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ANC 3/4G Regular Meeting January 22, 2024 Minutes

Recorded on Zoom:

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(Minute markers are keyed to the Zoom recording.)

- **Commissioner introductions** (Commissioners Ferguson, Gore, Gosselin, Lynch, Nash, Sherman, and Zeldin) (0:00)
- **Proposed agenda amendments** (a) to include a briefing by DC Plug, approved by vote, 5-0-1; to discuss Community Center/Library, approved by vote, 4-2-0 (3:08)
- **Community open forum: MPD 2nd District updates, Chevy Chase Historic District** (6:57)
 - **MPD 2nd District updates by Commander Tatjana Savoy and Lt Marlon Ollivierre**
 - Crime prevention strategies in PSA 201 (9:20)
 - Traffic safety issues (17-24)
 - Package thefts, bike patrols, and traffic (23:55)
 - Community safety and transportation issues (29:28)
 - Traffic safety and enforcement (33:33)

- **Chevy Chase DC Historic District, comments by Mary Rowse, representing the Chevy Chase DC Conservancy (37:52)**
 - Chevy Chase DC Historic District Zoom call January 30, 7- 8:15 PM.
 - Proposal to be on the February 12 ANC agenda per consultation with Commissioners Gosselin and Lynch
 - Misperceptions about historic preservation permit approvals: 95-98% granted within a week; cases heard by the Historic Preservation Review Board usually complex: demolitions, new construction, etc.
 - Historic designation aims to preserve community involvement in local development, including for the ANC.

- **Commission discussion and approval of BZA Special Exemption Application for 3702 Livingston Street, NW, approved by vote, 7-0 (43:51)**

- **DDOT-proposed bioretention beds in Chevy Chase (46:49)**
 - Resolution proposed by Commissioner Lynch
 - DDOT comment period extended to February 9; neighborhood walkthrough set for February 2
 - Parking concerns – resident input (51:30)
 - Bioretention bed placement, size, maintenance – resident input (52:57)
 - DDOT communication with the community (1:01:55)
 - Further on maintenance, technical issues, flooding (1:05:32)
 - Bioretention design and placement impacting homeowners (1:07:32)
 - Alternative approaches and locations, DDOT reactions (1:16:43)
 - Problems with use of alleys if bioretention beds are installed (1:23:25)
 - Scheduling a special Commission meeting to finalize review and resolution, agreement to do so, suggested date Feb 6, to be confirmed (1:25:41)
 - Commissioners Gore, Gosselin, and Nash re tabling Lynch resolution pending the special meeting; Commissioner Lynch in agreement.

- **DC School Boundary and Student Assignment Study (1:41:25)**
 - Briefing by Rebecca Lee, senior advisor to the Deputy Mayor for Education; focus on Lafayette, Deal, and Jackson-Reed
 - Study process, goals, timeline, Advisory Committee, March deadline (1:45:00)
 - Potential boundary changes (1:50:37)
 - Overcrowding at Lafayette (1:56:35)
 - School capacity, enrollment, lottery preferences for at-risk students (2:03:18)
 - DCPS planning to manage growing enrollments and neighborhood concerns (2:28:05)
 - Commissioner Zeldin expresses interest in coordinating with school parent groups.
 - Resident and Commissioner Lynch question "expanded capacity" and note concern it's more kids in otherwise non-classroom spaces (e.g., basements)

- **Project Pipes, Washington Gas \$4 billion initiative to replace old natural gas pipelines in DC (2:341:37)**
 - Program likely over budget
 - Washington Gas operates two programs: regular repair and maintenance, and project pipes for pipe replacement, but not all replacements address leaks.

- Concerns about indoor air quality due to natural gas use in homes, particularly in lower-income areas.
 - Environmental coalition campaigns against the project, seeks resolutions from agencies (ANCs included) to stop the program
 - Gas leaks and safety concerns of residents in the neighborhood (2:45:55)
 - Commissioners discuss how to address gas issues going forward, agree to a further discussion and leading to possible resolution only after all sides are heard, including Washington Gas. (2:50:27)
- **DMPED's (DC Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development) RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library redevelopment. (2:57:33)**
 - Commissioner Gosselin expresses disappointment with RFP: lack of public funding and tight deadlines might result in developers prioritizing luxury housing over affordable housing.
 - Former ANC chair Randy Speck on his concerns (3:01:22)
 - RFP not reflective of ANC proposals over the years
 - Insufficient funding and potential compromise on affordable housing
 - Lack of specific requirements for affordable housing and parking in the RFP, which could result in inadequate provisions for the Community Center and Library
 - Requirements and expectations for the developer not fully clear
 - Requirements for public space enhancements could be construed as the District's responsibility, not the developer's
 - Resident concern about coordination and trust with ANC and DMPED, Lynch concurred.
 - Commissioner comments (3:09:20)
 - ANC should propose revisions to the RFP to address concerns.
 - ANC should also seek to extend the filing deadline given issue complexity.
 - Some Commissioners agreed on need for special meeting with Ward Three Councilmember Matt Frumin.
 - **Annual report, committee updates, and community announcements. (3:15:48)**
 - Annual report still in progress
 - ZDD Committee looking to resume with remaining members noting some have apparently dropped off, some might need to be added
 - Commissioner Lynch voices need to refresh the committee; Chair Gore agrees.
 - Brief discussion of budget and upcoming meeting agenda
 - **Proposed future special meetings in February on bioretention beds and the DMPED RFP for the Community Center and Library redevelopment, dates TBD (3:20:55)**
 - **Adjournment (3:28)**

Note: DC Plug had to leave the meeting before being able to present.

Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair



Bruce Sherman, Secretary


