



## **ANC 3/4G Zoning, Design and Development Standing Committee**

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### **Zoning, Design and Development Committee Minutes Monthly Public Meeting May 25, 2023**

**NOTE:** ANC 3/4G and its committees are in the midst of moving back to in-person meetings with a virtual component following three years of virtual-only meetings as a result of the pandemic. The transition is proving difficult. In the case of this meeting, technical problems with the virtual link so occupied the ZDD committee co-chair that he failed to record the session. He submits these minutes to memorialize the session and as a stand-in for a video record.

5 p.m: **Welcome and introduction of committee members**

5:05 p.m.: **ANC 3/4G Chair Lisa Gore on recent developments**

- Telephone call with Gilles Stucker, point person for the office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to review a list of community stakeholders to be interviewed by DMPED contractor Link Strategic Partners as part of the "Our RFP" process.
- The ANC submitted final resolutions on community engagement and the deed restrictions to the Mayor and other District agencies and officials.
- The District's Office of Planning (OP) and DMPED were provided letters laying out the Commissions previous and current asks relating to each agency's processes. The letters can be found at this link: <https://anc3g.org/agenda/anc-requests-improved-public-engagement-relating-to-the-chevy-chase-civic-core/>
- Joel Lawson, OP associate director, reported the agency is preparing for the next community meeting at which the agency will provide illustrations of what proposed zoning for upper Connecticut Avenue would allow.
- The ANC is seeking volunteers for a committee to jumpstart the survey process.

5:20 p.m.: **Community Center-Library deed restriction**

Jim Feldman, a ZDD member and lead author on a report about deed restrictions on the Community Center-Library site and other properties along Connecticut Avenue, discussed the status of discussions with the city. Among other things, he said that OP officials had contacted

him with questions, suggesting the agency is studying ways to handle to the Community Center-Library restriction.

5:25 p.m.: **Discussion of "Our RFP" process**

DMPED intends to use the District's "Our RFP" process to assess the community's wishes and concerns about the redevelopment of the Community Center-Library site. ZDD co-chair Peter Gosselin said the city has used the process in six instances elsewhere in the city and suggested that a group of committee members volunteer to review documents and talk with local officials to assess the extent to which the process was helpful and its pitfalls. The following people volunteered: Jordan Benderly, Gosselin, Ron Kahn, Peter Lynch, Jamie Tilghman and Renee Turner-Inman. Gosselin said he would contact the volunteers with assignments.

5:40 p.m.: **Discussion and vote on NC-19 zone recommendation**

Gosselin said that there seemed to be widespread community agreement that OP's provisions for the proposed NC-19 zone for the Community Center-Library site could permit overly large or dense buildings and reduce open space. He asked whether the committee wanted to recommend that the ANC go on record with these concerns. Benderly, Agnieszka Frysman and others said that any recommendation should address the NC-19 zone only and not propose compromises. Gosselin said he would circulate language embodying the recommendation. Subject to receiving the language and agreeing that it properly represents the panel's sentiment, the nine members of the committee present at the meeting voted to send the recommendation to the Commission.

5:55 p.m.: **Discussion of survey**

Gosselin said that despite his efforts and Gore's, the Commission had yet to land a professional to help the ANC with a community survey. He said that commissioners felt strongly the ANC needs to press forward with a survey, professional help or not. He asked all members of the ZDD to draft suggested questions for a survey and submit them to him. He said a group of ANC commissioners will review the questions and begin assembling a survey.

Submitted by Peter Gosselin  
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