



**Government of the District of Columbia
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3/4G-01 - Lisa R. Gore, Chair 3/4G-02 - Bruce Sherman

3/4G-03 - James Nash, Secretary 3/4G-04 - Michael Zeldin 3/4G-05 - Peter Lynch

3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair 3/4G-07 - Zachary Ferguson, Treasurer

Minutes

ANC 3/4G Special Public Hybrid Meeting

December 6, 2023

00:00:00 Call to Order and Commissioner Introductions

Commission Chair Gore called the meeting to order shortly after 6:00 pm. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners Lynch, Nash, Gosselin, Sherman and Ferguson. Commissioner Zeldin joined virtually a few moments later.

00:03:01 Announcement of meeting procedures and adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted 5-0-1.

00:06:37 Consent agenda approval

The consent agenda was approved 6-0-0. Items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes: October 23, 2023 and November 13, 2023
- Check reimbursement: Lisa Gore, final survey postcard mailing--\$200

00:07:39 Resident Forum

MPD Lieutenant Ollivierre reported that reported property crime is down in the past 30-day period this year in PSA 201 when compared to last year. Violent reported crime is also down.

00:15:05 Continued discussion and possible vote – Civic Core Survey Resolution

The discussion focused on Commissioner Gosselin's amended resolution. Commissioner Lynch objected to procedural issues, such as Commissioner Gosselin's inability to post his resolution on the ANC website in time for community members to review it. Commissioner Gosselin agreed that this was unfortunate, but explained the resolution evolved throughout the week as he was doing his best to incorporate in his resolution the amendments and concerns of other commissioners. Commissioner Gosselin said he was sensitive to the critique of his previous resolution on the civic core that he was burying the lead, and so he separated his resolution into two separate resolutions.

The resolution Commissioner Gosselin brought before the commission at this meeting only conveys the survey results to the city. Subsequent resolutions will be discussed at a future meeting to offer the ANC's interpretation of the survey results.

Community members spoke for one hour about the proposed resolution, the civic core survey and the city's redevelopment of the civic core. A range of views were expressed: housing opponents argued the survey supported their position, while housing proponents argued the survey was not truly representative of the community's embrace of affordable housing on the civic core site. While Commissioner Gosselin said he thought the survey opposed housing by a 60 to 40 percent margin, Commissioner Zeldin argued the real split was 47 to 40 percent, because those opposed to all redevelopment cannot necessarily be counted as housing opponents. Commissioners Gore and Zeldin emphasized the survey was only one data point in a discussion that has extended for years. Commissioner Sherman said the survey had an unprecedented response rate.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Gosselin's resolution was approved 7-0.

02:01:57 Discussion and possible vote to testify on Frumin Deed-Covenant legislation B25-0480, B25-0841, B25-0842

Commissioner Gosselin asked that the Commission vote to support testimony he planned to give on his own behalf before the City Council on three pieces of legislation sponsored by Council Member Matt Frumin. The legislation concerns covenants that restrict what can be built on the designated property.

Commissioner Gosselin explained these deed restrictions are a century old and probably unenforceable. The deed restriction pertaining to the civic core site would prevent the construction of an apartment building on a portion of the property. Commissioner Gosselin argued that such a restriction would complicate the redevelopment of the site. One of the other bills would enable homeowners to remove such covenants from their own deeds; the third would apply to covenants in commercial strips across Ward 3.

The Commission voted to support the Commissioner Gosselin's testimony 3-0-4.

02:28:30 Meeting adjourned

APPROVED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four (4) of seven (7) members was present on XXXXXXXX by a vote of XX yes, XXX no, XXX, abstentions.

Lisa R. Gore, Chair

James L. Nash, Secretary