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Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G
Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026 - 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: 52 participants, including Commissioners

I. Opening Business

Call to Order

Chair Phinizy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Meeting Procedures

Chair Phinizy outlined virtual meeting procedures.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Grunewald moved to adopt the minutes of the Feb. 23, 2026 meeting, with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

Approval of Agenda

The Chair heard proposals for changes to the agenda including proposals to:

- remove a presentation by Ward 4 Council Member Janeese Lewis George, due to her last-minute cancellation
 - postpone a discussion on developing a Go Vocal presentation
 - add a discussion on a proposed transparency resolution
 - shorten Chevy Chase field lighting discussion
 - add a presentation about a possible DDOT hawk signal installation at CT and Legation St.
 - add a website discussion
- Chair Phinizy moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

II. Resident Forum and Reports

- The commission received a report from a resident expressing concern that Commissioners Gore and Simmons have created a 501(c)(4) advocacy/lobbying group called Chevy Chase Forward (501(c)(4) and that the commissioners have a potential conflict of interest representing both their constituents and their advocacy group.
- The commission heard from a resident who wants to know why so many heavy trucks are traveling frequently on Utah Ave.
- The commission heard from a resident who has questions regarding DDOT's proposed "sidewalk gap" installation project.
- The commission heard some minor announcements from the Ward 4 Council Member's office.

III. Presentations and Motions

Chevy Chase Field Lighting:

The commission received a report that Cap City Little League requested extending field lighting hours to 10pm but that neighbors would have to be consulted before the ANC could weigh in on the timing of field lighting. No motion was made and no vote taken.

Hawk Signal at Connecticut & Legation St.:

The commission heard a report that DDOT plans to install a HAWK pedestrian signal here, and that the public comment period is open until April 17.

Commissioner Gosselin made a motion to approve the HAWK signal installation but withdrew it because a commissioner complained that Gosselin had sent his resolution out the day of the meeting and the commission and the public did not have enough time to consider it. The item was deferred to the March 23 meeting.

Website Update:

The commission noted that its current website is failing and noted that it will be transitioning to an OANC-hosted website platform soon.

Bylaws Table of Contents:

Chair Phinizy noted that the ANC's Bylaws table of contents does not match the document and so a revised table of contents was created to fix this. No action taken.

Sidewalk Gap Installation:

With DDOT representatives in attendance, the commission discussed a proposed DDOT sidewalk project on Oliver Street, part of a citywide effort to fill sidewalk gaps and improve safety under DC law. The plan includes a standard 4-foot sidewalk with a tree buffer, costing about \$150,000 and taking 1–2 weeks to build. While DDOT emphasized legal requirements and design constraints—stating that alternatives like building into the street are more costly and would reduce parking—many residents expressed strong opposition due to concerns about yard space, trees, and disruption. DDOT noted that community input can influence design details but rarely stops projects, and commissioners concluded that continued engagement will be needed given the significant neighborhood concerns. No action taken.

Letter to DMPED:

The ANC debated how to respond to DMPED regarding community engagement on the proposed Civic Core redevelopment.

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve his resolution directing DMPED to adopt stronger community engagement standards (e.g., 14-day notice, hybrid meetings, recordings of meetings). The motion was seconded; the vote was: 3 yes (Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy), 2 no (Gore, Simmons), 1 abstention (Phinizy). The motion failed.

Commissioner Simmons moved to instead send a letter to DMPED asking DMPED to attend an ANC meeting. The motion was seconded.

A motion to amend the motion was made by Commissioner Nagy, that the letter, if it goes out, be sent by the whole commission rather than by a single commissioner. She later corrected her motion to read that, if the letter goes out that it be signed by Phinizy and Simmons.

An amendment to the amendment was made by Commissioner Gosselin, that the letter, if it goes out, be signed by both Chair Phinizy and Commissioner Simmons instead of the full commission. Gosselin's motion was seconded; the vote was: 5 yes (Gore, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin, Nagy), 2 no (Sherman, Grunewald). The motion passed.

Nagy withdraw her original motion.

An amendment to the motion was made by Chair Phinizy to add language to the letter that DMPED attending an ANC meeting would support the ANC's formal role in facilitating structured, recorded public engagement. The motion was seconded. The vote was: 4 yes (Gore, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin), 2 no (Sherman, Nagy), 1 abstention (Grunewald). The motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to send the amended letter to DMPED. was seconded. The vote was: 4 yes (Gore, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin), 3 no (Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy). The motion passed.

Transparency Resolution:

Commissioner Gosselin introduced a proposed transparency resolution but, facing concerns about timing and process (including the ANC's 7-day public notice rule), withdrew it.

Commissioner Nagy moved to set a date for a special meeting at which Gosselin's resolution, ANC bylaws, and the possible conflict of interest -- arising from two commissioners founding a 501c4 advocacy/lobbying group dealing with matters before the ANC -- currently before BEGA, could be discussed. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Gore moved to amend the motion to state that, if a BEGA decision on the conflict of interest question becomes available, the Commission will invite relevant agencies to a meeting. The motion was seconded.

Chair Phinizy moved that Commissioner Nagy's motion, as amended, be voted on. The vote to set a special meeting date for discussion of ANC transparency and conflicts of interest issues, and to have relevant agencies attend a meeting, was: 5 yes (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy), 2 no (Gore, Simmons). The motion passed.

Chair Phinizy moved to set the special meeting date for March 25, 2026. The motion was seconded but the vote was unclear. There were at least 5 yes votes (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy) and no objections were recorded, so the motion passed.

IV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Sherman noted that the monthly reports had previously been distributed and no questions or objections had been raised by commissioners.

Commissioner Sherman moved that the Commission approve a \$105.99 payment to Go Daddy for emergency hosting support when the ANC website crashed. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Chair Phinizy moved that the Commission reauthorize a \$3,400 payment to ArbCentrix for the prior website redesign contract. This correction was needed because the original approval for payment referenced a non-existent January 2025 contract. The updated justification for payment now ties the payment to the June 2024 approved contract funds. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Sherman moved that the Commission move its funds into an interest-bearing account. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The Commission agreed to not renew Mail Chimp, since it's now using Go Vocal for communications, but to keep all the contacts it had been storing.

B. Commissioner Announcements

- DPW alley cleaning received positive constituent feedback
- DC Plug work is underway in the 5700-5800 blocks of Nevada Ave.
- Community Connections (behavioral health provider) presentation planned for an upcoming ANC meeting
- Mayor's Spring Cleanup happening in April
- Progress noted on a wood sculpture in Lafayette Park
- A constituent zoning case (in SMD 04) pending before the BZA was postponed by the BZA

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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