

2014

Minutes of Public Meeting

January 13, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Thompson, Griffin, Cook, and Maydak. Absent: Engeland Speck.

A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 65 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 5-0 with the understanding that discussion of the lighting issue (see below) would await the arrival of Councilmember Bowser.

Election of 2014 ANC 3/4G Officers. Commissioner Thompson nominated the following slate of officers for 2014: Jim McCarthy for Chair; Randy Speck for Vice Chair; David Engel for Secretary, and Henry Griffin for Treasurer. There were no comments from the Commissioners or members of the audience. The vote was agreed to 7-0 (Engel and Speck by proxy).

Adoption of By-Laws. By vote of 5-0 the Commission agreed to adopt the By-Laws of 2014, which were unchanged from 2013.

ANC Security Fund. By vote of 5-0, the Commission passed a resolution that stated "Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014."

ANC 3/4G Meeting Dates for 2014. The ANC 3/4G generally meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, except for public holidays, and, by custom, not in August, although a meeting may be scheduled if needed by the call of the Chair. For 2014, the Commission agreed by vote of 5-0 to the following dates:

January 13, 27;

February 10, 24;

March 10, 24;

April 14, 28;

May 12;

June 9, 23;

July 14, 28;

September 8, 22;

October 27;

November 24;

December 8.

[No meetings planned in August except by call of the Chair]

Commissioner Announcements. Commissioner Thompson reviewed the Transportation Task Force and its coming meeting on January 15 at Knollwood 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. The Zoning Commission is still reviewing the zoning proposals. A Ward 3 & 4 hearing is set for February 11, 6:00 pm at Wilson High School. Commissioner Cook discussed the Office of the Peoples Council ongoing review of Verizon's replacing copper wire with FIOS. The Rock Creek Conservancy cleanup will be Saturday January 18, 1 – 4 pm. CM Bonds will hold a community summit with the Mayor and MPD Chief Lanier attending on Saturday January 25 at the Reeves Center 9:30 to 2:00 pm.

Grant Request by Friendship Place. The Commission voted 7 – 0 to approve a grant to Friendship Place for \$2,000.00 for goods and services for participants of their Welcome Center (for the homeless), Speck and Engel by proxy.

Raze permit for 3823 Morrison Street. The previous owner of this property at age 90+ had died and the property had been sold. Kim Williams of the Historic Preservation Office outlined the rules under which this office could become involved in preserving property in historic districts or individual historic properties, and had brought this property to the attention of the ANC in view of the proposal several years ago to establish a historic district in Chevy Chase. No application was ever made for such a district. The new property owner, Bob Holman, over 30 years a resident of the area, discussed his proposed building plans, which will be stucco and shingle siding and a building with a foot print of 1,200 square feet on four levels (basement + three) with a total 5,500 square feet. The height would be some 5 feet less than the current building. He pointed out problems with the current structure that make it not worth saving, including wall cracks from the top floor through the basement. His plan would continue to use the site as a single family unit (he plans to move in), whereas the zoning (R-2) would allow for two town houses. Mary Rowse urged that the property be kept and improved as this structure contributes to the historic nature of the area, being over 100 years old. She urged the owner to keep the property or perhaps sell to another person, and presented him with a letter to this effect with the concurrence of some 70 persons sharing this view. After discussion, Commissioner Cook offered a motion to postpone a vote on the raze permit so that the owner could obtain an engineering opinion from a neutral expert, and encouraged a meeting with the neighbors. The motion failed by vote: for, 2 (Cook, Maydak); against, 3 (McCarthy, Thompson, Griffin). Commissioner McCarthy offered a motion that the ANC had “no objection” to the raze permit being issued. This motion passed by vote of 5 in favor (McCarthy, Thompson, Griffin and, by proxy, Engel and Speck) and 2 against (Cook, Maydak).

Discussion of Replacement of Street and Alley Lights with LED Lighting. Commissioner Maydak introduced this subject and asked Laura Phinizy to present the problem. DC DOT representatives gave a presentation pointing out the need to increase the efficiency of lighting, (reducing costs) and that the city wide program would roll out over several years, under a city wide contract. Concerns were expressed as to the intensity of these lights, color of lighting, heights of the fixtures, ways to shield light (lights shining into bedrooms, etc.), and technology for dimming lights. CM Bowser spoke to the oversight roll of the Council for these LED lights and said that she would keep in touch with the neighborhood as to developments. Commissioner Maydak proposed that the ANC establish a task force on lighting, which was agreed to by vote of 5 – 0.

Application for Public Space Permit to Construct Circular Drive on Connecticut Avenue and further Discussion of Cafritz Property Development (5333 Connecticut Avenue) and other Cafritz

issues. Chairman McCarthy noted that DDOT (Public Space Administration) had further delayed its consideration of the application for the use of public space for the construction of a driveway at 5333 Connecticut Avenue. The application will be considered at the next ANC meeting. Robert Gordon, a near-by resident, presented a proposal FOIA request to DC DOT regarding communication with Cafritz and asked for ANC support, which was agreed to by vote of 7 – 0 (including two proxy votes)

Commission Business.

a. The Minutes of the December 9 public meeting were approved by vote of 5-0.

b. Checks: The ANC approved by vote of 5-0 checks for: Verizon (December-\$105.16); Global Harmony (grant-\$450.00); Chevy Chase Citizens (grant- \$300.00); Woodward Wilson Crew (grant- \$2000.00); Ameritel (copier toner- \$66.70); IRS (quarterly w/holding- \$184.37); DOES (unemployment insurance Oct.-Dec.- \$51.59); DC Treasurer (tax withholding- \$326.80); Canon Financial (copier lease- \$214.03); Diane Werneke (petty cash replenishment- \$51.17); ANC Security Fund (bonding- \$25.00); and Verizon (January \$103.39)

c. Items for the next meeting on January 27 include: Task Forces on Lighting and on Transportation; Garden Center Proposal for bus station at Connecticut & Oliver Street; 5333 Connecticut Ave.; and the October – December 2013 Quarterly Financial Report.

d. The Commission also heard a proposal for a garden center at the bus depot at 5720 Connecticut Ave. Due to time constraints, agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Cook, and Maydak. Absent: Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 30 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 6-0. Chair McCarthy explained that the Commission was introducing new meeting procedures that will give a specific time allotment to each agenda item so that each topic will be assured a discussion. Time allotments will be flexible so additional time for discussion can be voted if needed. He also noted that at the suggestion of Gottlieb Simon (Director of ANCs), an item “new

business” will be added to each agenda to give the audience an opportunity to raise new issues or questions. This will be in addition to the agenda item “Community Announcements” which is featured already on each agenda. The agenda was approved by vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Announcements. Chair McCarthy said the ANC had received 4 resumes to date for the job opening of the ANC’s office manager. He appointed Commissioners Speck, Griffin, and Cook to review these and any other incoming applications and set dates for interviews. Commissioner Griffin noted that concerns had been raised about the intersection of 39th Street and Reno Road where traffic entering Reno from 39th Street encounters obstructed vision with several accidents reported. The abutting ANC 3E has also noted its concerns about the intersection. Commissioner Griffin said that DDOT would not install a traffic light there, but he suggested a possible stop sign and asked that comments about this concern be directed to him. Commissioner Cook provided an update on the welfare of the homeless in the area noting that her request for a “warming bus” in the area during cold weather had been turned down by DC Social Services as there were apparently not enough persons who would use the bus. However, she said that she would continue her efforts to locate shelter for the homeless in the area.

Community Announcements. Representatives from the Mayor’s office and Councilmembers Cheh and Bowser were represented. Ms. Reta Lewis introduced herself as a candidate for DC Mayor and noted her interest in the concerns of the community.

Discussion of Cafritz Property Development (5333 Connecticut Avenue). The discussion of the Cafritz application for the circular driveway on Connecticut Avenue was again postponed. Chair McCarthy noted that he had received a letter from Mr. Robert Lockhart, Executive of Capital Construction Consultants, which stated that an additional trucker had violated the rules regarding the use of adjacent roads to the 5333 construction project. This trucker (the second to incur such a penalty) is also banned from the site. Chair McCarthy noted that he had sent this to the 5333 Neighbors Coalition. He hoped that the truckers would spread the word of the enforcement and the bans so that additional violations would not occur. The circular driveway application may be put on the ANC’s next agenda, February 10.

Discussion of LED Lighting. Report of Task Force. At the previous ANC 3/4G a Task Force co-chaired by Commissioner Maydak and Laura Phinizy was formed to look into DDOT’s installment of street and alley lights in the community as many residents affected by the new installation of LED lighting complained about the replacements as to the brightness and wide span of the lighting which was many times greater than existing lighting and inappropriate for residential neighborhoods. Commissioner Maydak and Ms. Phinizy said that the lighting was quite off the chart in terms of what was in character for a neighborhood, some lighting exceeding that which was used for the Rockville Pike. However, in addition to their description of “too bright”, Ms. Phinizy provided very detailed data regarding the light brightness, spacing, color, light trespassing (how far an area is illuminated), fixtures to be used, and other issues. After discussion, the ANC voted (7-0, Thompson by proxy) to send a letter to DDOT (the agency in charge of the new lighting) requesting an ANC meeting with DDOT officials as well as information on the issues raised above. A request to place a moratorium on further DDOT action to replace lights was also added to the letter. The letter has been posted on the ChevyChaseCommunity listserv.

Proposal for Garden Center at WMATA Bus Depot (5720 Connecticut Avenue). Mr. Mark Sniegoski presented a plan for a garden center at the bus depot at 5720 Connecticut Avenue. Under the plan, the bus

depot building would be restored (a building of long-standing in Chevy Chase now in disrepair) and the building would be used as a garden center with areas of the area outside the building used as storage and parking. WMATA spokesperson Stan Wall said that a garden center with its implicit traffic would not be compatible with WMATA. He said that bus access was necessary which would take up 2-lanes of the U-shaped circular drive and that there was no room for auxiliary vehicles to enter or exit the site. After discussion by Commissioners, Mr. Sniegowski was thanked by the Commission for both indicating the poor condition of the structure and for proposing alternative uses. The Commission then agreed by vote of 6-0 to a motion by Commissioner Engel to send a letter to WMATA regarding the concern about the condition of the depot building as well as sending out a notice that the building should be considered for adapted use.

Commission Business.

- a. The Minutes of the January 13 public meeting were approved by vote of 6-0
- b. Checks: The ANC approved by vote of 6-0 checks for: \$2,000.00 (Friendship Place-grant); \$153.90 (Diane Werneke-NW Current classified ad for job posting); \$46.84 (Diane Werneke-Staples for paper).
- c. Quarterly Financial Report approve by vote of 6-0.
- d. Items for the next meeting on February 10 include: Update on 5333 (possible application for circular drive); Update on LED lighting; at the meeting of Feb. 24, application for ABRA liquor license for Macon Restaurant at 5520 Connecticut Ave.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Thompson, Cook, and Maydak. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 35 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Announcements. Chair McCarthy indicated that the ANC had received 10 resumes to date for the job opening of the ANC's office manager. The committee appointed to review the applicants will begin interviews shortly. He further appointed Commissioner Thompson to assist with the computer updates

needed as the version of Microsoft operating system on our computer will no longer be supported after April 2014. Commissioner Thompson reported that hearing on zoning changes are continuing with the one in Ward 3 to be held February 11, at Wilson High School at 6:30. He further reported on the now delayed election in 2014 for an elected Attorney General for DC. Commission Cook announced the forthcoming meeting on February 26 regarding homelessness. Commissioner Maydak further added to this regarding busses for homelessness persons being used by the DC Gov't. She also reported on a coming walk through program through neighborhoods to survey residents on many subjects. She also indicated that school boundary changes are beginning to be undertaken. Chair McCarthy announced a Mayor Candidate forum on February 11 at St Colombia's Church sponsored by the Ward 3 Democrats.

Community Announcements. Representatives from the Mayor's office and Councilmembers Cheh and Bowser were represented. Pete Ross, a candidate for the DC Shadow Senate seat, spoke briefing on the role of the shadow representative and the two senators.

Discussion of LED Lighting: Report of Task Force. The ANC Task Force co-chaired by Commissioner Maydak and Laura Phinzy provided an update on the progress of DDOT's installment of street and alley lights in the community. They reviewed their discussion with DDOT, and they had been unable to see the contract with the vendor as it now unavailable as it is in the Appeals Court. They had requested of DDOT information as to the contract proposal and RFP. Commissioner Maydak has been in contact with DDOT and they had requested additional time to respond to the ANC letter. They indicated that they needed 30 more days.

Discussion of Cafritz Property Development (5333 Connecticut Avenue). The Chair asked Commissioner Speck to review and provide a background on the circular drive way proposed by Cafritz. He reviewed the MOU which the ANC had agreed to, which was approved by the ANC. One of the conditions was support for the circular driveway. This is now before the Commission due to the application of Cafritz for use of public space for this circular driveway. In regard to the circular driveway, he discussed in detail two major points: 1.) that this driveway would reduce traffic on Kanawha Street and Military Road, and 2.) the preservation of trees along the Connecticut Avenue side of the building. This was followed by presentation by Cafritz officials, traffic planner, and arborist. The traffic planner discussed the alternatives to the circular driveway, including curb-side drop-off and pick-up on Connecticut Avenue, Military road, Kanawha Street, or in the alley, and the problem with each. The Connecticut Avenue location proved to be the best location. The arborist discussed the tree preservation program, potential paving surfaces in the tree box area, side walk, drive apron, and front area including how each would preserve the trees and roots. Questions and comments were taken from the audience, and discussed by Commissioners and Cafritz officials.

Commissioner Speck offered a motion, on the request for use of the public space which includes several friendly amendments as follows: Resolved that the ANC has no objection to and supports Cafritz's public space application for a circular driveway with the following conditions and provisos:

1. Cafritz and its consultants will work with DDOT to develop a standard of care and design for the construction and maintenance of the circular drive that offers the best reasonable likelihood for preservation of all current trees in the public space on the Connecticut Avenue frontage of the property;
2. To provide for the eventuality that any current trees in the public space area on the Connecticut Avenue frontage may not survive, Cafritz and its consultants will work with DDOT to develop a specific protocol for

actions that Cafritz will take, including replacement of non-surviving trees to provide a similar canopy where possible;

3. Cafritz and its consultants will work with DDOT to develop a comprehensive traffic plan related to its circular drive with the objective of reducing traffic on Military Road and Kanawha Street; and

4. The ANC appoints Commissioner Randy Speck as its representative at meetings between Cafritz and DDOT to report on the implementation of these conditions and provisos.

After further discussion, the Commission voted 5 for (McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Thompson) 2 against (Cook, Maydak)

Commission Business.

- a. The Minutes of the January 27 public meeting were approved by vote of 7-0
- b. Checks: The ANC approved by vote of 7-0 checks for: \$225.76 (Diane Werneke—2 toners for printer); \$105.81 (Verizon-Feb.)
- c. Items for the next meeting on February 24 include: Update on 5333 Connecticut Avenue; Update on LED lighting; application for ABRA liquor license for Macon Restaurant at 5520 Connecticut Ave.
- d. Treasurer Griffin announced that our next DC allotment had been approved and would be received shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Cook, and Maydak. Absent: Engel and Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 20 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Announcements. Commissioner Speck introduced Ms. Jeralynn Graham as the new ANC office manager. She will take up the position in early March. Chair McCarthy announced the Spring Grant

period with applications due by March 21. Grants are given to nonprofit groups serving the Chevy Chase community. Grant procedures and application forms are available on the ANC website (www.anc3g.org) under the "Information" tab on the main page or by notifying the office. Commissioner Cook indicated that the AARP would provide tax preparation services at the Community Center on Tuesdays (9AM-1 PM) and Wednesdays (9 AM-5 PM) until April 15.

Community Announcements. Representatives from the Mayor's office and Councilmember Bowser were in attendance.

Update on LED Lighting. Chair McCarthy noted that the Commission had sent DDOT a letter at the end of January requesting information on a number of issues regarding the replacement of the current street lights with LED lights, which many in the community affected by the new lights found to be too bright and too widely distributed. Commissioner Maydak, co-chair of the ANC task force on LED lighting, said that DDOT had asked for an additional 30 days to respond to the letter and that the contracts for the work were as yet unavailable. In addition, she said that it would be about six months until lower intensity bulbs would be installed and approximately three months before the arrival of lighting shields.

Update on Cafritz Property Development. Chair McCarthy said that at the February 10 ANC meeting the Commission had approved the use of public space application by Cafritz to make two curb cuts on Connecticut Avenue for a circular driveway for the apartment complex. The main issue at the meeting of the Public Space Committee, attended by Chair McCarthy and Commissioner Speck, was tree preservation along Connecticut Avenue. DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration was also at that meeting. Commissioner Speck reported that more information was asked of the developer as to having an arborist onsite as well as regular follow-up on the health of the trees so that problems could quickly be discerned and trees could be replaced. Cafritz said that the work would be subject to daily monitoring via live cameras and any tree replacement would be of the largest size tree possible. The next meeting before the Public Space Committee is February 27. Both Commissioners McCarthy and Speck will attend. Commissioner Griffin noted that the problem of truck traffic surrounding the construction site had been abated with the placement of new signage on the side streets, further trucker information about street restrictions, and the permanent ban of truckers who had violated the restrictions

Macon Restaurant Application for a Class C Liquor License. The owner, Mr. Tony Brown and General Manager Nicole Ryan-Wiss presented the plans for the restaurant located at 5520 Connecticut Avenue (in the Chevy Chase Arcade). The restaurant's concept is a traditional French bistro with a southern (U.S. accent). The restaurant will provide seating for 60 indoors and 24 patio seats if permission from the Public Space Committee is approved. The issue before the Commission was the application for a liquor license for the indoor seating (the outdoor seating subject to another review at the time of the application). Mr. Brown responded to issues raised by neighbors at the November 25, 2013 meeting of the Commission. He said that the restaurant would use two existing pads for trash bins which would be lockable and cleared four times a week or more depending on existing business. Any bottle disposal into the bins would not be later than 10 PM., that deliveries would be made to the front of the building, and that access to the rear garbage bins would be through the back door of the arcade (via the basement). Near-by residents raised concerns about the trash collection schedule, the size of the bins so as not to have overloaded dumpsters, parking, ventilation, and noise. Mr. Brown said that the ventilation system would use the current system. Former

Commissioner Beach noted that parking requirements were not part of any application approval agreements in the area—Chevy Chase to Calvert Street. Chair McCarthy noted the concern of residents (as he lives closed to the restaurant site), but also the willingness of the owner to work with neighbors about the trash concerns. After further discussion, the Commission agreed by vote of 7-0; Engel and Thompson by proxy) to support the application for the liquor license provided: 1. the applicant amend the hours of operations to close at 12 midnight on Sunday through Thursday and 1 AM on Fridays and Saturdays; and 2. the applicant agree to further discussion with the adjacent neighbors regarding the provisions for solid waste management and ventilation. Chair McCarthy was appointed the ANC representative at any and all hearings before the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration.

New Business. Commissioner Maydak indicated that she would raise the issue of the School Boundary Review Process Initiative at the next ANC meeting and will invite Deputy Mayor Smith (or her designee) to attend.

Commission Business.

- a. The Minutes of the February 10, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 5-0
- b. Checks: none
- c. The Commission noted its approval of a new computer software to replace Window XP which no longer be supported by Microsoft after March 2014.
- d. Items for the next meeting on March 10 include: Update on 5333; Update on LED lighting; School boundaries; potholes in Chevy Chase area

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Cook, and Maydak, Engel and Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 85 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Announcements. Commissioner McCarthy indicated that the deadline for receiving grants for the spring 2014 period will be March 21. He indicated that a second discussion on school boundaries would be held March 12 at Woodrow Wilson High School. He announced a pedestrian safety meeting scheduled for March 12 at the Methodist Home. Commissioner Thompson indicated that the transportation task force was continuing to meeting and hopefully the task force will have a report at the next meeting. Commissioner Speck announced that a neighborhood watch session would be held on March 11 at Columba Church. Commissioner Cooke reported on the Club 60+ group at the Chevy Chase Community Center which meets regularly at the community center. Commissioner Maydak reported on the Lafayette School modernization team which is meeting regularly. She further reported the Riversmart project at Quesada Street and 32nd Street is about to be undertaken.

Community Announcements. Representatives from the Mayor's office, Councilmembers Bowser and Cheh were in attendance.

Update on LED Lighting. Commissioner Maydak gave a brief update and the response she had received from DDOT. The DDOT response was generic and not specific. The LED task force will continue to meet.

Update on Cafritz Property Development. Commissioner Speck reported on the meeting of the public safety committee regarding the circular drive. A number of questions were asked of the developer and there were some commitments made by the developer in response to the questions and concerns which were similar to those discussed and reviewed at the February 24 ANC meeting. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

Briefing on DC Assignment and School Boundary and Review Process.

Deputy Mayor for Education Abigail Smith began the discussion with a presentation describing efforts to provide policies that will give families clarity, predictability and access for high quality school options at locations that make sense to them. She explained the boundary review initiative, where we are now, current school assignment and choice policy, feeder school relationships and relationships to public charter schools. The final plan is scheduled to be announced in September 2014. She explained the role of the task force, the current distribution of enrollment which includes both the DC Public Schools (DCPS) and charter schools, the latter of which represents 42% of the school population. Her handouts provided information on enrollments by wards, focus group feedback, what is next and how participants can help. Key information included feeder patterns, policies for elementary schools compared with middle and high schools and the role of choice. Community members asked questions regarding Lafayette and Murch elementary schools and why they were not expressly represented by a member of the task force. Further, it was noted schools west of the park were the ones that were overcrowded. It was noted that if out of boundary students were removed from Deal and Wilson they would no longer be overcrowded. Ms. Smith indicated the goals were to retain basic values (e.g., quality education, diversity), proximities, and to evaluate current policies in light of those objectives. She further indicated there were financial and logistical implications that would flow from boundary changes. The changes must make sense with regard to charter school and must be predictable. The session concluded with Matt Fruman, a member of the task force (also Chair of ANC 3E), encouraging to all to participate; he welcomed their comments and suggestions and he was fully aware of the Lafayette/Murch situations.

Commission Business:

- a. The Minutes of the February 24, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 7-0.
- b. Checks for \$156.31 IRS (Federal withholding February 2014) \$718.03 Diane Werneke (new computer CPU unit) were approved by a vote of 7 – 0.
- c. Items for the next meeting on March 24 include: Update on 5333 Connecticut Avenue, a resolution on proposed funding for Murch Elementary School modernization, ABC liquor license for Macon Restaurant, BZA special exception for 2950 Legation Street, grant presentation by applicant.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Thompson, Engel, Cook, and Maydak. Absent: Griffin. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 50 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed by vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Announcements.

Commissioner McCarthy reported that the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action Committee said there were ten un-signalized pedestrian crossings on Connecticut Ave. between Chevy Chase and Calvert Street. DDOT has committed to review the situation and a study of these intersections is ongoing. Commissioner McCarthy announced that there would be a meeting on the Solid Waste Management program at the Reeves Center on April 7 from 6-8 PM. Chair McCarthy also noted that there had been an auditors' review of the ANC Security Funds.

Commissioner Thompson said that the ANC Transportation Task Force has been meeting and that he would report on these meetings at the next ANC meeting on April 14. He also indicated that the summary of the changes in Zoning Regulations were available on the Office of Planning's website. Further, he noted that the plans for the reconstruction of Oregon Avenue were being updated and that he was trying to find information about this. An update will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

Commissioner Cook said that the Club 60+ was meeting each Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center.

Commissioner Maydak reported that Commissioner Cook had received the Alice Paul award for her work to implement the Equal Rights Amendment. Commissioner McCarthy (current chair) and Commissioner Thompson (former chair) thanked Office Director Diane Werneke for 10 years dedicated and outstanding service in managing the ANC 3G office.

Community Announcements. A representative from Councilmember Bowser' office was in attendance. Mr. Wayne Fortune, PNC Bank Vice President from the Chevy Chase Office, announced PNC will host a paper shredding event in the PNC parking lot on April 26 from 11 AM -2 PM.

Special Exception for 2950 Legation Street (BZA Case # 18745). The owner appeared at the meeting describing his application for a Special Exemption under 223.1 to permit an addition to a single dwelling in an R-1-B district not meeting the rear yard requirements. He explained that the lot as it was created in 1930 does not conform with the current lot minimum area requirements. He has applied to the Special Exception in order to add a rear addition, which is a common feature in that neighborhood. He noted that adjacent owners had no objection to his proposed addition. There were no known objections to the ANC regarding this variance request. After discussion, the Commission by vote of 6-0 agreed to support the Special Exception and send a letter to the BZA to this effect. Commissioner Speck was appointed as the ANC representative at any and all hearings on this matter.

Resolution on Proposed Funding for Murch Elementary School Renovation. The Commission noted that Murch Elementary School, a school attended by many children of the Chevy Chase community, was one of the most overcrowded schools in the District and there were safety issues associated with this problem. Funding to enlarge and update the school facilities had not been forthcoming on a timely basis. Therefore, following resolutions drawn up by ANCs 3E and F, the Commission agreed to a resolution that called for funds to be appropriated in a timely manner to begin the work on the needed Murch renovation and that the planning begin this year with an eye on beginning work in 2015. The resolution was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

ABRA Liquor License for Macon Restaurant.

A draft agreement between the ANC and the owner of Macon Restaurant was presented. The draft agreement addresses 3 issues: 1) No delivery in the alley, 2) Hours of operations (closure at 12 midnight weekdays and 1 pm weekends), and 3) Solid waste and trash removal (6 days per week before 9 pm).

The motion to approve the liquor license application no. ABRA-093939 was approved by a vote of 6 to 1 (Commissioner Griffin by proxy in favor, Commissioner Cook opposed).

Grants for the Spring 2014 Period. There were two requests for grants this period; one for the Friends of Lafayette Park to correct erosion problem and a second from the Citizens Advisory Council for award plaques for Second District Officers at the banquet to be held in April.

The Friends of Lafayette Park was represented by Kimberly Cestari. She requested a \$2000 grant for soil erosion abatement in the park. Commissioner Maydak, in whose single member district Lafayette Park is

located, asked Ms. Cestari if DPR had approved the work FOLP wants to complete. Ms. Cestari said FOLP did not ask DPR for approval and stated that DPR had not been responsive to FOLP in the past. Ms. Cestari was asked to return to the next meeting with information as to why DPR is not correcting the soil erosion issue, with the identification of the material that will be utilized as well as completing a consultation with neighbors regarding any concerns they may have with the proposed work.

Brian Trammell, chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission, requested a \$2000 grant to purchase plaques to recognize outstanding police work at the 2nd District Police awards banquet. Mr. Trammell was asked to return at the next meeting to tell the commissioners what organization provided the grant for the last awards banquet.

A vote on grants is scheduled for the April 14 meeting.

Commission Business:

The Minutes of the March 10, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 6-0.

Checks for Verizon in the amount of \$105.25 and Ameritel in the amount of \$150.00 were approved by a vote of 6 – 0.

The quarterly financial report.

Items for the next meeting on April 14 include:

ANC Transportation Task Force issues

Grant vote

Public space permit for parking lot behind CVS and

Chevy Chase Liquor

Quarterly Financial Report (may be postponed until April 28 meeting)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 28, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Cook, and Maydak, Griffin. Absent: Engel, Thompson. A quorum of 5 was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 20 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was modified to move the Macon Bistro public space permit discussion to immediately prior to New Business. The agenda and modification was agreed by vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Announcements.

Commissioners Maydak and Cook announced their research into a community information sharing website called Nextdoor.

They also set up a video tape of the meeting through Google Hangouts.

More information on both of these technology uses for the commission will follow.

Community Announcements. Representatives from Councilmember Bowser's office and Representative Cheh's office were in attendance.

BZA Application No. 18753 regarding the parking lot use at 3820-3826 McKinley Street NW

The applicant was represented by Martin P. Sullivan and Mrs. Weisman from Chevy Chase Wine and Spirits.

A motion to support the application with the following modifications:

An increase from a 5 year to 10 year application review cycle;

The existing brick wall and fencing the property should be maintained;

The sidewalk on the McKinley Street side of the property must be maintained and shoveled after a snow storm to the same standards as a residential property; and

In recognition of the longer application review cycle, the applicant said he would repave the parking lot.

Commissioner McCarthy will represent the ANC for any and all hearings related to this application.

The motion to approve the application with the above noted modifications was approved by a vote of 4 in favor (McCarthy, Maydak, Griffin, Speck) and 1 against (Cook).

Lighting Task Force Meeting Update.

Commissioner Maydak summarized the April 10, 2014 Light Task Force meeting with DDOT.

ANC Spring 2014 Grants

A motion was offered to increase the FY 2014 grants budget by \$1750.00 and to approve a grant to The D.C. Metropolitan Police Citizens Advisory Commission in the amount of \$2000.00 by a vote of 5 (includes Thompson proxy) favor – 1 abstention (Griffin). It was understood that the grantee will not request the funds until a later date.

The discussion regarding the grant request for Friends of Lafayette Park was postponed until the May 12 meeting.

Public Space Permit tracking no. 93763 for American City Diner (DDOT/Public Space Management Branch)

The applicant Jeffrey Gildenhorn made a presentation for use of public space for an additional sidewalk café seating 28 persons. A discussion followed including questions regarding this new use of additional public space and what the ANC had approved for the 1999 American City Diner's public space application. The commissioners indicated that they need to review the current public space use in relation to what the commission had approved in 1999 and what was actually built. After discussion, a motion was offered to delay consideration of this application pending further ANC investigation and was approved by vote of 5 – 0.

Public Space Permit tracking no. 93709 for Macon Restaurant (DDOT/Public Space Management Branch)

Macon Bistro's request for a sidewalk café consisting of 6 tables with 22 seats in a public space was

discussed. After discussion and input from neighbors near the Arcade, and in light of the requirement that the Commission indicate either it has “no objections” or that it has “objections” and the basis for those objections, Commissioner Speck offered the following motion:

The Commission objects to the Bistro’s application for a public space permit to operate a sidewalk cafe unless the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The Bistro (either on its own or through the Arcade owner) must seek and obtain a special exception, if required, that will permit it to use the dumpster pad for commercial waste disposal. The Commission will evaluate that application for a special exception, and we will consider all objections and the Bistro’s or owner’s justifications. In evaluating the application for a special exception, the Commission may include conditions and may recommend that the special exception be approved for a period as short as one year to ensure the ANC’s further opportunity to review the Bistro’s operations.
2. The Bistro must obtain approval of the sidewalk cafe design from the Historic Preservation Review Board or the Historic Preservation staff.
3. The Bistro must abide (a) by each of these conditions on the sidewalk cafe permit, (b) by all of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement with the ANC, and (c) by all applicable statutes and regulations relating to noise and odors, and any failure to abide by any of these provisions should be considered in determining whether to revoke the public space permit under DCMR Title 24, Chapter 3, Section 308 (Revocation of Sidewalk Cafe Permits).

Commissioner McCarthy emphasized that the Bistro’s application was “exemplary,” that the sidewalk café would contribute to the ambiance of the Avenue, and that the conditions were a compromise to address open issues that had been raised. Commissioner Speck is authorized to represent the ANC at any and all hearings related to this application.

The request was approved 7 – 0 (2 by proxy/Engle and Thompson). (A quorum being 4 members)

Commission Business:

- The Minutes of the March 24, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 6-0 (Thompson by proxy).
- Checks and a wire transfer as noted below were approved 5 – 0.
\$214.03 Canon Financial Services, \$62.82 Dept. of Employment Services, \$49.39 Jeralynn Graham for petty cash reimbursement, \$22.89 for office supplies reimbursement, \$106.78 Verizon, \$315.00 Up and Running Computer Services, \$295.23 for IRS
- The January – March 2014 quarterly financial report was approved 5- 0.
- DC allotment received in the amount of \$3997.96 was noted.
- Items for the next meeting on May 12 include: FOLP grant request, increase in grant funding vote, Ingleside expansion plans, Transportation Task Force report, Public Space permit request for American City Diner.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

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Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

May 12, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Cook, Maydak, Griffin, Engel, Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 50 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote of 7-0.

Announcements.

Commissioner Cook announced the meetings of the Club 60 Plus in the Chevy Chase Community Center. Metropolitan Police Department Lt. Michelle Caron, PSA 201, introduced herself and made a short report. Representatives from Councilmember Bowser's office and Representative Cheh's office were in attendance. Samantha Nolan of the Chevy Chase Citizen's Association announced the CAC second district police luncheon.

Anne Renshaw announced the DC Federation of Citizens Associations May 20th program and discussion of Mayoral elections.

Transportation Task Force. Commissioner Thompson presented the task force report and introduced the task force members. He reviewed the report beginning with the on-going problem of continuing the E-6 bus line. He discussed other bus lines in our neighborhood and other transportation and traffic problems including those which had been included in the previous Livability Study of several years ago. Comments included the transparency of the report and the opportunity to review and make proposals including such areas as the proposed raised sidewalk near Lafayette School (which will be renovated within the next few years) as well as bike stations and zip car stations at Lafayette School. After discussion, the task force chair indicated that meetings had been open to all and that no responses had been received since the report was posted on the listserv. A friendly amendment was accepted regarding the lack of E-6 signage indicating there is no weekend service. Commissioner Cook offered an amendment to delay the vote which, not being seconded, died for lack of a second. The report was agreed to by a vote of 6-1 (Cook).

Special Exception for BZA application 18777. A special exception application for property located at 3120 Patterson Place, NW, to allow a rear yard addition to an existing one family detached dwelling not meeting rear yard requirements was discussed. The owner, Mr. Speece, made a presentation regarding his house and lot and indicated that he had discussed this matter with his neighbors and they had no objections. Commissioner Maydak offered a motion in support of the special exception for this property. Commissioner Maydak will serve as our representative for any and all hearings related to this application. The commission voted 6 – 0 in support of this application (Commissioner Thompson was not present for this vote having temporarily left the room).

Grants.

Kimberly Cestari made a presentation for the Friends of Lafayette Park (FOLP) for a grant of \$1500.00. The funds will be used to purchase new plants, weeding, replenishment of sand for the tot lot, and sand bags for soil erosion control. The chair noted that as the sand had already been purchased and a grant funds could not be given to reimburse a previous purchase.

Barbara Baldwin made a presentation on behalf of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association in the amount of \$455.00. The fund will be used for the beautification of the tree boxes on Connecticut Avenue and the Rain Gardens at the Chevy Chase Community Center. Items for purchase include mulch, compost and garden supplies, annuals, perennials and other shrubs and pervious pavers. A method of reducing the infestation mealy spores is being studied by the group.

A motion was made to suspend the normal procedures (to vote only at a future meeting on such grants) and to vote on these grants at this meeting. This was agreed to by a vote of 5 -2 (Griffin, McCarthy).

A motion was made to grant CCCA \$455.00 and FOLP \$455.00. An amendment was offered to raise the FOLP grant to \$750.00 which was agreed to by a vote of 4-3 (McCarthy, Griffin, Cook). The motion was then modified to increase the budget for grants in the current fiscal year by \$1,205.00. The motion as amended was agreed to by a vote of 6-1 (Griffin).

Ingleside at Rock Creek: Lynn O'Connor made a presentation regarding the proposed future plans for development at Ingleside. She indicated which buildings would be maintained and which would be renovated or new on their property. A major concern was vehicle delivery trucks and their access to the property. She indicated that they desire to have a second entrance from Military Road (near 30th Place) further east of the current entrance. This would require the use of public space for a curb cut. She reviewed how they anticipated traffic would enter Ingleside for this new entrance as well as the current entrances on Military Road and Broad Branch Road. She indicated they may be requesting the use of public space for the curb cut as early as July 3. Ingleside plans to have several public meetings for citizens and residents to review and discuss their plans.

American City Diner Public Space Application no. 93763: Jeffrey Gildenhorn, owner of American City Diner, made a presentation to request additional use of public space in front of the diner for an outdoor café with approximately 28 seats. He pointed out that such additional seating would be good for the neighborhood, the other restaurants and the tax base for the city. He indicated that while other restaurants in the area would have less public space footage than he would have, this is understandable as he had more front footage on Connecticut Avenue. He presented a rendering of the projected use of the public space. The chair noted that this commission had already approved a nearly identical application from American City Diner for a sidewalk café 15 years ago, and that the owner had built an addition to the diner that did not conform to the plans presented at that time. The chair referred to the minutes of July 26, 1999 where the commission voted to check the box "no objection" but to add the sentence "we recommend that handicap accessibility be considered." The motion in the July 26, 1999 minutes was approved unanimously. The chair continued with showing the 1999 form sent to the public space committee showing "no objection". Further, he reviewed and discussed the plans that had been submitted with that application which reflected the proposed deck with the height not exceeding 24 inches. Mr. Gildenhorn then presented an approved building permit for an enclosed (tent) use of the space which was dated 1994. Since that had not been built it was assumed that his permit

had lapsed. After some discussion, commissioner Speck offered a motion to “object” as this was more public space use than the other restaurants in the area. As there was no second, the motion died. Discussion continued with Mr. Gildenhorn asserting that he had always been a good neighbor and has never been cited by anyone for any violation. A letter dated August 4, 2000, from DCRA administrator Armando Lourenco indicated that in response to an ANC letter, the deck was inspected for compliance for approved plans and permit. The inspector found the deck to be in excess of 24 inches. The letter further stated “a \$500.00 citation had been issued to the owner for contracting an unapproved deck. An additional citation is pending for the use of the deck without proper approval.” It was further pointed out that the building permit applications for the period October 2 – 6, 2000 reflected “revised permit B 429461 to change ramp and deck by owner Jeffrey Gildenhorn.” In a letter dated May 14, 2001, DCRA deputy administrator Denzil Noble indicated “In addition, the applicant was initially issued a building permit on February 29, 2000, to construct a sidewalk deck. Two subsequent revisions were applied for and approved in addition to a permit for a pipe frame awning with a canvas cover. All building permits were issued pursuant to the requirements of title 12 DCMR. Further, inspectors visited the site regularly and found no further violations.” Mr. Gildenhorn expressed the problems between DCRA and Public Space committee were government problems and not his.

Chair McCarthy offered a motion to object to the public space permit with the following:

“ANC3/4G, at a duly noticed public meeting, May 12, 2014, voted for 3 (McCarthy, Thompson, Griffin) – against 2 (Cook, Maydak), abstain 2 (Engel, Speck) (a quorum being 4) to object to the Public Space application submitted by American City Diner (DDOT Tracking No. 93763) to use public space to construct a deck for a sidewalk café adjacent to its premises at 5532 Connecticut Avenue, NW, unless the Diner agrees to dismantle its current enclosed structure and build an outdoor deck as specified in the application for public space approved by this Commission on July 26, 1999.”

It was agreed that commissioner McCarthy would represent the ANC at any and all meeting and hearings regarding this public space application.

Commission Business:

The minutes of the April 28, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 7-0.

Checks approved: \$186.05 (IRS April Federal withholding), \$106.56 (Verizon-phone/internet)

Items for the next meeting on June 9 include:

Liquor License application from American City Diner

Office copy machine

ANC3G website and social media

Review grant policies

Ingleside

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

June 9, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Cook, Thompson. Absent: Maydak. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 22 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote of 6-0.

Announcements.

Commissioner McCarthy announced the American City Diner application for use of public space had been withdrawn and a new one would be presented shortly.

Commissioner Thompson noted the 150th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Fort Stevens, sponsored by the National Park Service, will be held July 10-12.

Commissioner Speck reviewed the meeting with DDOT officials and neighbors regarding 27th Street (Military Road to Broad Branch Road) conditions and the need for reconstruction of the road as well as the bridge at the bottom of the hill.

Commissioner Engel discussed the deteriorating condition of Western Avenue (41st Street to Wisconsin Avenue).

Commissioner Cook announced the meetings of the Club 60 Plus in the Chevy Chase Community Center and their exercise classes. She continued reporting on the need for a DC department for aging. A short discussion concluded regarding a proposed Ward 3 outdoor swimming pool and needed repairs to the Chevy Chase Community Center building.

Kate Kountzman from Councilmember Bowser's office was in attendance.

Eric Mille, a representative for the DC Cannabis Campaign, discussed a proposed petition for the legalization of marijuana and remained to collect signatures from interested parties at the end of the meeting.

Ingleside Plans. Commissioner Speck reported on the recent meeting held at Ingleside regarding their plans for the future including a curb cut on Military Road at 30th Place. About 70 persons were in attendance. The neighbors were very concerned regarding the curb cut including the resulting traffic and pedestrian impact and urged Ingleside to delay its application. Ingleside agreed to delay the application until at least September. The next meeting will be June 19 at 7:30 pm at Ingleside (in the Gallery) where Ingleside's traffic consultant will be present and available to answer questions.

Ward 4 Mayor Forums. Commissioner Thompson reported on a proposal for the ANC's in Ward 4 to participate in a Mayoral Forum sometime before the election. After discussion, the commission agreed by a vote of 6 – 0 to participate in a Ward 4 Forum that is coordinated with other Mayoral forums.

3411 McKinley Street Curb Cut. The applicants desire to build a house and garage at this property and, with no alley access to the property, the need for a curb cut to comply with the regulations for off-street parking. Commissioner Engel opened the discussion with his understanding of the pending zoning regulations which, if adopted, would no longer require such off-street parking. He further reviewed the location of the curb cut as being near the corner of Broad Branch Road and McKinley Street and opposite to an alley on east side of McKinley Street. There was concern regarding the curb cut impact on traffic and potential difficulty in backing out of driveway into the street. After discussion, Commissioner Engle offered a motion to “objection” with explanation to provide for a time period of 3 months for the owners to seek a variance from the off street parking requirement. The motion did not pass by a vote of for 3 (Engel, McCarthy, Speck) against 3 (Cook, Thompson, Griffin). Commissioner Griffin offered a motion that the ANC “does not object” which passed by a vote of for 4 (Cook, Speck, Thompson, Griffin) against 2 (Engel, McCarthy).

American City Diner. An application for a Class D (beer and wine) new liquor license ABRA-094922) for this establishment was introduced. Owner Jeffrey Gildenhorn presented his request for this license at his establishment. The notice of public hearing by ABRA indicated the nature of the operations including:

- a. Sidewalk café indoor seating of 28, sidewalk café outdoor seating 28, total occupancy load 99;
- b. Hours of operation Sunday to Thursday 8 am to 2 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am to 3 am with the sidewalk café having the same hours;
- c. Hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption as Sunday through Thursday 8 am – 2 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am – 3 am

Concerns expressed by commissioners and others included the number of seats as of today (i.e., excluding the unapproved application for an outdoor seating area), the hours for serving liquor, frequency of trash pick-up, noise from bottles deposited into dumpsters, and locks on the dumpster. Mr. Gildenhorn indicated that he would agree to stop serving liquor at midnight and would continue to have his dumpsters emptied three to four times per week. The Commissioners discussed applying a consistent set of conditions, where applicable, to restaurants on Connecticut Avenue. Based on this discussion, the chair offered a motion to oppose the proposed license unless:

- a. The hours are limited to midnight;
- b. The number of seats is limited to those in place today;
- c. No bottles or cans can be placed in the dumpster after 10 pm or before 8 am;
- d. The dumpster will be locked.

Chair McCarthy will represent the ANC in any and all hearings in this regard. After discussion, the motion was agreed to by a vote of 6 – 0.

Website/Social Media. There was a discussion regarding the ANC’s website and use of social media including Commissioner Speck’s proposals. The chair proposed a website committee of three commissioners (Speck, Cook, Maydak) with authorization to commit up to \$750.00 for this activity. The motion was agreed to by 6 – 0.

Commissioner Cook noted she created Facebook and Twitter pages for ANC3G to work in tandem with possible new website and provide the links to each page.

Commission Business:

The minutes of the May 12, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 6-0

Checks approved: \$31.89 to Office Depot supplies, \$52.40 to Allen Beach petty cash (postage – \$13.20, supplies-\$39.20), \$455.00 to Chevy Chase Citizens Assn. (grant), \$750.00 to Friends of Lafayette Park (grant)

Copier Lease. Commissioners reviewed the lease on the current copier which ends June 30 and a proposal for a lease of a new copier.

Items for the next meeting on June 23 include:

Special Exception for PNC parking lot, public swimming in Ward 3, Pepco merger and other issues, school boundaries, Ingleside.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:28 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

June 23, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Cook, Thompson, Maydak. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 25 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote of 7-0 with a modification of moving the Ingleside discussion before the grant review discussion.

Announcements.

The Chair announced that the period for submitting petitions to run for ANC Commissioner begins on July 7, and petitions with at least 25 signatures must be submitted to the Board of Elections and Ethics no later than August 6. The Chair suggested that Commissioners should indicate whether they intend to seek reelection, and the following indicated that they will NOT run for reelection: McCarthy, Griffin, Thompson, Engel. The following three commissioners indicated they will stand for reelection: Speck, Cook, Maydak.

In other commission announcements, Commissioner Griffin reviewed recent taller poles that Pepco installed and reported that the approximately 20 lower poles would soon be removed. Commissioner Engel urged that any possible proposal to change the E-6 bus route around the Lafayette School modernization construction be thoroughly discussed before any implementation. Commissioner Maydak discussed the continuing Lafayette School modernization plans.

Ingleside Update: Commissioner Speck reviewed the June 19 community meeting at Ingleside regarding their proposed plans and proposed use of public space for a new driveway entrance on Military Road opposite 30th Place. The Ingleside representatives reviewed a traffic analysis and the community questions and comments. Ingleside has not yet identified alternative options for deliveries if the new entrance is not possible, but it is working on possible options. The neighbors remained almost uniformly opposed to the proposed new delivery entrance on Military Road. The next meeting will held at Ingleside in mid-July.

PNC Bank Parking Lot Review of Special Exception Renewal 18799 at 3808-16 Morrison Street (PNC Bank) to allow continued use of accessory parking spaces R-2 (townhouses) zoned western portion of the site (square 1859, Lot 95) : Christopher Collins, representing the bank, made a short presentation supporting the application for 28 parking spaces and indicated that the BZA hearing will be July 22, 2014. He further discussed the history of the special exception and that, due in part to the new ownership of the bank and its home office being located in Pittsburgh, they had failed to timely renew this special exception when it expired in 2008. He discussed the need for parking for his customers and that they had no problems in the past with the lot being available during non-business hours as it is in other PNC lots in the Washington area (except for Georgetown and Dupont Circle). Mr. Collins also indicated that the bank had granted an easement to the Chevy Chase Arcade in 1947 for "ingress and egress."

Brian Murphy, representing the Chevy Chase Arcade, made a presentation regarding the Arcade's use of the easement property and the dumpsters that have been placed in this space for decades. He presented a document containing eight conditions for "Use of Easement on Lot 95 square 1859 for storage of garbage" that the Arcade was willing to abide by. Discussion continued and, due to the timing of the BZA hearing on July 22, 2014, the Commissioners agreed to defer a vote on any resolution until the July 14, 2014 meeting. Because the ANC would have to submit its position seven days in advance of the BZA hearing, the commissioners agreed that they would prepare one or more draft ANC proposals that would be publicized at least one week before the next meeting.

Play DC Playground Improvement Initiative for Lafayette Park: Commissioner Maydak discussed the proposed initiatives and two concepts which are in the plan and that work on the improvements was expected to begin shortly. She also discussed the timing of the pending design and modernization of Lafayette School and the sewer/storm run-off initiative on Quesada Street which will begin in the near future. Discussion included the need for integration of this recreation plan and the school modernization and the need for a modernization of the 1950's field house which badly needs renovation and improvement. Upon motion, the commissioners agreed to write the recreation department to express our concerns regarding the process and lack of community input and request that DPR participate in our July 14 meeting. Agreed to 7 – 0.

Ward 3 Outdoor Swimming Pool: After discussion, the chair withdrew his proposed letter of support for an outdoor pool in Ward 3. Discussion had centered on the use of funding for this public facility compared to other priorities, such as making the Chevy Chase Community Center more user accessible.

PEPCO: Marc Battle, VP for Washington Region, discussed the proposed merger of Pepco with Excelon. He indicated the proposal had been filed last week with the Public Service Commission which would be holding hearings on the proposal.

Commission Business:

The minutes of the May 26, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 7-0.

Checks approved: \$107.71 Verizon (telephone and internet), \$85.95 Office Depot (copy paper and office supplies), \$42.00 United States Treasury (Employers Annual Federal Unemployment Tax)

All approved by a vote of 7 – 0.

Commissioners agreed to authorize computer updates for an estimated of \$200.00.

Items for the next meeting on July 14 include: Grant Review Policies, Website/Social Media Update, Special Exception for PNC Bank, Ingleside Plans (if it can be arranged the chair asked to explore beginning the next meeting at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

July 14, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5401 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair McCarthy. Commissioners present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Thompson, Maydak. Absent: Griffin, Cook. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 30 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote of 5-0.

Announcements. Chair McCarthy reported on his attendance at a meeting discussing the City's and Pepco's agreement to place wires underground for many of the primary and lateral feeder electrical lines, including in our ANC. This work will be completed over many years but will not include secondary service lines to individual buildings and residences. The Public Service Commission will hold several hearings on the first three-year plan of this project beginning July 21.

Commissioner Speck announced that the next Ingleside expansion planning meeting will be held July 23 at Ingleside.

Anthony Cassillo from Councilmember Cheh's office offered general announcements regarding items in the approved DC Budget, including the Ward 3 outdoor pool and proposals for renovating the Chevy Chase Community Center.

Lafayette Playground Improvements. Kenneth Diggs of the District General Services office reviewed the proposed plans for the park and future renovation of the Lafayette School. He and his team discussed the proposed tot lot changes and location, lighting, playground areas, and tennis and basketball courts resurfacing. Discussion also included the field house, which the community desires to be replaced and enlarged. He indicated that there is not funding for this element of the project at the current time. The current plan for the park envisions a budget of about \$1.5 million. He indicated that the modernization of Lafayette School would be in the range of \$45 million and would be carried out in the 2016-17 year. Several concerns were expressed including the need for a gated fence around the tot lot, accessibility of the tot lot to bathrooms, and the need for directed lighting that would not infringe on the neighborhood. He indicated that these concerns would be taken into consideration.

PNC Bank Parking Lot Review of Special Exception Renewal 18799 at 3808-16 Morrison Street (PNC Bank) to allow continued use of accessory parking spaces R-2 (townhouses) zoned western portion of the site (square 1859, Lot 95) : The Chair indicated that he was prepared to offer a resolution that had been distributed to the interested parties and on the Chevy Chase listserv but wanted to give the parties an opportunity to offer any comments or suggestions. Christopher Collins, representing the Bank, reviewed his previous presentation in this regard. Mr. Collins indicated that his only comment on the proposed resolution was that it included a provision for removal of snow from the sidewalks that was not within the BZA's purview (although, when informed that this provision had been included in the recent BZA order special exception for the CVS parking lot, indicated that the Bank could accept that provision). Brian Murphy, representing the Chevy Chase Arcade, followed with a short presentation and indicated that the Arcade agreed with the proposed ANC resolution. Discussion followed with comments relating to the use of the parking lot after the Bank's operating hours and the easement (or right of way) for the dumpster area used by the Arcade. The Chair offered a motion (included at the end of these minutes) based on three principles: (1) at its discretion, the bank may permit use of the parking lot beyond the hours of bank operation; (2) the arcade may continue to have legal use and access of the "easement" for disposal of wastes; (3) the Arcade must agree to maintain the dumpster area in accordance with the previous agreement between the ANC and Macon Bistro as part of its ABRA license. The motion proposed that the special exception be granted for a period of 5 years (as opposed to the expired exception's 10-year period). After discussion, it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair, Randy Speck, would serve as the ANC's representatives in this matter. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 5 (Griffin by proxy) – 0 (Thompson recused).

Speed Humps on the 3300 block of Tennyson Street, NW. Commissioner Maydak reviewed the background of this issue and the petition by more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the residents on this block for a second speed hump. At a street meeting held on July 13, the residents reached a compromise and proposed that the second speed hump be located approximately between 3330 and 3332 or 3335 and 3337 Tennyson. Discussion centered on whether or not the proposal met the DDOT criteria and whether the proper procedures had been followed in requesting a speed hump. Commissioner Thompson reviewed the history of the ANC's requests for speed humps and the general criteria applied by DDOT. Commissioner Maydak offered a motion to support this second speed hump on the 3330 block of Tennyson Street with the understanding that this second speed hump be located approximately between 3330 and 3332 or 3335 and 3337 Tennyson or at a location agreed upon by the residents. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 5 – 0.

Withdrawal of protest of American City Diner Class D liquor license. Because the issues related to the American City Diner's application had been resolved by agreement, the Chair moved to withdraw the ANC's protest of the liquor license, and the motion agreed to by a vote of 5 – 0.

There was a short discussion of the draft "MoveDC" plan and the possible need to include it on a later meeting's agenda. In the Chair's absence at the next meeting, the Vice Chair, in consultation with the Commissioners, will determine whether the draft MoveDC plan should be on the agenda.

Commission Business:

The minutes of the June 23, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 5-0.

Checks approved: \$53.33 DOES (Unemployment Insurance July – September), \$183.00 (Canon office copier lease), \$108.10 Verizon, \$180.47 (wire transfer to IRS), by a vote of 5 – 0.

Possible items for the next meeting on July 28 include: The April-June Financial Report; use of public space at American City Diner; BZA application 18818 for a special exception for a rear addition at 3801 Jocelyn Street; the draft MoveDC plan.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel

Chair Secretary

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Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G

Chevy Chase Community Center

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Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chair Speck. Present: Speck, Engel, Griffin, Thompson, Cook, Maydak Absent: McCarthy
A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 30 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote 6-0.

Announcements. Vice Chair Speck announced that the petition period for ANC 3G3/4 candidates is now open and closes on August 7. He reported that the 5333 Connecticut Avenue Neighborhood Coalition had appealed the BZA decision that had denied their challenges. He also reported on the BZA hearing regarding the the PNC Bank's application for a special exception for its ancillary use parking lot. The BZA first determined that it would not consider any trash or dumpster issues but instead focused primarily on the hours of operation for the parking lot. At the conclusion of the hearing, the BZA approved the application for a term

of three years and provided that the hours of operations will be 7 am to 10 pm, with the lot closed for all other hours.

Commissioner Thompson introduced Laurie Masters who is a candidate for the office DC Attorney.

Commissioner Maydak indicated that the DDOT has still not provided a letter of moratorium regarding lighting as had been promised to the lighting task force.

Mark Bjorge from the District Office on Aging gave a short presentation on the services of his office and their support for senior villages.

Special Exception, 3801 Jocelyn Street, BZA application 18818. Commissioner Griffin provided the background on this special exception for a rear addition to an existing single family dwelling not meeting the minimum required rear-yard setback. The applicant, Stephanie Berger, made a short presentation regarding this house that was built in 1911 and does not meet the current rear-yard requirements for a proposed kitchen addition. After discussion, Commissioner Griffin offered a motion of support of this application and that he would represent the ANC at any hearing. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 6 – 0.

Ingleside. Commissioner Speck reported on the July 23 meeting held at Ingleside which was attending by 50 to 60 persons. Ingleside representatives have withdrawn the previously proposed curb cut for a new delivery entrance on Military Road across from 30th Place. Ingleside representatives introduced their general contractor, Whiting-Turner Construction Company. Ingleside indicated that they expect to present their application to the BZA in early September. It was indicated that there may be additional meetings with the community in August.

American City Diner. Commissioner Thompson raised a point of procedure as to whether the ANC must follow its former 3-2 vote opposing the deck unless the enclosed addition is restored to being a deck as originally permitted. Acting Chair Randy Speck ruled that the ANC may consider the matter anew.

Lyle Blanchard, attorney for American City Diner, presented the new proposal for application (DDOT 96794) for an outdoor sidewalk café permit at 5532 Connecticut Avenue. Blanchard responded to the written concerns that had been communicated by Commissioner Speck. Discussion continued regarding these issues. Commissioner Speck offered a motion objecting to the American City Diner's application for the public space permit for an outdoor sidewalk cafe on the grounds that the proposed design: (1) would encroach within six feet of the traffic signal pole at the busy Morrison and Connecticut intersection and within five feet of the curb ramp to cross Morrison Street, thus obstructing or impeding pedestrian and handicapped access, and (2) is inconsistent with the more open corners throughout the commercial strip on Connecticut Avenue. After discussion, the ANC suggested that the design for the sidewalk cafe be modified (subject to the ANC's further review) so that it would terminate on a line between the existing building and perpendicular to Connecticut Avenue so that there will be ample room for pedestrians and the handicapped on this corner. Mr. Gildenhorn, on behalf of the Diner, indicated his willingness to modify the design of its sidewalk cafe to accommodate these concerns, and the ANC commended him for this flexibility. The ANC designates Chairman McCarthy and Vice Chairman Speck to represent the Commission at the Public Space Committee hearings on August 28. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 6 to 0 with one abstention (Thompson), a quorum being 4.

Use of public space tracking no. 96795, Blessed Sacrament parking lot, 5863 Chevy Chase Parkway, 3 wayfaring signs. As it appeared that the ANC only recently received this notification, and the discussion at this meeting had not been communicated to the church, it was agreed to postpone this item until the September 8 meeting.

Revised proposed zoning regulations: Commissioner Thompson provided the background on this proposal and the impact of the possibility that WMATA could designate high frequency and local and regional bus corridors, which automatically would reduce the minimum required parking at apartment buildings that may be proposed in the future. Because this ANC has already voted to oppose this code revision, it was agreed that the Commissioners Thompson and/or Speck are authorized to represent our previous position at forthcoming hearings at the Zoning Commission. This was agreed to by a vote of 5 – 0 – 1 (Griffin).

Oregon Avenue. Commissioner Thompson provided the latest information on the long-planned reconstruction of Oregon Ave., based upon the environmental assessment completed Jan. 2013:

- project survey is underway, completed by September (door to door contact)
- website to be created, containing schedule, information, etc.
- public meeting in September/October prior to release of the first design plan (the “30% plan”)
- 30% plan released October/November 2014
- followed by additional design work, more public input, final plans
- then bids, contract selection
- actual work starts 2016, 2 years estimated
- scope of project in line with “alternative 3” from the environmental assessment: road reconstruction (maintaining same configuration), runoff/erosion control, sidewalk/path (west side), green infrastructure, tree restoration, repair culvert bridge over Pinehurst tributary
- power lines to go underground

Commission Business:

The minutes of the July 14, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 5 – 0 – 1 (Cook).

Checks approved: \$238.00 Up and Running Computer Services, \$45.71 Jeralynn Graham (printing) approved by a vote of 6 – 0.

April–June Quarterly Financial Report approved by a vote of 6–0.

Possible items for the next meeting on September 8 include: Blessed Sacrament public space permit, grant review policies, website and social media update.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Randy Speck David Engel
Vice Chair Secretary

ANC 3/4G Resolution Regarding PNC Bank
Special Exception No. 18799

Whereas PNC Bank National Assoc. ("PNC") has submitted BZA Application No. 18799 seeking a special exception for an accessory parking lot with 26 spaces located at 3808-16 Morrison Street, N.W. (Square 1859, Lot 95);

Whereas this lot, zoned R-2, has been used as the bank's accessory parking lot for approximately 66 years;

Whereas it is PNC's general policy in the Washington area (with the exception of facilities in Georgetown and Dupont Circle) to leave its accessory parking lots open beyond banking hours for the convenience of the community;

Whereas on April 11, 1947, PNC's predecessor granted the owner of the Chevy Chase Arcade, located at 5520 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., a perpetual easement for "ingress and egress" on a portion of Lot 95;

Whereas the portion of Lot 95 that is subject to the easement has been physically separated from the PNC parking lot by a three-foot-high masonry wall and has been used by the Chevy Chase Arcade for many years as the location for solid waste dumpsters;

Whereas on March 24, 2014, this ANC entered an agreement with the Macon Bistro, a tenant at the Chevy Chase Arcade, imposing certain conditions on any grant of a license by the District of Columbia Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration, including provisions related to the use of the solid waste dumpsters located in the area of the Chevy Chase Arcade's easement on a portion of Lot 95;

Whereas the owner of the Chevy Chase Arcade has agreed to abide by and enforce certain conditions on the use of dumpsters on the easement portion of Lot 95;

Whereas the ANC concludes that it is in the best interests of the entire community for the tenants in the Chevy Chase Arcade to have reasonable access to dumpsters for solid waste disposal;

Whereas the ANC concludes that it is in the best interests of the entire community for PNC to have the option, at its discretion, to open its accessory parking lot for reasonable use after banking hours; and

Whereas the ANC seeks to accommodate the interests of PNC, the owner of the Chevy Chase Arcade, its tenants, the nearby neighbors to Lot 95, and the larger community;

The ANC supports and does not object to the grant of the requested special exception with the following conditions:

1. The approval shall be granted for no more than five years.
2. Three spaces of the five spaces on the east side of the lot and closest to the entrance to the bank shall continue to be marked for and reserved for the handicapped.
3. All areas devoted to driveways, access lanes, and parking areas shall be maintained with a paving material forming an all-weather impervious surface, except that if PNC resurfaces or repaves the lot, it shall consider using other all-weather surfaces, including porous (or pervious) concrete, porous asphalt, and/or mechanically-reinforced grass, excluding grass or gravel, as permitted by Section 2303.1(a).
4. Bumper stops shall be erected and maintained for the protection of all buildings.

5. No vehicle or any part thereof shall be permitted to project over any lot or building line or over the public space.
6. All parts of the lot shall be kept free of open or loose refuse or debris and shall be paved or landscaped. Landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition in a neat and orderly appearance.
7. Except for any easement granted or deemed granted to the owner of the Chevy Chase Arcade, no other use shall be conducted from or on the premises and no structures other than attendant's shelter and facilities associated with drive-in tellers and ATMs shall be erected or used on the premise unless such use or structure is otherwise permitted in the zoning district in which the parking lot is located;
8. Any lighting used to illuminate the parking lot or its accessory building shall be so arranged that all direct rays of such lighting are confined to the surface of the parking lot.
9. PNC will be required to remove the snow from the sidewalk along Morrison Street, as if it were a residential property.
10. PNC may, at its discretion and consistent with its general policies for parking lots in the Washington area, leave the parking lot open for use by the public beyond banking hours, but if it does so, it will erect signs requesting those using the lot to be quiet and to respect the peace of the surrounding neighbors when removing their cars.
11. To the extent that the existing easement granted to the owner of the Chevy Chase Arcade may be construed (by virtue of an easement by proscriptio or otherwise) to include the right to locate solid waste dumpsters in the separate easement space or, if the parties agree to an easement that includes the location of dumpsters in this space, the special exception should include permission to locate solid waste dumpsters in this separate space, subject to the conditions in Attachment A to this resolution.

2. Adopted at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC 3/4G on July 14, 2014 by a vote of 5 (Griffin by proxy) – 0 (Thompson recused).

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair, ANC 3/4G Secretary, ANC 3/4G

September 8, 2014
Minutes of Public Meeting
Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Chevy Chase Community Center
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Thompson, Cook, Maydak A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 35 persons were present.

Agenda. The agenda was agreed to by a vote 7-0.

Commissioner Announcements.

Commissioner Griffin discussed the Muscular Dystrophy National Challenge route on Fessenden Street, NW. He suggested that no action needed to be taken.

Commissioner Thompson reviewed the Transportation Task Force success in getting DDOT to raise pedestrian crosswalks in selected areas within the ANC's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Thompson also reminded attendees of the Oregon Avenue Project Design Phase Public Meeting sponsored by DDOT on September 17 at 6:30 pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center.

Commissioner Speck noted that Chevy Chase Day would be held on Saturday, September 13, from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Commissioner McCarthy noted the DC Public Service Commission hearing regarding underground and above ground power lines is scheduled on September 9 at 1333 H Street, NW, at 7 pm.

Commissioner Maydak noted that Play DC will hold a Lafayette School pre-construction meeting on September 15 at 6:30 pm at Lafayette School.

Commissioner Maydak noted in a RiverSmart alley update that construction is beginning on Quesada Street and Rittenhouse Street.

Visitors Announcements.

Kelsey Figone, representing Brian Hart's campaign for a City Council At-Large seat, briefly discussed his campaign. Mr. Hart is currently an Adams Morgan ANC commissioner.

Anthony Cassillo from councilmember's Cheh's office noted that she would hold an open forum at the Palisades Farmers Market on Sundays 9am – 1pm 48th Place NW at MacArthur Blvd.

Lorie Masters, running for DC Attorney General, briefly discussed her campaign. She noted this would be the first opportunity for DC citizens to vote for an attorney general.

Councilmember Muriel Bowser spoke briefly about the Lafayette School restructuring, the Mayor's proposed school boundary plans, and Oregon Avenue reconstruction. She indicated that Lafayette students will continue the current school feeder patterns to Alice Deal Middle School and Wilson High School.

Black Liquor Pollution. Brad Bickford, representing the Sierra Club, was not in attendance to discuss black liquor and the Sierra Club's request to the City Council to phase out or eliminate this polluting source of energy.

Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament at 5863 Chevy Chase Parkway, proposes "wayfaring" signs in the public space to direct cars to the church and school parking lot (DDOT Tracking No. 96795). Blessed Sacrament's business manager John Navolio indicated that they were proposing three signs—one on Chevy Chase Circle and the other two on Western Avenue—because the current signs were not clear. The new signs will have a similar look to the signs already in place and would be approximately four feet by six feet. He noted that the signs were purely for direction to the school parking lot. He also reported that the current "Project Gabriel" sign will be removed. The signs will have a 15-foot setback from the street. After discussion, the commissioners voted "no objection" by a vote of 7 – 0.

Ingleside Update. Commissioner Speck reported that Ingleside expects to send its application for a special exception to the BZA by the end of September and would then present its plans to the ANC in October. The next Ingleside community meeting will be held at Ingleside on September 11 at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Speck noted that, as previously reported, new construction will not include an additional entrance to the

property from Military Road. Commissioner Speck asked the ANC to block out a significant amount of time at a meeting in October to discuss Ingleside issues.

Resolution for Modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center: Commissioner Cook made a presentation regarding Club 60+ activities at the Chevy Chase Community Center and the inadequacy of the building for all age groups and those with disabilities. Commissioner Cook offered a resolution directed to the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding a structural assessment of the Chevy Chase Community Center. Commissioner Speck offered an amendment to insert the words “and if warranted” in the last paragraph after the words “assessment findings.” As there was no second to this proposed amendment, it died. Commissioner Engel offered an amendment after the words “assessment findings” to add “present budget alternatives and structural limitations.” The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0. The resolution, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

American City Diner.

The ANC office received a DDOT public space management branch tracking no. 96794, dated September 8, 2014. On September 5, attorney Lyle Blanchard, sent the latest plans, which supersede all previous plans and is dated September 8, 2014. These plans have been revised to respond from the comments by the Public Space Committee at its hearing on August 28, 2014. Mr. Blanchard made a short presentation regarding these plans for the proposed sidewalk café, noting that it (a) includes 28 seats, a reduction from the previous design drawings, (b) moving an existing bench closer to Connecticut Avenue, (c) increased sidewalk space for pedestrians, (d) one handicapped accessible seating area in the center of the cafe, (e) limiting the height of the deck to no more than 18 inches, and (f) lowering the height of planters. He noted that DDOT has indicated that it plans to resurface the sidewalks on the 5000-5500 blocks on the west side of Connecticut Avenue. After discussion, the Chair moved to defer the vote on this application until the next meeting. The motion failed by a vote of for 2 (Thompson and McCarthy) and against 5 (Engel, Griffin, Maydak, Cook, Speck). A motion was made that the ANC has “no objection.” Following discussion, it was agreed that the ANC submission should include a request to the Public Space Committee that it review the status of the Victorian-style light, the children’s rides, and the fountain currently located in public space outside the diner to determine whether those uses had been approved by the Committee. The commission then voted on the motion, for 5 (Speck, Maydak, Cook, Engel, Griffin) and against 2 (Thompson, McCarthy). The motion was passed, and it was agreed that Commissioner Speck will represent the ANC at the Public Space Committee Hearings on September 23, 2014.

DDOT Pocket Park rules update: It was agreed that the commission would not comment on these proposed rules.

Grant Policies: There was a short discussion regarding grant policies including the timing and whether to have quarterly rather twice yearly application cycles. Comments were made by grant recipients about problems understanding grant rules as they have been interpreted by the DC Auditors. It was agreed that there will be a grant period in October (next fiscal year) with a deadline of October 21 for applications and that with applicant presentations to be at the meeting of October 27.

New ANC Website and Social Media Update: Commissioner Cook discussed proposals for a new website and the current Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Commission Business:

The minutes of the July 28, 2014 public meeting were approved by vote of 7 – 0.

The following checks were approved: \$75.00 Up and Running computer (consultation for integration with new office copier); \$108.78 Verizon; \$90.16 Office Depot (copier toner and office supplies), \$166.29 wire transfer/IRS, \$11.17 US Treasury (unemployment tax), \$142.52 IRS payment); \$244.00 Canon Copier lease, \$2000 grant for Second District police officer plaques.

Commissioner Griffin reported that the Quarterly Allotment had been received in the amount of \$3,997.96. Possible items for the next meeting on September 22 include: Lafayette Modernization architects presentation, BZA application for 5526 39th Street, RiverSmart update, and Ingleside plans update.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting
September 22, 2014
Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Chevy Chase Community Center
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Griffin, Thompson, Cook, Maydak. A quorum was declared.

Attendees. Approximately 20 people were present.

Agenda. The agenda was revised to have the grant review discussion prior to the Lafayette modernization discussion. The revised agenda was agreed to by a vote 7-0.

Commissioner Announcements.

- Commissioner McCarthy noted the DC Transportation Department letter regarding roadway improvements on Western Avenue from 44th Street to Chevy Chase Circle. The work will take approximately 5 weeks. Sidewalks, gutters and wheelchair ramps will be included in the repair work.
- Commissioner Speck noted the Citizens Advisory Committee Second District metropolitan police awards banquet on September 30.
- Commissioner Speck noted a continuing series of neighborhood seminars on scientific topics (one in the spring, one in the fall) at the Carnegie Institute. The next lecture, focusing on the geology of diamonds, is scheduled on October 9 at 6:30 pm at the Carnegie Institute.
- Commissioner Cook noted a senior Health Fair at Guy Mason Community Center on Tuesday, September 23, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

–Commissioner Maydak spoke briefly about the latest construction work on the Riversmart project which will close a portion of Quesada Street.

–Commissioner Maydak noted that Lafayette Park (including the tennis courts, baseball field and play areas) will close on September 24 for reconstruction and will remain closed until at least January, depending on whether weather conditions are conducive to the swift conclusion of the repair work.

Community Announcements.

–Present in the audience was Kate Kountzman, legislative council from Muriel Bowser’s office.

–Present in the office was Ruth Wattenburg, School Board Ward 3 candidate. Ms. Wattenburg noted she would be at a “meet and greet” event at the Art Studio, 4723 Wisconsin Ave., NW, on Sunday, September 28, from 4 to 6 pm.

–Anthony Castillo, Constituent Services Specialist from Councilmember Cheh’s office, noted the Capital Bikeshare/DDOT program will open on McKinley Street and Connecticut Avenue. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the end of October.

–Tracey Meyers, Chevy Chase Library representative, noted the branch library elevator is currently being replaced. While the work is in progress, the library will sponsor children’s programs in the Chevy Chase Community Center. The work is scheduled to be completed in December.

–Chair McCarthy noted the benefit of the great resources available in the library. Ms. Meyers noted the extended library hours.

Knollwood. Knollwood request for ANC letter to ABRA for a stipulated liquor license. Knollwood representative Matthew Reilly noted the use of the requested liquor license will not extend beyond Knollwood residents and their guests. Knollwood seeks a stipulated license in order to serve alcoholic beverages to residents during the 6 month waiting period for a regular liquor license approval. A stipulated license will not prevent anyone from protesting the license when it comes up for an ABRA vote. The commission voted to send a letter of support to ABRA including the stipulation by a vote of 6 (Thompson, McCarthy, Speck, Engel, Maydak, Cook) against 1 (Griffin).

BZA Application 18843, 5526 39th Street, NW. The applicant’s attorney, Patrick Cooke, discussed the request for a special exception for a non-confirming addition to the home and noted that the application is on an expedited review calendar for consideration on October 7, 2014. The application is for a special exception for an addition to a one family dwelling in an R-2 district not meeting side yard requirements requesting an exemption to zoning requirement 405.9. Next door neighbor Peter Kolker (5528 39th Street) and the homeowner (Christopher Pashby) discussed Mr. Kolker’s concern over the lack of screening to protect his property view. The two parties had met over the prior weekend to discuss solutions. Mr. Kolker requests a clear, written agreement that provides for screening of appropriate height, location and length. Mr. Kolker was requesting to become a party to the BZA hearing and would withdraw his request for party status if an agreement is reached, thus allowing the possible expedited BZA board review. Chair McCarthy moved to support the special exception provided the applicant reaches a reasonable agreement with his neighbor, Peter Kolker, regarding adequate vegetative screening between their two properties at least one week prior to the October 7 expedited BZA review. Chair McCarthy will represent the ANC in the matter. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

Grant Policy Review. Commissioner Cook presented a rewrite of the ANC3/4G Grants Policy. Her proposal would make grants effectively a partnership between the recipient organization and the ANC, broaden the grant priorities, retain the two grant periods per year, but provide for possibility of grants at other times. After discussion, the proposals were agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

Lafayette School Modernization. Commissioner Maydak introduced representatives present to discuss the modernization. Michael Quadrino from DC Department of General Services noted the modernization is scheduled to begin in June 2015 and be completed in August 2016. Architect Gail Douglas from architectural firm Hartman/Cox reviewed the modernization plans noting the attention to storm water runoff, green roof, and geothermal considerations. There will be room for grades pre-k to grade 5 with five classes per grade with a capacity for 800 students. Construction trucks will use Northampton Street. There was discussion of student assignments during the reconstruction period which have not been finalized. Possibilities include locating some students at other schools or use of classroom trailers on the lower ball field. Commissioner Maydak also indicated she had received a letter from Deputy Mayor Abigail Smith responding to the ANC's letter for school enrollment expectations. The response from the deputy mayor was not specific and the ANC may follow up with a letter asking for more specifics.

Ingleside. Commissioner Speck reviewed the information discussed at the latest Ingleside meeting. Ingleside hopes to complete the BZA application next week which will trigger an ANC review process. Issues still under review include noise, parking and traffic in the neighborhood caused by trucks during the construction. Construction may start at the end of 2016 or in 2017 and should take approximately 30 months to complete. Once the BZA application has been submitted, the ANC will have its own public review of the application.

American City Diner. A neighbor complaint regarding dumpster collection and cooking grease in dumpsters was discussed. American City diner attorney Lyle Blanchard noted that the diner has power washed the dumpsters, a new grease collection dumpster has been ordered and the sidewalks are being washed every day.

New Business.

A neighbor noted his concern regarding the excessively strong lighting at the Wells Fargo bank at Connecticut Avenue and Northampton Street. Commissioner Maydak noted this issue will be discussed at the October 1 Lighting Task Force meeting and she had already talked to the bank about this issue.

Commission Business.

–The minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved by a vote of 6 – 0 (Commissioner Thompson left the meeting early). Commissioner Cook noted that at the September 8 ANC meeting, Blessed Sacrament representatives agreed to remove the church anniversary sign on Western Avenue.

–Checks in the amount of \$85.98 to Jeralynn Graham (reimbursement for copier toner cartridge) and \$107.98 to Verizon (office phone and email) were approved 6 – 0.

–The next ANC meeting will be on October 27 unless the chair calls for a meeting regarding Ingleside on October 20. There will be no meeting on October 13 due to the Columbus Day holiday.

— –Commissioner McCarthy noted the upcoming 40th anniversary of DC Home Rule. The ANC voted to send a letter of congratulations by a vote of 6 – 0. Commissioner Cook will represent the ANC.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel David Engel
Chair Secretary

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood 3/4 G

Chevy Chase Community Center, 7:30-9:30 PM

(As the building closes at 10 PM, this meeting will end at 9:30 PM to allow community center staff to clean and clear the building.)

Call to Order and Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Cook, Maydak. Absent: Engle and Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees: Approximately 30 people were present.

Agenda: The amended agenda was adopted by a vote of 5 – 0.

Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Speck discussed the recent meeting with ANC and Montgomery County officials regarding cross-jurisdictional issues. Other such meetings are planned to address community concerns.
- Commissioner Speck noted Commissioner Gary Thompson had been selected as the Ward 4 Democrat Man of the Year. He further indicated that former Commissioner Joe Bishop is being honored posthumously.
- Commissioner Cook reported that she received an award from the Office of the People’s Council for her advocacy that Verizon not eliminate copper land lines entirely for FIOS until Verizon has a comparatively reliable replacement for 24/7 phone service. The Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on user experiences with FIOS on November 10, 6 PM, Cleveland Park Library.
- Commissioner Maydak reported on the on-going RiverSmart project (Quesada and 32nd Street) and a November 12 community meeting at 7 PM regarding Lafayette School modernization.

Community Announcements:

Councilmember Anita Bonds spoke briefly about recent actions of the DC Council.

Present in the audience was Kate Kountzman, legislative counsel from Muriel Bowser’s office.

Former Commissioner Allen Beach noted the Chevy Chase Community Center sponsors a food drive which will continue until Thanksgiving.

Grant Presentations:

Nancy Wilson, representing Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, requested a \$580.00 grant for tulip bulbs to be planted in the Circle in the very near future, depending on weather conditions. Dorothea Brady, representing Global Harmony Through Excellence, requested \$450.00 for transportation to their holiday event.

FY 15 ANC Budget:

Treasurer Griffin presented a proposed budget for FY 15. After discussion, the chair moved an amendment to reduce the grants budget by \$2000.00. As there was no second, the amendment failed. The budget, as present, was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

Ingleside Update:

Commissioner Speck reported that Ingleside had filed a BZA application (18898) on October 6, with a BZA hearing date no earlier than January 13, 2015. The application requested relief for their continuing care retirement community, including the temporary use of a house on 29th Street during construction.

Commissioner Speck reported that at least 6 public meetings have been held with Ingleside representatives and the surrounding neighbors. Commissioner Speck had received comments from outside our ANC area regarding the use of Broad Branch Road during construction. He further discussed the use of Ingleside's 29th Street house for assisted living care during the 30 month construction period. He expects the ANC to have a special meeting on Monday, November 17, specifically to review the Ingleside application.

Use of Public Space by Jetties at 5632 Connecticut Avenue, NW:

Chair McCarthy reported on an unenclosed café request (Public Space Application 10161779). No representative of the applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made that the ANC had no objection as presented and would provide a cover letter indicating that the application states there will be no café cover or umbrellas. The request was agreed to by a vote of 5 – 1 (Engel by proxy).

Requested Stop Sign at Newlands and Kanawha Streets, NW:

Irene Koukios represented the neighbors requesting a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Newlands and Kanawha Streets. She indicated that there were no sidewalks at that intersection and that with many children now in the neighborhood it has now become a safety issue, especially with the automobiles coming up the street without a stop sign. Ms. Koukios noted that there are no neighborhood objections to the proposal. Upon motion and a vote of 5 – 0, the commission agreed to support a proposal for this stop sign.

Commissioner Cook noted the lack of a crosswalk on the DC side of Chevy Chase Circle and that she would draft a letter for the next meeting.

Commissions Business:

–The minutes of the September 22 meeting were approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with two minor corrections (change “Olive Street” to “Oliver Street” and, regarding grant review policies, add “possibility of other times”).

–Checks approved: \$50.19 – Jeralynn Graham (reimbursement of office petty cash), \$56.52 DOES, \$15.00 DC Access (web host services monthly bill), \$200.00 Up and Running Computer Services (office computer email repair), \$128.00 USPS (post office box annual rental fee), \$108.82 Verizon (phone and internet service), \$126.86 Office Depot (copy paper), \$147.90 Precision Roller (two toner cartridges for office copier).

–July – September quarterly financial report was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

–Items for the next meeting:

Resolution regarding Excelon/Pepco merger.

Removal of second bus stop for faster Connecticut Avenue E bus routes.

Patterson Street BZA application 18894.

Vote on grant requests.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 7:30 PM.

Signed

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

November 10, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4 G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call or Order and Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Cook, Maydak, Engel, Thompson.

Attendees: Approximately 26 people were present.

Agenda: The amended agenda was adopted by a vote of 7 – 0.

Commissioner Announcements:

–Commissioner Maydak reported on the coming Lafayette Modernization meeting on November 12.

–Commissioner Cook reported on the Oregon Avenue meeting to be held on November 19 at St. John's College High School.

–Commissioner Speck noted the special ANC Ingleside meeting for consideration of the Ingleside BZA application on November 17 at the Chevy Chase Community Center.

Community Announcements: Representatives from Councilmember Cheh's office and Councilmember Bowser's office were present.

Excelon/Pepco Merger: Representatives from the community, Tad Baldwin and Rick Morgan, gave statements in opposition to the proposed merger. Pepco representative, Marc Battle, made a presentation on behalf of the merger. Discussion ensued. No motion was offered.

Grants: Upon motion and by a vote of 7 – 0, grants were made to Friends of Chevy Chase Circle for \$580.00 and Global Harmony in the amount of \$450.00.

McKinley Street E Bus Stop: There was a discussion of bus stops at the corner of Connecticut Avenue (by the back of the Safeway). It was noted that the E bus on the west side of Connecticut Avenue provides shelter while the one on the east side does not. After discussion and by a vote of 7 – 0, the commission agreed to recommend to DDOT to eliminate the stop on the east side.

BZA Application 19884, 3405 Patterson Street, NW, for relief of a rear yard set-back: The architect for the project, Mark Cross, made a presentation for a special exception to change a garden shed to an artist studio. The work will expand the footprint of the shed approximately 400 square feet. They had discussed their proposal with the nearest neighbors, none of which had objections to the proposed work. They specifically indicated that the artist studio would not be used as a housing accessory. After discussion, a motion was offered to support the application. The motion was approved 7 – 0 with Commissioner Engel to represent the ANC.

Broad Branch Market ABRA Application 081331 for renewal of a Class B Liquor License: While no representative of the market was present, after discussion a motion was made to send a letter to ABRA in support of this renewal. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

Ingleside: The expansion plans and BZA application for Ingleside will be discussed at a special ANC meeting on November 17 dedicated totally to this application. The BZA hearing date is set for January 13. As the first January 2015 ANC meeting will be January 12, it will be necessary for the ANC to vote at a December meeting in order that our comments are received by the BZA at least 7 days prior to the January 13 hearing.

St. John's College High School: Mr. Gabelli, President of St. John's, and the school's architectural firm, Perkins-Eastman, gave a presentation on proposed additions and upgrades to the facility. The work includes upgrading the performing arts center and a glass enclosed student walk-way, an approximately 12,000 square foot addition. The project is set to begin in late summer 2015 and will take approximately 9 months to complete. Commissioners cautioned regarding the fact that Oregon Avenue reconstruction may be going on during their proposed construction period. This report was information only as they have yet to file a BZA application.

Historic Landmark Application #14-19 for Rock Creek Valley Historic District Designation: The area under discussion at the meeting includes park land from Western Avenue to Oregon Avenue bounded by Alberfoyle Place and Beech Street. The ANC has received the DC Historic Preservation Review Board documentation on the National Park Service's application for historic designation within the above named boundaries. The application was approximately 65 pages. Discussion ensued with the Chair providing some background as to what was to be considered historic and at what new point in time (1942 to 1972). After discussion, Chair McCarthy offered a motion to oppose the landmark application. Discussion continued on the motion which failed by a vote of for 3 (McCarthy, Engel, Griffin) – against 4 (Thompson, Cook, Maydak, Speck). Discussion continued. However, as meeting time was running out no further motion was proffered. The Chair, in view of the time, ended the discussion.

Commission Business:

- The minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved by a vote of 7 – 0.
- Checks approved: \$233.60 – Federal Tax Withholding for October.
- Items for the November 24 meeting:
- Possible discussion and vote on the Ingleside BZA application.
- A possible public space application.

The commission briefly discussed the recent grant disallowance by the DC Auditor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next scheduled special ANC meeting of the Commission is on Monday, November 17, 2014. The next regular ANC meeting is scheduled on November 24 at 7:30 PM

Signed:

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting

November 17, 2014

Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4 G

Chevy Chase Community Center

5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Call or Order and Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Cook, Maydak, Engel, Thompson. A quorum was declared.

Attendees: Approximately 90 people were present.

Agenda: The chair noted this is a special meeting with only one agenda item, a discussion of the Ingleside at Rock Creek development plans. Chair McCarthy noted the meeting will be run by Commissioner Speck because Ingleside is located within his Single Member District boundary.

Announcements: Chair McCarthy noted that there will be no November 24 ANC meeting. Chair McCarthy introduced all of the commissioners on the panel as well as three future commissioners in the audience: Chanda Tuck Garfield (3G02), Dan Bradfield (3G06) and Christopher Fromboluti (3G07).

Ingleside:

Commissioner Speck spoke briefly about the background of the on-going discussions. Ingleside at Rock Creek plans to expand and upgrade their retirement and assisted living facilities. There have many been meetings over the past year between the neighbors and Ingleside. Ingleside has already agreed to: (1) eliminate a planned new delivery entrance on Military Road at 30th Place and will now continue to use the existing delivery entrance; (2) reduce the height of two new buildings by one story per building; (3) reduce the construction schedule to 30 months.

It was noted by Commissioner Speck that the BZA hearing date for this matter is scheduled on January 13, so Commission comments must be received by the BZA no later than January 6.

Those who wished to speak were asked to sign up in advance in one of the following groups:

Institutional Representatives (Temple Sinai and Carnegie Institute)

Ingleside Residents

Residents near Ingleside's 29th Street House

Residents North, West and South of Ingleside

Ingleside made an initial presentation for about 30 minutes to describe its plans.

Present to represent Ingleside were Lynn O'Connor, CEO, Anne Schiff, Executive Director and Healthcare Administrator, architect Gary Steiner from Perkins/Eastman, and zoning attorney Allison Prince from Goulston and Storrs.

From the residents to the north, west and south of Ingleside approximately 10 people spoke, focusing primarily on the impact of the proposed project during construction – e.g. traffic, parking, noise, vibration and environmental impacts.

From the residents near the house that Ingleside owns on 29th Street and that it proposes to use as a temporary facility during construction for ten assisted-living residents, about 6 people spoke, emphasizing the exclusively residential character of that street, the disruptions during construction, and the need to convert the house back for use as a single-family residence after its temporary use for assisted-living residents.

Approximately 5 residents from Ingleside spoke, emphasizing their support for the expansion as necessary to maintain the quality of the facilities and of the importance of Ingleside for seniors seeking to remain in the Chevy Chase community.

Two representatives of Ingleside's institutional neighbors, Temple Sinai and Carnegie Institute, spoke: Ellen Agler for the Temple expressed concerns about parking during construction and Gary Bors for Carnegie focused on the need to minimize the impact of construction-related vibrations that will severely affect scientific work at the Institute. He also opposed the eastbound use of the Broad Branch Road entrance for construction traffic.

There were a number of questions and comments from current commissioners as well as commissioner-elect Chris Fromboluti, including questions about Ingleside's justification for the size of the project and its financial statements, which Ingleside said it would provide.

Chair McCarthy summed up the meeting by noting his appreciation for all contributors during the meeting. Commissioner Speck expressed his hope for an agreement that will be acceptable to the neighbors, Ingleside and the Commission since an agreement is far preferable to relying on the BZA to choose among dueling sets of proposed conditions. The ANC hopes to reach such an agreement before the December 8 meeting, when the ANC may vote on the application.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

The next scheduled ANC meeting is on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Signed:

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary

Minutes of Public Meeting
December 8, 2014
Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4 G
Chevy Chase Community Center
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Call or Order and Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Jim McCarthy. Present: McCarthy, Speck, Griffin, Engel, Maydak, Thompson, Cook. A quorum was declared.

Attendees: Approximately 95 people were present.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted by a vote of 7 – 0.

Commissioner Announcements:

–Chair McCarthy remarked on the commission’s activities over the last several years and especially the work done by the four retiring commissioners. He acknowledged former commissioners present including Peggy Sewell, Samantha Nolan, Lee Schoeneker (former chair), and Allen Beach (former chair). (Former chair Anne Renshaw later joined the meeting.)

–Commissioner Thompson remarked on his time at the commission. Commissioner Speck announced Mayor-elect Bowser’s transition team efforts and that they are looking for good people to serve in the next administration. More information is available at wearewashingtondc.org.

–Chevy Chase Citizens Association president Samantha Nolan invited all to participate in the community celebration in cooperation with Northwest Neighborhood Village to be held Saturday, December 13, from 1 to 3 pm.

5103 Connecticut Avenue Parking Lot Public Space Application 99954: Commissioner Griffin reviewed the application, which the Public Space Committee had rejected. Although the notification letter had been dated in October, it was not postmarked until later in November, and Commissioner Griffin had confirmed with the Public Space Committee staff that the Commission could consider this application at its December 8 meeting. Nevertheless, the Committee proceeded to consider and reject the application. Upon motion and by a vote of 7 – 0, the ANC agreed to send a letter to the Public Space Committee protesting the hearing without giving the ANC an adequate opportunity to respond and requesting clarification of the timing for considering this application.

Speed Hump on 3300 block of Tennyson Street:

Gregg Steverson from DDOT made a short presentation regarding the request for a second speed hump for the 3300 block of Tennyson Street. A large majority of the residents on this street had requested this speed hump and submitted a proper petition, which this ANC approved. DDOT nevertheless denied the application because an earlier speed survey had shown that the traffic on that block did not meet DDOT’s criteria. Several of the residents raised questions about the validity of the survey because of the location of the speed monitor and the distance to and from the current speed hump. The location used by DDOT may have resulted in a slower speed recording of east bound traffic and may not have fully recognized the slowing down for the speed hump by west bound traffic. Another resident expressed the view that the survey was valid. Following discussion, a motion was made to request that DDOT undertake an additional study with appropriate placement of the monitors, to be determined in consultation with the residents. This motion was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

Ingleside BZA Application No. 18898:

Commissioner Speck began the discussion with a review of meetings between the ANC, neighbors, and Ingleside management. As a result of those efforts, Commissioner Speck reported that they had reached an agreement with Ingleside on the conditions that would be applied to the application. The floor was then opened for community comment on the proposed conditions. Various persons, including Ingleside residents, expressed views supporting the application and the conditions, recognizing that the construction period would create disruptions. A representative from the neighboring Carnegie Institution was generally favorable but indicated that there were some technical issues that remained to be worked out. Residents near the proposed temporary housing for assisted-living residents located on 29th Street indicated that their concerns about a fixed end-date for the temporary use and a return of the structure to its earlier single-family use had

been resolved satisfactorily. Some residents noted their concerns regarding the need to assure adequate parking, consideration of the impact of construction on bus traffic, the adequacy of financial information, the size of the site relative to the ravine area, protections against development of the ravine area, Ingleside's tax status, and the possible inclusion of physician and other out-patient services in the new facilities. Ingleside's representative indicated it would oppose any postponement of the January 13, 2015, hearing. Commissioner Speck reported on his contacts with the BZA, which had informed him that if Ingleside opposed a postponement, the hearing would nevertheless proceed on January 13, 2015 and would consider the postponement request then as a preliminary matter. Commissioner Engel indicated that Ingleside's financial information is not relevant to the BZA application. Ingleside reported that it is classified by the IRS as 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. It is audited every year, and its auditors had found no material findings in their report.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the commission voted 7 – 0 to approve the ANC 3/4 G resolution applying conditions for approved of the Ingleside Rock Creek's Application No. 18898, all of which had been agreed to by Ingleside.

Commissioner Speck will represent the ANC at any and all BZA hearings in this regard.

Request for Public Space Committee approval of PNC Parking Lot Automatic Gates: After an introduction by Chairman McCarthy, PNC attorney Chris Collins reviewed the need for automatic gates to the parking lot that will replace the existing manual gates. Once installed, the gates will be open automatically at 7 am and close at 10 pm, seven days per week. The Public Space Committee papers have not been received by the Commission. Nevertheless, after discussion, and by a vote of 7 – 0, the commission agreed to express "no objection" to the application, which is consistent with the prior BZA order granting a special exception for the parking lot.

Chevy Chase Circle Crosswalk Letter: Commissioner Cook reviewed and discussed the need for clearly marked crosswalks for pedestrians to navigate the sidewalk around the circle. After discussion and upon motion, it was agreed to send a letter to DDOT to request clear pedestrian crosswalk markings and corresponding signage, which was agreed to by a vote of 7 – 0.

Newlands Fountain Renaming: Commissioner Thompson introduced and moved a resolution to de-name the Newlands Fountain in Chevy Chase Circle, which was seconded. Discussion ensued as to the historical facts related to Senator Newlands, the appropriateness of the ANC taking a position in the matter, the timing of the resolution, and whether enough time had been allotted for public discussion and debate. Commissioner Griffin offered a motion to table the resolution which was seconded was approved by a vote of for 4 (Speck, Cook, Maydak, Griffin) against 2 (Thompson and Engel) for, 1 (McCarthy) abstain.

Annual Report 2013-2014: The 2013-2014 Annual Report was approved by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Thompson abstaining).

Commission Business: The minutes of the November 10 and November 17 meetings were approved by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Thompson abstaining).

Checks approved by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Thompson abstaining): \$114.51 Verizon, \$15.00 DC Access (Nov. fees for website platform), \$61.05 Jeralynn Graham for Petty Cash Replenishment, \$210.04 Canon Financial Services (office copier rental), \$15.00 for DC Access (Dec. fees for website platform).

A motion to authorize spending for the balance of the year was approved by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Thompson abstaining).

Commissioner Speck gave a short presentation honoring the four retiring commissioners. He followed up bestowing plaques to outgoing commissioners Gary Thompson, Jim McCarthy, Henry Griffin and David Engel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

The next scheduled ANC meeting of the Commission is on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Signed:

Jim McCarthy David Engel
Chair Secretary