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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 23, 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 Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Vice Chair)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)

Number of participants online: 52 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Phinizy called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Phinizy outlined virtual meeting procedures.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Secretary Grunewald moved to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting, with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (6-0-0).

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Addition: Resolution regarding a HAWK signal on Connecticut Avenue
- Removal/Postponement: Civic Core survey discussion
- Addition: OANC authorization for direct bank deposits

Commissioner Phinizy moved to accept the agenda as amended.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (6-0-0).

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. RESIDENT FORUM:

- A request was made for ANC support for a spring cleanup day at the Civic Core playground, tentatively targeted for April 14.
- A resident reported on efforts to advocate for DPR funding to repair playground equipment and suggested residents testify at DPR hearings.
- Ward 3 MOCRS announced office hours on March 27 (3–5 PM) at Cleveland Park Library for assistance with DC agency issues, and introduced Che Demczuk as a new Ward 3 liaison.

B. RESIDENT PRESENTATION OF BZA CASE:

The Rosenbaum family and representatives asked for ANC approval of their BZA variance request for relief from a side yard requirement for an addition to an existing old house at 6117 32nd Place. The existing wall and a small portion of newly constructed wall on one side of the house is currently 5 feet from the property boundary instead of the 8 feet required for new construction. The family received a permit to continue a small portion of existing wall along the property line; however, a building inspector later apparently incorrectly flagged the completed work as improper because the project had been incorrectly classified as new construction rather than as an addition to an existing home, thereby requiring an 8-foot side yard. The Rosenbaum's immediate neighbors support their variance request.

Commissioner Gore moved to endorse the residents' variance application to maintain the 5-foot side yard. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously, 6-0-0.

C. RESOLUTION TO VACATE ANC 3/4G/MARET SCHOOL MOU:

The ANC and Maret School entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 2022 governing Maret's construction and use of athletic fields on the grounds of the Episcopal Center for Children. That MOU has since been superseded by a new Community Service Agreement (CSA) between Maret and the neighborhood group Friends of the Field, which will govern operation of the facilities going forward. The ANC recently adopted a resolution endorsing both the CSA and Maret's appeal to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to approve the fields as built. To avoid overlapping governing frameworks, the MOU needed to be terminated. However, the MOU allowed it could be amended or altered only by the BZA.

At the request of Maret and Friends of the Field, the ANC therefore asked the BZA to vacate the MOU in deference to the CSA. The BZA declined, stating it was not a party to the MOU. That left the ANC to take the necessary step of vacating the agreement itself.

Commissioner Sherman moved to adopt his resolution to vacate the ANC/Maret School MOU. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 4 YES (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy), 1 NO (Gore), 1 ABSTENTION (Simmons)

D. BYLAWS TABLE OF CONTENTS:

Action on ANC Bylaws was deferred to allow for further revisions and collaboration.

E. RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DC COUNCIL TO HOLD SEPARATE SURPLUS AND DISPOSITION HEARINGS FOR THE CIVIC CORE:

Commissioner Sherman moved to adopt his resolution that the DC Council conduct separate hearings on the surplussing and disposition of the Civic Core site for development. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 4 YES (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy), 2 NO (Gore, Simmons)

F. RESOLUTION TO ENGAGE DCPS AND THE EPISCOPAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER USING THE AVAILABLE ECC FACILITY FOR PRE-K PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Due to high demand pressures for Pre-K at Lafayette School, a presentation was made encouraging the DC Public Schools to consider using the Episcopal Center for Children building, which is currently for sale, as a Lafayette School annex to provide early childhood education. DC has universal pre-school, but it is only available when the supply meets the demand, and the demand in our neighborhood is great while the supply is low, forcing parents to enroll their very young children in expensive private schools.

Commissioner Sherman made a motion to approve his resolution to engage the DC Public Schools and the Deputy Mayor for Education in talks with ECC and its brokers to purchase or rent the ECC building to provide pre-school education.

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the motion to give preference for open lottery seats to children from Wards 7 and 8 if indeed DCPS were to purchase the ECC building. The motion to amend the original motion failed with a vote of 2 YES (Gore, Simmons), 3 NO (Sherman, Phinizy, Nagy), 1 ABSTENTION (Grunewald).

The Commission proceeded to vote on Commissioner Sherman's motion to approve his resolution. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 YES (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy), 1 NO (Simmons), 1 ABSTENTION (Gore).

G. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INSTALLATION OF A HAWK CROSSING SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF CONNECTICUT AVE. AND LEGATION ST.:

Commissioner Simmons moved to adopt Commissioner Gosselin's resolution supporting DDOT's intention to install a HAWK crossing signal at the intersection of Connecticut Ave. and Legation St. with leave to add examples of similar HAWK signals at the end of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Sherman reaffirmed that the ANC cancelled its Mail Chimp subscription at the last ANC meeting.

B. UPDATES ON NEW ANC WEBSITE, OANC WEBSITE MANAGEMENT, and HYBRID MEETING EQUIPMENT:

Chair Phinizy reported that ANC3/4G's new website is operational and can be found at: ANC3G.dc.gov. She also reported that the ANC received new equipment that will enable hybrid ANC meetings to take place. She also reported that the Office of Advisory Neighborhood commissions (OANC) needs formal authorization from the ANC to designate the OANC as the website agent solely for the purpose of completing the initial website set-up, account registration, and 3-year renewal of a DIFS and PASS supplier profile including an Automated Clearinghouse ACH direct deposit authorization form that will allow ANC 3/4G to maintain an active account, receive funds by direct deposit, and streamline compliance with DC financial requirements.

Chair Phinizy moved that the ANC provide authorization for the OANC to act as ANC3/4G's agent for the financial purposes just described. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

C. DATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS AWAITED BEGA DECISION ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Commissioner Nagy moved to set April 8 as a date when the ANC could have a special meeting to discuss possible Commissioner conflicts of interest until a requested BEGA ruling is delivered. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 4 YES (Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy), NO (Gore, Simmons).

D. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Community Connections, the agency that provides wraparound services in residential settings, will speak to the ANC at the April 13 meeting.
- Traffic safety at intersections along upper Connecticut Avenue is being discussed with residents.
- CM Mendelson is holding meetings to discuss property tax appeals.
- DPR announced a meeting for April 7 regarding the Phase 2 erosion project at Lafayette Park.
- Repairs are being scheduled for the broken big slide, hammock, and rope bridge at Lafayette Park.
- Broad Branch Rd. from 27th St. to Brandywine is in the process of being paved after a very long period of being in serious disrepair and residents complaining about it.
- Car break-ins and theft of cars is still a major problem in our area. Residents were asked to be on the lookout for certain makes and models of suspicious vehicles cruising the neighborhood. Police have been alerted.
- A walk-through in Barnaby Woods with MPD was announced. Methods for keeping one's car from being broken into were listed.
- Road resurfacing is occurring on Western Ave. to 33rd St. and from Chestnut to Gwinnett.
- There was a reminder that DDOT is installing sidewalks along Utah and around Pinehurst Circle.

and that residents should make their desires for sidewalks or no sidewalks known.

- Oliver St. residents have decided they do not want a sidewalk in front of their homes and are contacting DDOT Director Kershbaum to try and prevent the sidewalk installation there.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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