



Government of the District of Columbia

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G

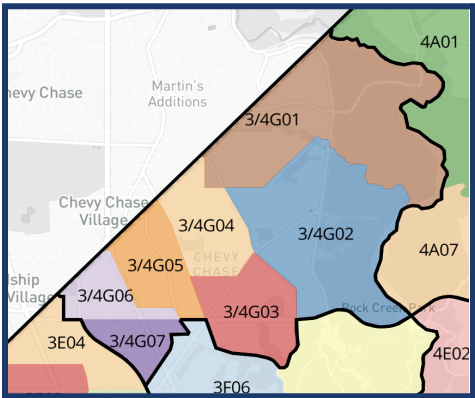
Chevy Chase · Barnaby Woods · Hawthorne

ANNUAL REPORT | FY 2024

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

I. Overview

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G represents the neighborhoods of Chevy Chase D.C., Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne across parts of Wards 3 and 4. ANC 3/4G contains seven Single Member Districts (SMDs) and about 15,000 people. It holds regular meetings and works with District agencies to represent constituents and advise the city government on key issues.



Commissioners

SMD	Commissioner	Officer Role
3G01	Lisa R. Gore	Chairperson
3G02	Bruce Sherman	Secretary ¹
3G03	James Nash	—
3G04	Michael Zeldin	—
3G05	Peter Lynch	—
3G06	Peter Gosselin	Vice Chairperson
3G07	Zachary Ferguson	Treasurer

¹ Commissioner Sherman began serving as Secretary in January 2024. Prior to this, Commissioner Nash had been serving as Secretary.

II. Year in Review

The following table summarizes ANC 3/4G's activity during the year (as reflected on anc3g.dc.gov)

Activity	Count
Regular Public Meetings Held	24
Resolutions Approved	19
Surveys Published	1
Testimony Given	3

III. Major Issues

Major issues considered by the Commission in FY 2024 included:

Chevy Chase Civic Core - Following a proposal by the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to replace the existing Library and Community Center with new facilities, but also significant housing, the Commission launched a survey in October -November to gauge community sentiment. Strong preferences were indicated for a) not surplus public property, b) open green space preserved, and c) heights of 5 stories (60 feet) or lower. A majority of residents opposed housing on the site.

Upzoning of Connecticut Avenue - The Commission objected to upzoning of Connecticut Avenue to allow new zones with heights of 70-80 feet. The Commission noted Office of Planning (OP) and the Zoning Commission (ZC) did not adequately notify the ANC of a November 9, 2023 set-down hearing for the proposed zoning changes that eliminated an opportunity for the ANC to request that consideration of the proposal be treated as a “contested” case rather than “rulemaking.” The Commission objected to a decision on April 11, 2024, by the Zoning Commission in Case #22-25, which adopted new procedural rules that negatively affect ANC participation in zoning changes in the future by reducing the advance notification that all ANCs are required to be provided. The Commission asked that heights be limited to 60 feet.

Restoring Natural Grass Field at Lafayette Elementary - The Commission objected to a plan, improperly noticed, by the Department of General Services to replace the school field with artificial turf. The Commission advocated for replacement with a grass field and asked that the city not use its own poor construction and lack of maintenance as justification for reneging on its promise to preserve the grass field. The Commission worked with CM Janeese Lewis George, who introduced emergency and temporary legislation to prevent installation of an artificial turf field.

Safety of Grass Fields vs Artificial Turf with PFAS- The Commission noted safety concerns about the use of artificial turf fields due to the presence of the chemical PFAS. The Commission called on the Maret School to install a grass field, not artificial one, on the site of the Episcopal Center for Children. The Commission also called on the city to consider more use of grass, testing for PFAS, and re-establishing guidelines for use of artificial turf fields in hot weather.

Preserving Bus Service in Chevy Chase- In response to WMATA’s “Better Bus Network Plans,” the ANC examined the impact on Chevy Chase. The ANC found that the proposed changes failed

WMATA's core mission—to provide improved bus service, frequency, and connections to all who need it because the new routes and service would deprive many more residents of ANC 3/4G of needed bus transit options, particularly those residing in Hawthorne, Barnaby Woods, and the northern, central and eastern portions of our ANC. The Commission called on WMATA to adjust its plan to avoid a “bus desert,” particularly in the northeast part of our ANC.

IV. Commission Actions

A. Resolutions (not including individual BZA cases)

The commission approved the following resolutions:

- [2023-11-13- Resolution on WTU Contract](#)
- [2023-11-27- Resolution Concerning the District's Broad Branch Stormwater Retrofit Project](#)
- [2023-11-29- Resolution Regarding the Construction of a Bio-Retention Pit in the 5300 Block of 28th Street NW](#)
- [2023-12-06- Resolution on the Chevy Chase Civic Core Site Survey](#)
- [2023-12-11- Resolution on the Chevy Chase Civic Core Site – Next Steps Recommendations](#)
- [2024-1-08- Resolution on Ivy City](#)
- [2024-2-06- Resolution on Bio-Retention Beds](#)
- [2024-2-26- Resolution on Lafayette Field](#)
- [2024-3-11- Resolution to Amend the Civic Site RFP](#)
- [2024-3-11- Resolution To Urge WMATA to Preserve Critical Bus Service for Chevy Chase](#)
- [2024-3-25- Resolution Urging recapping its previous resolution issued in February 2024, as well, with input from the community, its recommendations on how DC can best honor its commitment to restore and maintain the lower grass field.](#)
- [2024-4-25- Resolution on Proposed Upper Connecticut Ave NW Rezoning](#)
- [2024-5-13- Resolution on DC Statehood](#)
- [2024-6-10- Resolution on Lafayette Grass-v-Turf](#)
- [2024-6-10- Resolution on 32nd St. NW Sidewalk](#)
- [2024-6-24- Better Bus Network Resolution](#)
- [2024-6-24- Resolution on Livingston St. NW Traffic-Calming](#)
- [2024-9-09- Resolution on Grass Playing Fields & PFAS-safe Environment](#)
- [2024-9-23- Resolution on Civic Core Disposition](#)

B. Surveys

The commission published the following survey:

- [Civic Core Site Survey](#), October 2023 - Fielded October 13 to November 12

C. Testimony

The commission gave the following testimony:

- [2024-4-30- Testimony on the FY 2025 Budget for the Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation Project](#)
- [2024-4-11- Testimony before the Committee of the Whole on FY 2025 Budget for the DC Public Schools \(DCPS\)](#)
- [2024-3-22- Testimony from Murch Elementary School Parents and Caregivers About FY 2025 DCPS Budget](#)

V. Commission Meetings

The commission held public meetings on the following dates:

● October 23, 2023 ● November 13, 2023 ● November 27, 2023 ● December 6, 2023 ● December 11, 2023 ● January 8, 2024 ● January 22, 2024 ● February 6, 2024 ● February 12, 2024 ● February 26, 2024 ● March 4, 2024 ● March 11, 2024	● March 27, 2024 ● April 8, 2024 ● April 11, 2024 ● April 17, 2024 ● April 25, 2024 ● May 13, 2024 ● June 10, 2024 ● June 24, 2024 ● July 8, 2024 ● July 22, 2024 ● September 9, 2024 ● September 23, 2024
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Minutes can be found at anc3g.dc.gov/financial-view-for-ancs.

Recordings can be found at anc3g.dc.gov/video-recordings-by-fiscal-year.

VI. Committee and Working Group Meetings

RASE - Meetings No minutes available, but videos posted on YouTube channel (see below) ● October 17, 2023 ● December 19, 2023 ● January 16, 2024 ● January 25, 2024 ● March 19, 2024 ● April 16, 2024 ● May 21, 2024 ● June 6, 2024 ● June 18, 2024	Transportation Committee Report- Calendar Year 2024 (both FY 2024 and FY 2025) No recorded meetings or minutes.
Details can be found at https://anc3g.dc.gov/basic-page/anc-34g-committees-task-forces or https://www.youtube.com/@anc3g590/videos	

VII. Community Meetings and Townhalls

Community Meetings and Townhall recordings (minutes not required)-

- 2024-03-26 - SMD02 - Is Artificial Turf Safe for our Kids? (Sherman)
- 2024-04-09 - SMD02 - Artificial Turf vs. Natural Grass (Sherman)
- 2024-05-30 - SMD02 - Natural Grass Fields: Are they Viable? (Sherman)

<https://www.youtube.com/@anc3g590/videos>

VIII. Grants FY 2024

2023-10-23- District Bridges, Chevy Chase Main Street- \$2000.00 -for Soofa sign.

IX. Financial Summary

All Quarterly Financial Reports for FY 2024 at anc3g.dc.gov/financial-view-for-ancs. (or on our website, up in the **top blue bar**, under **ANC Financial Documents**).

[FY 2024 Quarter 1 Financial Report](#)

[FY 2024 Quarter 2 Financial Report](#)

[FY 2024 Quarter 3 Financial Report](#)

[FY 2024 Quarter 4 Financial Report](#)

X. Explanation for Lateness of Submission

I do apologize that this report was not submitted by the previous ANC 34G Chair by the November 30, 2024, deadline. I was elected Chair in January 2026. When I discovered that no annual reports seemed to have been filed for FY2023, 2024, or for FY2025 as statutorily required, I first attempted to determine if the ANC3/4G FY 2024 Annual Report existed but somehow had not been filed appropriately with the OANC and city. I could not find any report, and emails to the former Chair went unanswered. I also determined that the ANC had been alerted to the requirement with emails on August 15, 2024, and again on November 19, 2024, from OANC Executive Director Kent Boese. Although I found that then-Chair Gore had put the annual report on the draft agenda for one meeting, according to minutes, the FY 2024 report was never presented or approved. In May 2026, I drafted the ANC 3/4G Annual Report for FY2024, using available public records. I also reached out to my Commission on May 17, 2026, asking for contributions and giving a sample of what I'd done for the 2025 report. Again, receiving no contribution or comment from the previous Chair, I completed the FY 2024 Annual Report. Documentation of my efforts to locate a missing report and include comments [is here](#). This report is submitted for our regular public meeting on June 8, 2026.

XI. Submission

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Phinzy *Laura G. Phinzy*
Chair, ANC 3/4G (Jan 12, 2026-present)
June 1, 2026
