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

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes - May 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-05)

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

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

Number of participants online: 53 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Phinizy noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chair Phinizy proposed the following amendments to the agenda:

• Addition of a presentation and discussion with the DC Office of Planning regarding DC 2050, to begin at approximately 7:55 p.m.

• Addition of a vote regarding the timing of the June 4, 2026 ANC meeting.

• Addition of a discussion and possible vote concerning prior community input and design preferences for the Chevy Chase Library and Community Center project.

• Addition of a discussion regarding the perspectives of Connecticut Avenue business owners.

Chair Phinizy moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0. Absent: Gore

C. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Phinizy moved to adopt temporary meeting procedures, including:

- A two-minute limit for constituent public comments.
- A two-minute limit for constituent comments during presentations.
- A two-minute limit for commissioner debate.
- Recognition by the Chair before speaking.
- Use of the Zoom hand-raise function or chat notification to request recognition.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0. Absent: Gore.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Grunewald moved approval of the April 27, 2026 meeting minutes with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0. Absent: Gore.

Commissioner Gore joined the meeting.

Secretary Grunewald moved approval of the May 11, 2026 meeting minutes with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously in a vote of 7-0-0.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• A representative of the DC PLUG Project provided a construction update and reported on ongoing restoration work and community outreach efforts.

• A resident raised concerns regarding increased traffic and speeding on Aberfoyle Place and surrounding streets as a result of continued Beach Drive closures.

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

A. BZA APPLICATION, 3817 JENIFER ST., NW:

Homeowners, Sally and Steve O'Briant, sought ANC support for a Board of Zoning Adjustment application concerning a proposed one-story rear addition above an existing garage at 3817 Jennifer Street NW in the R-!-B zone. The application sought relief from the required 25-foot rear-yard setback and the required 8-foot side-yard setback.

After hearing from neighbors both for and against the application, Commissioner Gore called the question which ended debate. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 6-1-0. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: Grunewald.

Commissioner Nagy moved to support the requested special exception and authorize submission of Form 129 to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 6-0-1. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin, Nagy; Abstain: Grunewald.

B. JUNE 4, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING WITH DMPED START TIME:

Chair Phinizy moved that the June 4, 2026 ANC meeting with DMPED begin at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

C. UPCOMING CIVIC CORE MEETINGS:

The upcoming June 4 ANC-led meeting at which DMPED would attend, and the upcoming June 9 DCPL and DPR-led community meeting on the proposed new library and community center for the Civic Core, were briefly discussed. No action was taken.

D. CONNECTICUT AVENUE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT:

Chair Phinizy moved to suspend the rules and move the Connecticut Avenue business discussion to the next agenda item. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

Commissioner Gosselin, and former ANC Chair and local business owner Robert Gordon, reported on outreach conducted with Connecticut Avenue business owners regarding the Civic Core project. No action was taken.

E. CIVIC CORE DESIGN PREFERENCES RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Sherman introduced his "Civic Core Design Preferences Resolution," a summary of the community's 7,000 responses to three community-wide surveys conducted, over the past few years, to ascertain community views on development plans for the Civic Core.

Commissioner Simmons said it was getting late and asked to postpone consideration of Commissioner Sherman's resolution until the ANC's next scheduled meeting and instead proceed to other commission business. Chair Phinizy said in order to do that Simmons would have to make a motion to suspend the rules to make a change in the agenda.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved in a vote of 4-3-0. In favor: Gore, Simmons, Phinizy, Gosselin; Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy.

Commissioner Sherman noted that his resolution was timely and needed to be voted on before the ANC's June 4 meeting with DMPED and before the ANC's June 9 meeting with DCPL and DPR so these agencies would have the information contained therein in plenty of time before the meetings, and that timely and important business should not be truncated because a commissioner has had enough of a meeting.

Point of order: Commissioner Gore raised a point of order stating that Sherman assigned points of view to Simmons.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point of order not well taken.

Appeal: Commissioner Gore appealed the ruling.

Chair Phinizy called a vote on the question of whether the Chair's ruling should be sustained. A vote was taken and the decision of the Chair was sustained; Commissioner Gore's point of order was not well taken. (Individual votes could not be captured in the meeting transcript.)

Noting the timeliness of Sherman's resolution, Commissioner Grunewald moved to reconsider the vote postponing its consideration, and, instead, take it up this evening as planned.

Chair Phinizy ruled the motion out of order because, under Robert's Rules, only a member voting on the prevailing side may move reconsideration.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT AND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Sherman presented the FY2026 Quarter 2 Quarterly Financial Report.

Commissioner Simmons raised questions regarding a $3,400 payment to Arbcentrix and budget allocations. Treasurer Sherman explained that the sum was the final payment under a contract approved in June 2024. The invoice was submitted in July 2025 but not paid until Feb. 2026. The ANC approved the payment in Jan. 2026 after reviewing the proper legal basis. Commissioner Sherman became treasurer in Jan. 2026.

Treasurer Sherman moved to approve the FY2026 Quarter 2 Quarterly Financial Report, subject to reconciliation of the questioned budget line item. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Treasurer Sherman moved to authorize an expenditure of up to $60 ($20 per month for June, July, and August) to maintain temporary hosting of the Arbcentrix website while the old records are preserved and transferred to the ANC's new website. The motion was seconded.

Chair Phinizy moved to amend the motion to authorize an expenditure not to exceed $60 contingent upon receipt of a written quote and total cost not to exceed $60. The motion was seconded.

Chair Phinizy moved to further amend the amendment to require a scope of work in addition to the written quote. The motion was seconded.

Chair Phinizy brought the amendment to the amendment to the floor where it was voted on and approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Chair Phinizy brought the amended motion to the floor where it was voted on an approved unanimously 7-0-0.

B. WEBSITE TRANSITION UPDATE:

Chair Phinizy and Commissioner Nagy reported:

• They completed OANC website-management training.

• ANC 3G is now able to manage much of its own website content.

• Minutes and financial documents are being migrated.

• The temporary hosting extension is intended to preserve records during this transition.

No action was taken.

C. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

• Vandalism was reported at the Pinehurst Circle bus stop. WMATA is working on repairs. And an arrest was made of someone experiencing a mental health crisis.

• Constituent concern about potential Comprehensive Plan and zoning changes in Chevy Chase, as well as constituent concern about plans for the Civic Core development, were reported.

• Continued work with DDOT on traffic calming and safety issues was reported.

• Lafayette Elementary School field improvements, including ongoing work regarding erosion, drainage, playground maintenance, and park repairs were reported. Concern was expressed that less durable grass was installed.

• Concerns raised at a prior meeting regarding problems with DC PLUG under grounding of the electrical grid were reportedly resolved.

• A concern was raised about a reported emergency-response address error involving DC Fire and EMS and the Office of Unified Communications was reportedly contacted for an explanation.

• A voter education session on ranked-choice voting for residents of Regency House was announced.

IV. RESIDENT FORUM:

• A resident raised concerns regarding roadway conditions on 27th Street NW between Broad Branch Road and Military Road. In response, Commissioner Grunewald reported ongoing communication with DDOT regarding roadway repairs and safety concerns on that block.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Phinizy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved unanimously 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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