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Administrative Meeting

March 20, 2024

Meeting Summary

00:00:18: **Meeting called to order.** Explanation of administrative meeting process and structure

00:03:25: **Commissioner introductions**

00:04:51: **Proposed zoning changes for Civic Core and upper Connecticut Avenue.** There will be a special meeting March 27 with the Office of Planning (OP) ahead of April 29 Zoning Commission (ZC) Hearing. The Commission will need a couple more meetings as well on this topic. The Commission is facing numerous major issues. Commissioner Gosselin offered to take the lead on writing a resolution regarding zoning. Discussion of how best for Commissioners to have conversation and share their views in advance of framing a resolution. The Office of the ANC (OANC) has hired a land use lawyer for ANCs to consult on technical and process issues. The ZC failed to give the proper 30 days' notice of their set down hearing. The zoning issue is central to many concerns in the community. Two additional special meetings were scheduled: April 11 and April 17 at 6 pm, both hybrid. There was some discussion of limiting public comment time, the difficulty many in the community have in attending meetings, and of doing more surveys to broaden the franchise.

00:39:26: **Historic designation.** As the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) is unlikely to meet until late summer or fall, special meetings on this topic will be delayed. Goal is to have a series of informational meetings scheduled and publicized well in advance. Commissioner Ferguson will propose a schedule of topics and dates.

00:49:35: **Discussion about how to handle community engagement with bidders.** Now that the Civic Core Request for Proposals (RFP) has been extended to June 18, there may be other possibilities. The idea of the ANC seeking to engage bidders, or to provide meetings for community members to engage with bidders was discussed. It was decided Commissioners Sherman and Gosselin will ask further engage OANC legal counsel specifically on the appropriateness of this more proactive approach. Some Commission members will continue to meet with bidders individually.

01:21:48: **Commission testimony on budget issues.** Commissioners Gore and Zeldin are working on DCPS testimony. When Chair Gore has finished her review, Commissioner Zeldin will pass it to Commissioners Ferguson, Lynch, and Sherman for input. Regarding the Commission offering budget testimony on other agencies, Chair Gore will send a schedule of the deadlines for testimony submissions.

01:28:50 **Testimony on DC Statehood.** Commissioner Lynch will compile testimony on funding for DC Statehood and share with other Commissioners. Deadline for that testimony is the end of March.

01:30:06: **Sharing and performance: ways to share the burden of administrative duties.** Commissioner Gosselin is taking over responsibility of posting agendas. The Commissioner that proposes a particular letter or resolution will be responsible for cleaning up the language after Commission discussion, circulating to other Commissioners, then sending to the Chair. Chair will then either deliver it to the city or delegate another Commissioner to do so. How to do this varies by agency. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) has its own "BZA Submissions" site; other agencies will only react once a resolution is posted in the ANC Resolution Portal (resolutions.anc.dc.gov). Commissioner Ferguson has been and is willing to continue handle posting resolutions to this portal if Commissioners forwarded them to him.

01:44:19: **Social media and other online postings.** Commissioner Lynch agreed to take over posting on Facebook and Twitter. Chair Gore will send him passwords and login info. Commissioner Zeldin offered to handle Chevy Chase Chatter and the CC listserv. Commissioner Gosselin pointed out there are four sites receiving the same information: CC listserv, CC Chatter, Nextdoor and Facebook Google. He noted it would be easiest for one person to handle all four. There was further discussion of administrative responsibilities, the job description for an administrative aide, and their supervision which is the responsibility of the Secretary and the Chair according to the bylaws.

01:53:46: **Minutes and video: discussion of the new format.** Chair Gore has heard some mixed reviews, other Commissioners have had no complaints. It was agreed to continue with the new format. Minutes and agendas from committee meetings are not always provided, which needs to be resolved. The Maret task force exemplifies appropriate operational protocol.

02:00:50 **Community vs Commission input.** The discussion focused on the balance between community and Commission input at meetings, keeping speakers to allotted time, and minimizing redundancy.

02:13:07: **Protocol of interaction with DC agencies.** If an individual Commissioner wishes to address an agency on an issue that concerns the entire Commission, that communication needs to be seen as coming from the entire body. If it comes from an individual, it creates confusion within the agency. To convey that the issue is being raised on behalf of the entire body, communication should be directed through the Chair. At the same time, the Chair then has the responsibility not to interact with agencies as an individual, but solely as a representative of the entire Commission. This does not cover issues that are unique to a given Commissioner's single member district.

02:19:32 **Closed session begins.**

02:20:18 **Recording ends.**

Lisa Gore, Chair

Bruce Sherman, Secretary

