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**ANC 3/4G Regular Meeting**  
**April 8, 2024**  
**Summary**

00:00:02: **Welcome.**

00:00:27: **Meeting called to order.**

00:00:36: **Commissioner introductions:** Gosselin, Gore, Ferguson, and Sherman present.

00:02:32: **Modifications to agenda:** adding Transportation Committee report; adopted 4-0.

00:03:26: **Consent agenda:** discussion of posting videos on YouTube and ANC approval of meeting minutes; minutes not yet approved to be added to May agenda.

00:05:48: **MPD, Second District crime report.** Crime for the month was down year over year. Recent incidents included two retail thefts and three thefts from vehicles. Noted were recent thefts from vehicles in SMD 02, the first since January 12, on the 6200 block of Utah and the 3100 block of 30th street. Constituents have asked for additional patrols and traffic enforcement. MPD also briefed on a recent hit and run accident on Military RD with a gun subsequently found nearby (not clear if the two were connected) as well as a community walk on March 26. Commissioners noted recent MPD animal rescues.

00:15:26: **Residents' forum.** Remarks re Historic Preservation Office's recent decision regarding the proposed historic designation for Chevy Chase, a new exhibit at the Cleveland Park Library *Undesign the Redline*, potential cuts to WMATA service.

00:26:10: **Liquor license renewals for Magruder's and Chevy Chase Wine and Liquors** on Connecticut Avenue. Brief discussion. No opposition expressed. Both approved 4-0.

00:29:53: **Discussion of ANC DCPS budget testimony.** Proposed amendments by Commissioner Lynch noted but not incorporated, by Commissioner Ferguson to add budget details for Murch accepted. The Chair proposed voting on the original document, incorporating the Murch budget detail. Approved 4-0. Testimony to be submitted for the record; no Commission oral testimony to be provided (the list of witnesses for the DCPS hearing already numbered more than 400 people).

00:38:27: **Update on proposed Connecticut Avenue zoning changes.** Special meetings planned for April 11 and 17. Commissioner Gosselin mentioned a possible compromise on building height.

00:39:57: **Recap of March 26 SMD 02 community Zoom meeting on artificial turf safety** which featured a panel of national experts from industry and science. Video recording of the meeting posted at the ANC YouTube site. A follow-up community Zoom will take place on April 9, comparing artificial turf vs natural grass playing fields on design, construction, maintenance, playability, and cost.

00:43:31: **Constituent request to post to the ANC website the response by DC's Department of General Services to a recent to letter of inquiry from Ward Four Councilmember Janeese Lewis George** posing questions as to DGS's analysis of artificial turf vs natural grass playing fields for the Lafayette Elementary School ball field. Discussion noted the DGS response did not answer all the Councilmember's concerns.

00:46:26: **Discussion of ANC meeting format,** focused on the viability of the hybrid meeting format and the start time of meetings. The hybrid format is meant to accommodate everyone but poses significant technology hurdles. Numerous participants suggested, given the challenges, meetings be entirely virtual; others felt the in-person component was essential for fuller civic participation; a few supported regular meetings be entirely in person. On start times, meetings at the Community Center need to start at 6 PM in order to end by 8:30 PM, allowing time to take down the technical gear and depart, as required, by 9 PM. However, 6 PM is challenging both for people working downtown and for parents with young children. Commissioners expressed fatigue over the number of meetings and concern over maintaining a quorum. Other venues such as Knollwood, St. John's College High School, Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church surfaced as alternatives. One will be required in any event with future renovation of the current facility. Whatever the location, the Commission aimed to accommodate the widest segment of the population possible. As to the next two meetings on the proposed zoning changes, Commissioners agreed they be special meetings on Zoom only.

01:26:54: **Update on DC's Boundary and Student Assignment Study.** Commissioned every ten years, the study is an attempt to ensure all DC students have access to quality education. The Commission revisited interim findings, previously discussed: Lafayette to get more out-of-boundary, at-risk students; Deal to get a new addition to accommodate growing enrollment; Jackson-Reed to get relief for over-crowding with fewer OOB students and recently added capacity at new MacArthur High School. The Deputy Mayor for Education released the final report that morning. The Commission agreed to read it and continue the conversation.

01:32:05: **HPO's decision to table the Chevy Chase historic district nomination,** based in part on the proposed boundaries not being sufficiently justified and the need for further research on historic districts across DC.

01:33:49: **Update on stormwater infrastructure in the ANC – bioretention beds.** DDOT has indicated they are continuing their study and said the updated plan would not be ready until late May or early June.

01:36:45: **Update on his bioretention bed maintenance** with DOEE. DOEE to label each bed with a number and a QR code to allow residents to report maintenance issues. There will also be educational signage, perhaps near Rock Creek. Beds along Oregon Avenue will be replanted in the next month. Plans are in motion for another community engagement. DOEE is finalizing a community partnership agreement which could be a model for the rest of the city.

01:41:15: **Update on Civic Core.** Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, a potential bidder, has reached out to Commissioner Gosselin, who noted their wrap-around services for new residents at their development in Arlington.

01:42:51: **Announcements:** Mayor's 2025 budget, sent to the Council, focuses on three pillars for long-term growth: public schools, public safety, and downtown. Next SMD 02 community meeting on artificial turf to take place on April 9.

01:49:16: **Report on the Zoning, Design, and Development Committee.** Aim is to resume operations with a likely meeting on April 25.

01:50:36: **Report on the Transportation Committee.** First meeting was on April 4 with 14 people in attendance. Future meetings to be first Thursday of every month. There are two working groups thus far, bus service and transportation safety.

01:54:36: **Meeting adjourned.**

**Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair**



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**Bruce Sherman, Secretary**



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