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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G
Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2016 - Virtual Via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Lisa Gore (ANC 3/4G-01)
Commissioner Bruce Sherman (ANC 3/4G-02, Treasurer)
Commissioner Carol Grunewald (ANC 3/4G-03, Secretary)
Commissioner Laura Phinizy (ANC 3/4G-04, Chair)
Commissioner Karrenthya Simmons (ANC 3/4G-5)
Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)
Commissioner Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Vice Chair)

Number of participants online: 41 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Commissioner Sherman requested time for a discussion regarding rescheduling the BZA hearing for the Maret athletic field and facilities.

- Commissioner Sherman requested time for a discussion about DDOT's recently announced construction plans along Oregon Avenue for storm water management.
- Commissioner Sherman requested time for a discussion regarding "bystander training" for community members interested in learning how to protest ICE activities legally and safely.
- Commissioner Sherman requested time for a discussion about a survey that he is currently administering to his SMD regarding the local issues that are of primary concern to residents.

Commissioner Gore moved to accept the agenda as amended.
The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Nagy moved to adopt the minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting, with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. RESIDENT FORUM:

- The Commission heard from resident Cal Simone, of the volunteer group, Friends of Bus Transit. Mr. Simone reported that, this month, WMATA had made some minor changes to its bus operation including changes to routing and scheduling. He stated that he would share the bus changes with all the Commissioners.
- The Commission heard from William Owen Cox, of Ward 3 MOCRS, who announced that Kendall Gibson was promoted to serve as Deputy Director for Community Relations for Wards 1 through 4, and that Owen would now be the one to handle requests for service in Ward 3. He said that an additional employee would eventually be hired to help him. He stated that there is a separate MOCRS team that handles Ward 4. Cox also announced the location and time of the Martin Luther King Parade on Jan. 19.
- The Commission heard from Barbara Rogers, Director of Community Engagement for DC Council Member Janeese Lewis George, who announced that the DC Council will soon host performance oversight hearings. She also mentioned that because of the MLK holiday that trash collection would slide by one day. She also announced the introduction of new rat-control legislation by Council Member Lewis George. Rogers also announced "Ward 4 Office Hours" every Wednesday at two different locations in Ward 4.

B. ANC ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Annual Election of ANC Officers in January

Commissioner Gore introduced former ANC commissioner Robert Gordon, who volunteered to conduct the annual election of officers, and turned the meeting over to him. Mr. Gordon stated he would conduct the election according to the guidelines established by DC law, the ANC bylaws, and OANC guidelines.

The first office to be voted on was Chair. Lisa Gore was nominated by Commissioner Simmons. Laura Phinizy was nominated by Commissioner Nagy. Commissioner Gosselin seconded both nominations. Commissioner Gore then declined her nomination. Commissioner Phinizy accepted her nomination, and the election was conducted.

Commissioner Phinizy was elected chair by a vote of 6-0-1 (ABSTAIN: Simmons.)

The second office to be voted on was Vice-Chair. Peter Gosselin was nominated by Commissioner Simmons. Elizabeth Nagy was nominated by Commissioner Phinizy. Commissioner Sherman seconded.

Commissioner Nagy was elected Vice-Chair by a vote of 4-3-0 (YES: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy; NO: Gore, Simmons, Gosselin)

The next office to be voted on was Treasurer. Karrenthya Simmons was nominated by Commissioner Phinizy. Simmons declined the nomination. Seeing that no further nominations were forthcoming, Commissioner Sherman volunteered for the position. Commissioner Nagy seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Sherman was elected Treasurer by a vote of 7-0-0.

The last office to be voted on was Secretary. Seeing that there were no nominations or volunteers for secretary, Commissioner Grunewald volunteered for the position. Commissioner Phinizy seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Grunewald was elected Secretary by a vote of 7-0-0.

Having just been elected Chair, Commissioner Phinizy took over from Commissioner Gore to run the rest of the meeting.

2. ANC meeting start time:

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved to change the meeting starting times from the current 6:30pm to 7pm. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

3. ANC 2026 meeting schedule:

Commissioner Simmons moved that the number of meetings be reduced to one per month. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sherman made a friendly amendment to schedule a primary meeting each month as well as a second meeting that could be used to address a primary issue of concern to the community. If the second meeting was not needed, it could be pulled, but having it on the schedule would provide flexibility. Commissioner Simmons rejected the friendly amendment. A vote was called and the motion failed unanimously (7-1-0) (NO: Gore, Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; YES: Simmons).

Commissioner Phinizy moved to approve the meeting schedule as originally presented; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

The 2026 calendar of meetings is as follows:

January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23
March 9 and 23
April 27
May 11
June 8 and 22
July 13 and 17
August: Recess; no meetings
September: 28
October 26
November 9
December 14

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Agenda item deleted:

Commissioner Gore stated that she was deleting her agenda item listed as a discussion of the Transportation Committee.

2. RASE Committee call for members:

Commissioner Simmons made a motion calling for a vote to allow the RASE Committee to issue a call for new members that would be open for 30 days. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

3. Rescheduling the BZA hearing for the Maret athletic field and facilities:

After some discussion, Commissioner Sherman moved that he draft a letter on behalf of the ANC, to be signed by Chair Phinizy, endorsing a request by the Maret School and Friends of the Field for a continuation of a hearing before the BZA from Jan. 21 to Feb. 25. The hearing is being held to file a new community service agreement between Maret and Friends of the Field with the goal of Maret receiving its occupation permit for the new field. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

4. DDOT's recently announced construction plans on Oregon Avenue for storm water management:

Commissioner Sherman stated that DDOT notified him the previous week that erosion control and storm drain, curb, and sidewalk repairs would begin on or about Jan. 20 along Oregon Avenue between Tennyson and Nebraska. The project is expected to run for about 16 weeks until mid-April, and Oregon Avenue is to remain open during the construction period. The construction is not expected to affect bus service.

5. "Bystander training" for community members interested in learning how to protest or witness ICE activities safely and legally:

Commissioner Sherman raised the idea of the ANC offering "bystander training" to interested constituents. Both local and national recent events have raised concerns among Chevy Chase

residents about what they should or should not do if ICE shows up at their home or accosts them elsewhere. Commissioner Sherman said he researched groups offering such training. There are several groups that do this, but he noted that one group, DC Peace, offers three hours of training for \$850 for up to 30 people, and that the ANC could sponsor, or pay for, rolling sessions with additional constituents, or conduct “Train the Trainer” sessions so that even more constituents could take advantage and the costs could be limited.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Commissioner Simmons stated she had no report.

B. 2025 ANC 3/4G YEAR-END REPORT:

Commissioner Gore was asked if she was going to finish the ANC’s year-end report for 2025 which DC regulations require ANC Chairs to produce by the due date of Dec. 1, 2025. She said no, that the Chair does the report, implying that the new chair elected this evening would have to write last year’s report.

C. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Phinizy updated the Commission about Phase 2 of the stormwater project at Lafayette Pointer Park, stating that she met with Friends of Lafayette Park and is pushing for more communication between DPR and the community.
- Commissioner Phinizy noted that there is a hearing this Friday: oversight for DPR maintenance being sponsored by Council Member Lewis George.
- Commissioner Simmons noted the passing of Mr. Benab, a well-loved member of the Lafayette School Community. The family of the deceased is requesting donations for the Benab Scholarship fund.
- Commissioner Gosselin updated the Commission on efforts to place a bench along Connecticut Avenue in honor of Mr. Coombs, the now deceased but well-loved former janitor at Lafayette School. The bench is expected to be installed within the next two weeks.
- Commissioner Gosselin noted that DC WASA had planned to turn off water periodically during the daytime to the senior home on Connecticut Avenue for sewer repairs, but that WASA agreed to turn the water off during night hours instead so as not to endanger infirm residents of the home.
- Commissioner Nagy said that DCWASA had planned to shut off water to Connecticut Avenue between Jenifer and Kanahwa during the day for repairs, but that she was able to get an agreement to have the work done at night so a nearby Montessori School will not be impacted.
- Commissioner Nagy also said she had spoken with company that contracts with the DC Dept. of Behavioral Health to provide outreach and services to voucher residents, including at a building at 5301 Jenifer St.

POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR JANUARY 26, 2026 MEETING:

- DCWASA's CRIAC fee (increased impervious area fees)
- Survey results from Commissioners Sherman, Grunewald, and Nagy's SMDs
- "Go Vocal" contract
- Bylaws update

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Grunewald
Secretary, ANC 3/4G

Laura Phinizy
Chair