

3G01- Lisa Gore 3G02- Bruce Sherman, Treasurer 3G03- Carol Grunewald, Secretary 3G04- Laura Phinizy, Chair 3G05- Karrenthya Simmons 3G06- Peter Gosselin 3G07- Elizabeth Nagy, Vice-Chair		5601 Connecticut Ave NW P.O. Box 6252 Washington, D.C. 20015 3G@anc.dc.gov https://anc3g.org YouTube: ANC3G
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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 – April 27, 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: 38 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Noting that a quorum was present, Chair Phinizy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Phinizy outlined virtual meeting procedures.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended as follows:

- A request was made to remove the scheduled National Park Service presentation on a wayside marker at Chevy Chase Fountain from the agenda because the presenter was not available.

Chair Phinizy made a motion to adopt the agenda with the suggested change. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Secretary Grunewald moved to postpone adoption of the April 13 minutes until the May 11 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Additional ANC Meeting Dates:

Commissioner Nagy moved that the Commission add additional regular meeting dates to the ANC calendar for 2026 to work on the Civic Core issue.

Midway through the discussion Commissioner Gore recused herself from the discussion and left the meeting because it pertained to the Civic Core.

Chair Phinizy moved to amend the motion to add meetings only on May 27, November 23, and December 7, 2026, for the purpose of discussing and voting on Civic Core matters, website matters, and other Commission business as necessary. The motion to amend was seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: 0; Abstain: Simmons.

Chair Phinizy moved to vote on the original motion as amended. The motion was seconded and was approved in a vote of 5-0-1. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: 0; Abstain: Simmons.

B. Goods for Good Grant Application:

Commissioner Gore rejoined the meeting.

The Commission considered a grant request from Goods for Good in support of its proposed "Acts of Kindness Fair" scheduled for May 9, 2026, at the Episcopal Center for Children campus.

Chair Phinizy moved to approve a \$2,000 grant to Goods for Good for the Acts of Kindness Fair. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0-0.

C. Engagement with Local Businesses Regarding Civic Core Redevelopment:

Commissioner Gore recused herself from the following discussion on the Civic Core.

Commissioner Sherman moved that, within 30 days, ANC 3/4G engage business owners and operators located along Connecticut Avenue between Livingston St. and Chevy Chase Circle, regarding the proposed Civic Core redevelopment project and the 8,000 square feet of retail space currently included in the development proposal.

Sherman then moved to amend his motion to include that the solicitation of merchant views take place within 30 days and could be led by Commissioners Gosselin and Simmons in whose single member districts the businesses are located.

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the amendment to strike businesses only located along Connecticut between Livingston and the Circle and instead include all brick-and-mortar businesses located in Chevy Chase DC so that Broad Branch Market, which is not located in the commercial district, could be included. The motion to amend the amendment was seconded and was approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0.

Commissioner Simmons called the question to vote on the motion as amended. The motion failed in a tie vote of 3-3-0. In favor: Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin. Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy.

Commissioner Sherman moved to amend his motion again to engage Chevy Chase DC businesses on the topic of the Civic Core by means of sending letters in addition to the other ways already discussed, and in conjunction with Chevy Chase Main Street. The motion to amend was seconded and was approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0.

Chair Phinizy brought the original motion, as amended, back to the floor for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0.

D. Letter to DMPED:

Chair Phinizy noted that prior requests for meetings with DMPED to discuss the proposed Civic Core development had not resulted in agency attendance at an ANC meeting, and she advised that another letter, along with a list of questions about the proposed redevelopment, be sent to DMPED.

Chair Phinizy moved to send a letter to DMPED requesting that representatives attend an ANC meeting and promptly answer questions and provide data regarding the Civic Core project. The motion was seconded and placed on the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the motion by tabling the item until the May 11 meeting to allow commissioners additional time to review and provide feedback on the letter. The motion was not seconded and thus failed.

Commissioner Simmons called the question and the motion was seconded. The motion failed in a vote of 1-5-0. In favor: Simmons; Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy.

Commissioner Gosselin moved to amend the main motion by striking the proposal to send the letter and instead send only the list of questions to DMPED for prompt response. The motion was seconded. The motion failed in a vote of 2-1-3. In favor: Phinizy, Gosselin; Opposed: Simmons; Abstain: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy.

The commission returned to consideration of the original motion: Sending the letter to DMPED as drafted, including the attached questions. Commissioner Gosselin called the question to end debate and proceed to a vote on the original motion. The motion was seconded. The motion to end debate and vote was approved unanimously 6-0-0.

The Chair brought the original motion to the floor (to send the letter and questions to DMPED as written). The motion was approved 5-1-0. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: Simmons.

E. Discussion and Vote on Whether to Dissolve the Racial and Social Equity Standing (RASE) Committee:

Commissioner Gore re-joined the meeting.

Commissioner Gore moved to formally dissolve the RASE Committee as requested by resigning members in an April 15 letter to the ANC. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Gore asked for unanimous consent that a letter written by some former members of the Committee asking that the RASE Committee be dissolved be appended to the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Nagy objected to unanimous consent for appending the resignation letter to the minutes.

Commissioner Gore then made a second motion: to append the letter to the minutes.

Chair Phinizy ruled that the motions must be considered in order.

Commissioner Grunewald moved to call the question and to proceed to a vote. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-1. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: Gore; Abstain: Simmons.

The motion to dissolve the RASE Committee thus proceeded to the floor. The motion failed in a vote of 3-4-0. In favor: Gore, Simmons, Gosselin; Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy.

Commissioner Grunewald moved to call the question on Gore's second motion. The motion was seconded and approved in a 6-1-0 vote. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Simmons, Nagy. Opposed: Gosselin.

The motion to append the letter to the minutes then proceeded to the floor. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 5-0-2. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin; Abstain: Grunewald, Nagy.

F. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sherman highlighted two expenditures incurred: a routine GoDaddy website hosting expense of \$199.99, and an additional \$105.99 expense related to ongoing efforts to recover the ANC website account.

The closing account balance for the month was reported as \$59,279.58. No questions were raised regarding the report.

G. Commissioner Announcements:

- DDOT confirmed that a community walkthrough of Pinehurst Circle and Utah Avenue would take place on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Community survey responses and feedback had been received and would be shared with DDOT in advance of the walkthrough.
- A ranked-choice voting briefing was announced for April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Knollwood. The event would be conducted by the D.C. Board of Elections, including Board Chair Gary Thompson, and would be open to the full community.
- Concerns were raised regarding unsafe operation of electric go-karts and scooters in Lafayette Park, particularly near children and families using the park. Residents were reminded that motorized vehicles are generally prohibited in the park. Additional updates included a recent park cleanup, installation of native plants by the Friends of Lafayette Park, progress on permitting for the bear carving project, and ongoing coordination with DPR regarding field aeration and watering schedules.

- Construction of landscaped curb bump-outs at Nevada Avenue and Livingston Street was announced to begin during the week of May 8.
- Continued efforts were reported to arrange a ranked-choice voting presentation for Regency House residents, though coordination with the Department of Housing had delayed scheduling. Efforts would continue either to secure access to Regency House or to identify an alternate location so residents could receive information before the upcoming election.
- It was also reported that, because the commission was unlikely to adopt a resolution regarding DDOT's Notice of Intent for Connecticut Avenue, independent comments would be submitted to DDOT before the May 4 deadline incorporating constituent feedback received.
- A WMATA bus system town hall meeting scheduled for the following evening at WMATA headquarters in Southwest Washington was announced, and interested residents were encouraged to attend.

III. RESIDENT FORUM

- A resident expressed appreciation for the work of the Racial and Social Equity Committee and support for inclusive housing and affordability initiatives related to the Civic Core.
- Comments were made regarding parliamentary procedure, outdated ANC bylaws, and concerns about naming commissioners in ethics-related agenda items.
- A question was raised, and clarification was provided, regarding a reported robbery, which had occurred near 27th Street and Military Road -- not on Utah Avenue.
- Concerns were raised about limits on public comment during motions and votes. The Chair said that the commission was following updated parliamentary guidance from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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