- Zoning Development and Design: Commissioner Gosselin spoke in favor of voting on the committee’s recommendation the ANC oppose the proposed NC-19 zone. Chair Gore noted that while the Commission must take up the committee’s recommendation, the proposed resolution was not on the agenda and therefore no notice of it was provided to the community. After some discussion the Commission voted 6-1-0 to table the

committee's recommendation. Commissioner Gosselin cast the sole vote opposing the motion.

- Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee—Co-chair Libby Martin reported three items:
 - Last Wednesday there was a webinar, “Conversation with a Displaced Black Community.” On Broad Branch Road there was a significant Black community of former enslaved people who owned homes and farms. These families were forced to leave to make room for the construction of a school for Caucasians only. The descendants of these families were contacted by historians and they spoke about their historical experiences. A recording of “Conversation with a Displaced Black Community” can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=640iVE8fJH0>
 - A June 21, webinar “What Repair Looks Like,” focuses on what communities across the nation are doing to improve past racist actions. What Repair Looks Like webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ieA4rVg6QJSWRNzvqyvMJQ#/registration
 - A new book entitled *Just Action* is about what communities are doing to address past racist housing policies. This book builds on the 2017 book *Color of Law* about how local, state and federal government fostered segregated housing. The Color of Law (About the book) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Color_of_Law

01:22:35 Commission Business

- Treasurers report—Treasurer Zach Ferguson said the Commission is in the process of hiring an administrative assistant.
- Chair Gore noted possible items for the June 26 meeting: BZA Special Exemption Application for 3747 Huntington Street NW and Office of Planning follow-up presentation on the draft zoning for the civic core.

01:23:54 Commissioner, Agency and Community Announcements

Commissioners made the following announcements

- Commissioner Gosselin reported on a meeting with the National Park Service about removing the name of Mr. Newlands from the Chevy Chase Circle fountain. The name appears in three places and can be removed without damaging the fountain. There are a number of process hurdles that must be surmounted before the name can be removed. The park service has determined removing the name would cause ‘adverse cultural effects.’ Discussion of mitigating these effects will take place during additional meetings and Commissioner Gosselin said he would report back on these discussions.
- Commissioner Nash reported that although in 2021 DDOT stated it would rehabilitate Broad Branch Road from Linnean Street to Beach Drive, installing sidewalks and improving the drainage of flood-prone Soapstone Creek culvert, the commissioner had just learned the project has not been funded and that DDOT has no current plans to seek funding for it. This road is an important recreational resource, but because it is narrow,

curvy and lacks sidewalks it is unsafe for recreational users. Commissioner Nash said he was working with Commissioner Lynch to develop a resolution on the matter and that shorter term measures to improve pedestrian and cyclists' safety on the road were also being pursued.

Mayor Muriel Bowser's office made the following announcements:

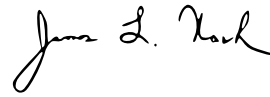
1. **Mayor Muriel Bowser** is launching a community input survey and will soon host a tele-townhall to gather perspectives from residents on their priorities for the next police chief. This week, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Robert J. Contee III retired, and the District is continuing the nationwide search for the new chief of police. "As we continue our nationwide search for a new police chief, I encourage all Washingtonians to provide their input on the future of public safety in DC and the next Chief of Police." [Residents can access the community input survey HERE](#). The survey is designed to take approximately ten minutes for residents to complete. The survey will close on **Wednesday, June 14 at noon**.
2. On **Thursday, June 15 at 6 pm**, Mayor Bowser invites residents to participate in the teletownhall. Residents can join by dialing **1 (844) 881-1314**. To view the event, visit mayor.dc.gov/live, tune in on Channel 16 (DCN), or watch on Mayor Bowser's Facebook or Twitter. [Register in advance HERE](#).
3. **Office of Unified Communications** The OUC Citizen Engagement Academy begins on Thursday, June 22! This three (3) week program aims to familiarize external stakeholders with the operations and functions of the OUC. Register today <https://tinyurl.com/25x4z3z6>
4. **Also**, Monthly, Director McGaffin of the OUC will be doing a Lunch and Learn for the public, usually the first or second Thursday of the month at noon. The next lunch and learn meeting is set for June 22 and it's open to the public. Here's a link from the most recent one: [Office of Unified Communications on Twitter: "Join Director Heather McGaffin tomorrow for a conversation about 911 calls in queue. 17 TOMORROW 12:00PM RSVP" / Twitter](#)
5. **University of the District of Columbia** On June 8th, after the University of the District of Columbia's (UDC) Board of Trustees voted to appoint Maurice D. Edington, Ph.D. as the tenth president of UDC, Mayor Muriel Bowser released the following statement, read it [here](#).

01:35:42 Meeting Adjourned.

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 June 26, 2023 by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0, abstentions.



Lisa R. Gore, Chair



James L. Nash, Secretary