

Government of the District of Columbia ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G

CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

COMMISSIONERS

3/4 G-01 - Abraham Clayman

3/4 G-02 - Chanda Tuck-Garfield, Treasurer

3/4 G-03 - Randy Speck, Chair

3/4 G-04 - Rebecca Maydak, Secretary

3/4 G-05 - Gerald Malitz

3/4 G-06 - Dan Bradfield

3/4 G-07 - Christopher Fromboluti, Vice-Chair

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ANNUAL REPORT

CHEVY CHASE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2019)

Meetings and Attendance:

During FY 2019, ANC 3/4G held 16 public meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings began at 7:00 pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center and were open to the public for comments and questions. An average of 5.75 commissioners (out of seven) attended each meeting with an overall 82% attendance rate. A total of approximately 530 persons attended these meetings with an average attendance of about 33 persons per meeting. All meetings in FY2019 were recorded by video and posted to the ANC 3/4G YouTube page. The videos have been viewed on average by 80 persons per meeting.

Officers:

At the January 28, 2019 public meeting, ANC officers were nominated and elected as follows: Randy Speck for Chair, Chris Fromboluti for Vice-Chair, Abraham Clayman for Secretary, and Chanda Tuck-Garfield for Treasurer. The Commission agreed to adopt the Bylaws for 2019.

Chevy Chase Community Center Modernization

ANC 3/4G continued to engage and inform on the issue of the Chevy Chase Community Center modernization and discussed the project at six different regular meetings and one special meeting on Temporary Program Relocation Needs held on October 15, 2018.

- Discussion on preparations for transition during construction on January 28, 2019.
- Discussion on the creation of various task forces and the progress toward the awarding of a bid for design work on April 8, 2019.
- Discussion on progress toward awarding a bid for design work on May 13, 2019.
- Discussion on progress toward awarding a bid for design work on June 24, 2019.
- Discussion on design and construction logistics on September 9, 2019.
- Discussion on design and construction logistics on September 23, 2019.

Applications to the Public Space Committee:

ANC 3/4G did not object to the following applications for the use of public space:

- For renovations to the driveway at 5363 29th Street, NW (# 322064).
- By Little Beast Bistro (5600 Connecticut Ave. NW) to install an awning on its McKinley St. sidewalk café (#10708282). ANC 3/4G also requested that the Public Space Committee hear its application at their February 28, 2019 meeting.
- To pave a driveway, install leadwalk and steps, and other related work at 6661 Barnaby Street NW on June 24, 2019.
- For a retaining wall at 6431 Western Ave. NW on September 9, 2019.

Special Exception Applications to the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

ANC 3/4G supported the following applications for special exceptions before the BZA:

- For the extension of an existing bump-out on June 10, 2019.
- For an addition consistent with an existing one foot side-yard exception on September 23, 2019.

Liquor License Applications:

ANC 3/4G supported the renewal of a number of Class C liquor licenses, including:

- Blue 44 on April 8, 2019.
- The Parthenon and the Chevy Chase Lounge on April 8, 2019.
- Knollwood on May 13, 2019.
- Little Beast on May 13, 2019.
- Bread and Chocolate on May 13, 2019.
- Macon Bistro on May 13, 2019.
- The Avenue on May 13, 2019.
- Avalon Theater on May 13, 2019.
- Little Beast on June 10, 2019.
- Arucola (Capital Crab and Seafood) on July 22, 2019.

Grants

ANC 3/4G approved the following grants:

- \$844 to Friends of Chevy Chase Circle for the purchase of 2500 tulip bulbs on October 22, 2018.
- \$1500 to Northwest Neighbors Village to develop and implement a software platform to manage NNV's operations and enhance communications with the community.

Presentations by City Agencies, Residents, and Other Organizations:

ANC 3/4G heard 30 presentations including ones on the following topics:

 Wayne Wilson, representing DDOT, presented on the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project on October 22, 2018.

- Julie Pike, representing DDOT, presented on the Oregon Avenue Watershed Green Streets Project on October 22, 2018.
- Sam Zimbabwe, representing DDOT, presented on traffic patterns in the neighborhood as a result of the closure of Beach Drive on November 26, 2018
- Patrice Gorgone, representing Bozzuto, and Sam Zimbabwe, representing DDOT, presented on issues related to 5333 Connecticut Ave NW.
- Sam Zimbabwe, representing DDOT, discussed the HAWK signal at Northampton Street and Connecticut Ave NW.
- Josh Rising, a resident, presented on the installation of a Bikeshare Station at Lafayette Elementary School on December 10, 2018.
- Celeste Duffie, representing DPW, presented on plans for leaf collection in the neighborhood on December 10, 2018.
- Duncan Bedlion, representing MPD, presented on general safety reminders and MPD's private surveillance reimbursement program on January 28, 2019.
- Stephen Powers, representing WMATA, presented on the restoration plans for the bus turnout at Connecticut Ave. and Oliver St. NW on February 11, 2019.
- The District's Congressional Representative, Eleanor Holmes Norton, presented on issues before Congress affecting the District on February 25, 2019.
- Peter Lynch, representing the Ward 3 Democrats, presented on current activities in the District and beyond on DC statehood on February 25, 2019.
- Laura Phinizy, representing the Mayor's Streetlight Advisory Task Force, presented on the use of LEDs and other technologies in streetlights on February 25, 2019.
- Stephen Powers, representing WMATA, presented on the restoration plans for the bus turnout at Connecticut Ave. and Oliver St. NW on February 25, 2019.
- Brian Doyle, representing the Ward 3 Education Network, presented on the Wilson feeder pattern on March 25, 2019.
- Zahra Dorriz, representing DDOT, presented on the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project on March 25, 2019.
- Steve Strauss and Raka Choudhury, representing DDOT, presented on micro-transit programs on March 25, 2019.
- Monica Laufer, representing Bird dockless scooters, presented on dockless scooters on April 22, 2019.
- Tommy Wells, representing DOEE, presented on DOEE's FY2020 budget on May 13, 2019.
- Various representatives presented on the "Old Hardy School Disposition and Lease Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019" on May 13, 2019.
- Duncan Bedlion, representing MPD, presented on crime in the neighborhood, on June 10, 2019.
- Various representatives presented on leases at 5745 and 5900 Moreland St. to Oxford House on June 10, 2019.
- Ernest Chrappah, representing DDOT, presented on enforcement and consumer protection enhancements as well as enforcement issues at 5301-5303 Connecticut Ave NW on June 10, 2019.
- Wayne Wilson, representing DDOT, presented on the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project on June 24, 2019.
- Various representatives from Washington Gas and DDOT presented on construction work on 30th Street on June 24, 2019.

- Eddie Defeng, representing the Office of Campaign Finance, presented on the District's new public funding program for qualified candidates on July 8, 2019.
- Mark Battle, representing Pepco, presented on proposed rate increases on July 8, 2019.
- Andrew Reese, representing the Department of Disability Services, presented on the department's contract with Georgetown University on July 22, 2019.
- Tom Weaver, representing Safeway, presented on service improvements at the Connecticut Ave NW location on September 9, 2019.
- Jessica Wertheim, representing the Mayor, presented a tribute to Northwest Current publisher Davis Kennedy on September 23, 2019.
- Various representatives from DCRA presented on a notice of immediate abatement at 2900 Military Ave NW.

Approved Resolutions:

ANC 3/4G approved resolutions on the following topics:

- Requesting that DDOT conduct a comprehensive study of current Connecticut Ave traffic patterns and potential changes on October 22, 2018.
- Approving ANC 3/4G's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund on January 28, 2019.
- Requesting that DDOT prioritize the installation of a Capital Bikeshare station at Lafayette Elementary School on January 28, 2019.
- Opposing the installation of small cell wireless and 5G technologies without studies resolving safety and other concerns on February 25, 2019.
- Supporting the creation of a drop off and pick up zone on the south curb lane of the 3700 block of Jocelyn St. NW on April 8, 2019.
- Opposing WMATA's proposal to relocated the E6 bus from Broad Branch Rd. to Nevada Avenue on April 22, 2019.
- Supporting funding for DC Water's "Lead Line Replacement" program in the FY2020 budget on May 13, 2019.
- Supporting Oxford House's application for an exemption from zoning regulations governing the maximum number of allowable unrelated persons in a home on June 24, 2019.
- Supporting the addition of Captain George Pointer's name to Lafayette Park and Lafayette Recreation center on July 8, 2019.
- Supporting Mayor Bowser's statement on President Trump's threat to arrest and remove immigrant residents on July 8, 2019.
- Urging the DC Council to make provisions in the Comprehensive Plan for infrastructure improvements that will support the District's projected future population on July 22, 2019.
- Urging DPR and DGS to proceed with (1) modernization of the Lafayette Recreation Center and (2) the Lafayette Park stormwater management program in a timely fashion and within the available budget on July 22, 2019.
- Supporting the passage of Veteran Retirement Income Tax Exclusion Amendment Act of 2019 on September 23, 2019.

Letters of Support for Resident or Local Organizations:

ANC 3/4G wrote letters on the following topics on behalf of residents or local organizations:

- Supporting a resident's petition for the installation of sidewalks on the 6100 block of 32nd Street on January 28, 2019.
- Sending a letter to the Public Space Committee advising it that the Commission believes Little Beast Bistro's McKinley St. outdoor café is on private property on February 11, 2019.
- Sending a letter of support to DPR in support of the Lafayette Fall Festival's permit application on September 9, 2019.

Commission Communication Outreach/Strategies:

ANC 3/4G took the following actions related to its own operations:

- Created a Twitter account on January 22, 2019.
- Creating a monthly newsletter on April 8, 2019.
- Approving a communications strategy on June 24, 2019.
- Revived Facebook account on September 27, 2019.
- Approving all required quarterly reports and disbursement checks at public meetings.

Testimony Before the Government of the District of Columbia

ANC 3/4G submitted testimony in person and in writing to a variety of hearings, including to 12 performance oversight and budget hearings. A complete list is below:

- Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary's Public Oversight Hearing on the Metropolitan Police Department on February 7, 2019.
- Department of Energy and Environment's Emergency CRIAC Relief Regulations on February 12, 2019.
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Energy and the Environment on February 14, 2019.
- Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety Performance Oversight Hearing on the Board of Elections on February 19, 2019.
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Performance Oversight Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions on February 20, 2019.
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing on the Department of Transportation on February 25, 2019.
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Performance Oversight Hearing on DC Water on February 26, 2019.
- Committee of the Whole Performance Oversight Hearing for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on February 27, 2019.
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Budget Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions on March 27, 2019.
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Budget Hearing on the Department of Energy and Environment on April 1, 2019.
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Budget Hearing on the Department of General Services on April 4, 2019.

- Committee on Recreation and Youth Affairs Budget Hearing on the Department of Parks and Recreation on April 5, 2019.
- Committee on Transportation and the Environment Budget Hearing on the Department of Energy and Environment on April 11, 2019.
- Committee on Facilities and Procurement Public Oversight Roundtable on September 25, 2019.
- In addition, ANC 3/4G wrote a letter to DDOT Director Jeff Marootian on October 25, 2018 encouraging greater community engagement with respect to the Oregon Avenue Watershed Green Streets Project.

Allotments and Disbursements

ANC 3/4G received \$20,237.19 during FY 2019 which included \$19,989.80 from 5 allotments payments, and other receipts of \$247.39. Disbursements for the year were \$15,068.68. Our ending balance was \$15,467.66.

Requests for Additional Information

Please submit any questions about ANC 3/4G's operations and this Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report to the Commission's mailing address, ANC 3/4G, P.O. Box 6252, Northwest Station, Washington, DC 20015, to its office in room 215 at the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW (where office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon), by phone at (202) 363-5803, or by e-mail to 3g@anc.dc.gov. The ANC's website is www.anc3g.org.