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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G**

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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

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Minutes  
ANC 3/4G Public Meeting  
November 13, 2023

**00:00:00 Call to Order and Commissioner Introductions**

Commission Chair Gore called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Also present were Commissioners Lynch, Nash, and Sherman. Commissioners Ferguson and Gosselin were present virtually. Commissioner Zeldin joined the meeting approximately 20 minutes after it began.

**00:02:05 Announcement of Meeting Procedures and Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was amended to include a reimbursement to Commissioner Gore of \$260. Commissioner Gosselin added consideration of a resolution on bio-retention pits. The amended agenda was approved 6-0.

**00:04:29 Consent Agenda**

The only item on the consent agenda was approval of the October 23, 2023 minutes. The agenda was approved 6-0.

**00:06:35 Resident Forum**

**00:16:40 Discussion and update on the ANC Civic Core Survey**

Commissioner Sherman explained the survey results. He emphasized that the discussion was not about interpreting the survey, but purely about what the survey has said. He said there were 2,836 responses, the largest response for any community survey; 2297 survey respondents live in ANC 3G. Commissioner Sherman said this is a very high response rate for a survey. The ANC put out a notice, sent a mailer to all residents, Commissioners Nash and Sherman gave paper copies of the survey to those who could not take the survey online.

Given the high response rate and the efforts to publicize it, Commissioner Sherman said he believed most people who wanted to take the survey were able to do so. [According to the recent census, ANC 3G has a total population of 14,479, resulting in a response rate of 15.9 percent of the total ANC population.]

Commissioner Sherman said the survey did not attempt to select a small representative sample of the ANC, but instead chose to make the survey public. As a result, the survey accurately represents the views of those who took the survey, but may not represent accurately the views of the ANC as a whole. More women took the survey than men, 56 to 38 percent. He said that while African Americans are about 10.5 percent of the population of the ANC, only 4.7 percent of survey respondents were African American.

With respect to the substantive questions, Commissioner Sherman noted that almost 40 percent of survey respondents supported redeveloping the civic core to include affordable housing, while over 47 percent supported redevelopment of the site or renovating the buildings without housing; another 9.36 percent wanted no redevelopment. With respect to development preferences, he said the number one concern of respondents was that scale and style be compatible with the neighborhood. With respect to outdoor amenities, the survey indicates a strong community preference for outdoor greenspace.

#### **00:57:22 Discussion of Zoning Commission Case #223-25. Text and Map Amendments to create the Chevy Chase Neighborhood Mixed Use zones (NMU-4/CC1 and NMU-4/CC2)**

Commissioner Gore explained in response to an online question that Mr. Joel Lawson informed her informally there might be a hearing on the zoning change. Commissioner Gore said the ANC never received official confirmation or notice of the hearing. Commissioner Gosselin said the Zoning Commission acknowledged there was a notice problem. Zoning Commission and Office of Planning (OP) blamed each other for the notice failure. Commissioner Gosselin said he thought the problem was an honest mistake by the city. Commissioner Gosselin explained OP has reduced allowable building height and also lot occupancy from 80 to 60 percent. There will be a hearing in early 2024 to discuss the proposed zoning changes.

#### **01:24:09 Discussion and possible vote on draft Intelsat resolution**

Commissioner Lynch asked to move instead to his resolution on the Washington Teachers Union. Chair Gore allowed this change, after obtaining the consent of the commission.

#### **01:24:47 Discussion and possible vote on WTU resolution**

Commissioner Lynch introduced his resolution encouraging Washington DC to enter into negotiations with the Washington Teachers Union after school hours so teachers can participate. The president of the union spoke next to explain the status of the current contract situation with DCPS. Currently DCPS has refused to negotiate with the union, she said, and teachers are working without a contract. The ANC Commission approved the resolution 7-0.

After the vote, Commissioner Lynch moved to table the Intelsat resolution. This motion was approved 7-0.

#### **01:37:51 Update on street light walk-thru with community and DDOT**

Commissioner Gosselin reported there was some progress in the conversation with DC officials and the contractor. They acknowledged the light shields are not working as expected. The new shields should work better, are expected soon though a backlog must be worked through. The city is not dimming lights unless everyone involved agrees to this.

#### **01:40:21 Discussion on ANC proposed Transportation Committee**

Commissioner Nash requested a delay in launching this committee, because the Chair Gore said he had only two minutes for this agenda item.

#### **01:41:03 ANC Task Force and Committee reports**

RASE committee delivered a report on its activities, including a meet and greet, new posts on the ANC website RASE page.

Jenny Backus said there has not been a lot of activity by the Maret Task Force since the summer because there has been little activity on the field. She announced an important Task Force meeting will take place Dec. 5.

#### **01:47:47 Commission business**

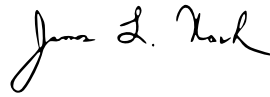
Commissioner Nash announced that in two months he will have completed one year of service of. He encouraged commissioners who are not officers to step up and offer to perform this service for the commission and the community, as Commissioner Nash will be leading the Transportation Committee and will no longer have time to serve as secretary of the Commission.

Commissioner Ferguson delivered his Treasurer's report.

The Commission approved 7-0 to reimburse Commissioner Gore \$260 for expenses.

#### **01:53:30 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 December 6, 2023 by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0, abstentions.



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**Lisa R. Gore, Chair**

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**James L. Nash, Secretary**