



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

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COMMISSIONERS

3/4G-01 - Lisa R. Gore, Vice Chair 3/4G-02 - John Higgins, Treasurer
3/4G-03 - Randy Speck, Chair 3/4G-04 - Michael Zeldin 3/4G-05 - Connie K. N. Chang
3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin, Secretary 3/4G-07 - Vacant

ANNUAL REPORT

CHEVY CHASE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G
FISCAL YEAR 2021 (OCTOBER 2020 — SEPTEMBER 2021)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2021, ANC 3/4G held 23 regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. The Commission also held four special meetings on particular topics. All of the meetings were held virtually on Zoom. All meetings were publicly noticed, began at 7:00 pm, and were open to the public for comments and questions. An average of 6.3 commissioners (out of seven) attended each meeting with an overall 90% attendance rate. The number of live attendees at the Zoom meetings generally ranged from 20 to 100. The Commission posted videos of every meeting on its YouTube channel ([ANC3G](#)), and they have been viewed on average by 101 persons per meeting.

Officers

The officers who carried over from FY 2020 were Randy Speck, Chair, Chris Fromboluti, Vice Chair, Abe Clayman, Secretary, and Chanda Tuck-Garfield, Treasurer. At the January 11, 2021 public meeting, ANC officers were nominated and elected as follows: Randy Speck, Chair, Chris Fromboluti, Vice-Chair, Lisa Gore, Secretary, and John

Higgins, Treasurer. The Commission agreed at that meeting to adopt the Bylaws for 2021. On May 24, 2021, the Commission elected Lisa Gore as Vice-Chair to replace Chris Fromboluti, who resigned as Vice-Chair, and Peter Gosselin as Secretary.

The ANC considered, discussed, and acted on a broad range of issues at its public meetings during FY 2021, including the following:

Chevy Chase Small Area Plan

The District's FY 2021 budget included funding for the Office of Planning (OP) to prepare a Small Area Plan (SAP) for the Connecticut Avenue corridor from Chevy Chase Circle to Livingston Street, NW. Commissioners Gosselin and Chang served as the ANC's representatives on OP's Community Advisory Committee. OP held its first public meeting on March 4, 2021. On [February 22, 2021](#), [April 12, 2021](#), [April 26, 2021](#), [April 26, 2021](#), the Commission passed resolutions on various aspects of the SAP process to enhance the community's engagement. The Commission held a [special meeting](#) with the Director of OP on April 21, 2021, to permit the community to ask questions. On [September 22, 2021](#), and [September 30, 2021](#), the Commission conducted the first two information exchange programs (with five more during FY 2022) on various topics related to the SAP. These sessions generally had about 25 live attendees and an average of 161 views for each of the two FY 2021 session videos. The Commission continues to work with OP in preparing the SAP.

Task Force on Racism and Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee

In November 2020, the Commission's Task Force on Racism — created in June 2020 based on the Commission's [Statement on Racism](#) — presented draft reports on [Community](#), [Education and Mental Health](#), and [Housing](#). On November 16, 2020, the Commission held a [town hall public meeting](#) to hear from the community on these reports. The Commission discussed the Task Force recommendations at its [January 25, 2021](#), [February 4, 2021](#), [March 22, 2021](#), and [April 12, 2021](#) meetings. Building on the work of the Task Force, the Commission adopted a [resolution](#) on January 25, 2021, establishing a Racial and Social Equity (RASE) standing committee. The RASE committee has advised the Commission on racial and social equity concerns and is tasked with implementing some of the Task Force's recommendations.

Lafayette Elementary School Pre-K

In late November 2020, the Commission learned of a proposal to relocate all of the Lafayette Elementary School's pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) classes to the historic Military

Road School, the first school for Black children in the District. The Commission heard from school officials and the community about this proposal at its [December 14, 2020](#) and [January 11, 2021](#) meetings. After hearing from the community, consulting with ANC commissioners near the Military Road School, and receiving an analysis from the Task Force on Racism, the Commission adopted a [resolution](#) on January 11, 2021, recommending that the Military Road School be a standalone early learning center available to pre-K students anywhere in the District. The Mayor followed the Commission's advice. The resolution also asked the Mayor and the Chancellor to work with the Commission and the community to address overcrowding issues at Lafayette Elementary School. Commissioners subsequently met with the Chancellor in an effort to find both short- and long-term solutions to Lafayette overcrowding.

Applications to the Public Space Committee

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

- Public space permit application for a curb cut at 3600 Rittenhouse Street, NW, February 8, 2021.

Special Exception Applications to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

The Commission supported the following applications at the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- Special exception from the rear yard requirements to construct a second story rear addition to an existing house at 2628 Moreland Place, NW (Case No. 20343), October 26, 2020;
- Special Exception for construction of a two-story addition at 3706 Jocelyn St. NW, July 26, 2021; and
- Special exception at 3201 Jocelyn St. NW for the construction of a second-story addition, September 13, 2021.

Liquor License Applications

ANC 3/4G supported the renewal of the following liquor licenses:

- Class B liquor license renewal for the Broad Branch Market at 5608 Broad Branch Road, NW, December 14, 2020; and
- Liquor License Renewal for Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits, 5544 Connecticut Ave. NW, March 22, 2021.

Grants

ANC 3/4G approved the following grant:

- \$1990 to Feed the Family Pantry for refrigeration equipment to help the organization service food-insecure residents, [July 12, 2021](#).

Presentations by District Agencies, Residents, and Other Organizations

ANC 3/4G heard 24 presentations, including ones on the following topics:

- Katherine Heretik on a pilot mosquito management program in Hawthorne, October 13, 2020;
- Brianne Dornbush, Executive Director of District Bridges, on the Chevy Chase Main Street, October 13, 2020;
- Erkin Ozberk from the Office of Planning on the process for developing a Small Area Plan for the Chevy Chase Gateway, October 13, 2020;
- Department of Public Works' program for bagged leaf collection, October 26, 2020;
- Lafayette Principal Dr. Carrie Broquard and the Lafayette Elementary Local School Advisory Team about the proposal to relocate Lafayette's Pre-K-4 to the Military Road School, December 14, 2020;
- Update from Brianne Dornbush, Executive Director of District Bridges, on Chevy Chase Main Street, December 14, 2020;
- Department of Transportation presentations on Oregon Avenue re-construction and Chestnut Street sidewalk project, February 8, 2021;
- Episcopal Home for Children on its application for an historic landmark designation for its campus at 5901 Utah Avenue, NW, February 22, 2021;
- DDOT to update its Connecticut Avenue NW Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study, February 22, 2021;
- DC Water on the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge and lead service line replacement programs, March 8, 2021;
- Rachel Levinson-Waldman on Police Surveillance Transparency and Accountability, March 22, 2021;
- Andrew Trueblood, Director, DC Office of Planning, on the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, April 12, 2021;
- Department of Parks & Recreation manager Cesar Enriquez about reopening of the Chevy Chase Community Center and Center programming, May 10, 2021;

- DC Public Schools Superintendent Lewis Ferebee about the Mayor’s FY 2022 Proposed Budget and Related Issues, June 14, 2021;
- Julia Washburn, National Park Service Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, on Plans for Upper Beach Drive, June 14, 2021;
- Cesar Enriquez, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), about reopening of the Chevy Chase Community Center and arrangements with program instructors, June 14, 2021;
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Chief Edward Sherburne on plans to end service in the District, June 28, 2021;
- Samer Alhawamdeh, DDOT’s project manager, on Chestnut Sidewalks project, June 28, 2021;
- Chevy Chase Community Center Program Instructors on their arrangements with DPR and Reopening, June 28, 2021;
- DC Veterans Advisory Board members Stephen Slaughter and Carrie Backner-Mullins on the Board’s functions and advocacy of behalf of District veterans, July 12, 2021;
- Idriys Abdullah, a consumer protection advocate with the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Presentation, on COVID 19 scams and how to avoid coronavirus fraud, July 12, 2021;
- Department of Motor Vehicles Director Gabriel Robinson on the end of most pandemic-related restrictions, July 12, 2021;
- DDOT acting director Everett Lott on traffic safety issues in the ANC, including the Military Road-Chevy Chase Parkway Intersection, Chestnut Street sidewalks, and 311 responses, September 13, 2021; and
- Aakash Thakkar, Maret School Board member and Episcopal Center for Children’s (ECC) president and CEO, Stephanie Nash, on Maret’s plans to build sports fields at ECC, September 27, 2021.

Approved Resolutions

In addition to resolutions on the SAP, the Task Force on Racism/RASE Committee, and the Military Road School, the Commission approved resolutions on the following topics:

- [Regarding DDOT’s Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Study Supporting Concept C, April 26, 2021;](#)
- [Supporting the Need for Community Oversight of District Government Acquisition and Use of Surveillance Technologies, April 26, 2021;](#)
- [Urging the Mayor and Council to Use Federal Funds to Remove All Lead Service Lines in the District, April 1, 2021;](#)

- [Requesting that the Council and the Zoning Commission Ensure That No Zoning Changes Will Be Approved Before Completion and Council Adoption of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, April 12, 2021;](#)
- [Regarding the District Department of Transportation on its proposed Request for Proposal for the “Smart Street Lighting Project,” January 14, 2021;](#)
- [Regarding the Proposed Relocation of Lafayette Elementary Pre-K4, January 11, 2021;](#)
- [Calling for Reinstatement of Chevy Chase Main Street Grant, October 26, 2021;](#) and
- [Regarding WMATA Proposal to “Eliminate” E6 Bus, October 13, 2021.](#)

Commission Operations

The Commission took the following actions related to its own operations:

- Approving all required quarterly reports and disbursement checks at public meetings;
- Approving a schedule of meetings;
- Electing Officers;
- Adopting By-laws; and
- Approving ANC Security Fund.

Testimony Before the Government of the District

The Commission submitted testimony in person and in writing at a variety of hearings, including eleven performance oversight and budget hearings. A complete list is below:

- [Testimony Before the Committee on Recreation, Libraries and Youth Affairs FY 2022 Budget Hearing DC Public Library, June 21, 2020;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee on Transportation and the Environment FY 2022 Budget Hearing Department of Energy and Environment June 14, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee of the Whole FY 2022 Budget Hearing, Office of Planning, June 2, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee on Transportation and the Environment FY 2022 Budget Hearing DC Water, June 8, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee on Housing and Executive Administration FY 2022 Budget Hearing Housing Production Trust Fund June 4, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee of the Whole Public Roundtable Hearing on Vacant and Blighted Properties for ANC Commissioners, May 5, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee on Transportation and the Environment Roundtable on the Surge in Traffic Crashes, Fatalities, and Injuries in the District and the Urgent Need to Fully Fund the Vision- Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act, May 13, 2021;](#)

- [DCRA Oversight Hearing, March 18, 2021;](#)
- [DC Water Oversight Hearing, March 15, 2021;](#)
- [DDOT Oversight Hearing, February 26, 2021;](#)
- [OCTO Oversight Hearing, February 23, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony Before the Committee on Business and Economic Development Oversight Hearing on the Department of Small and Local Business Development, February 10, 2021;](#)
- [OANC Oversight Hearing, February 9, 2021;](#)
- [Testimony before the Committee on Transportation and Environment on Improving DDOT's Slow Streets Program, November 16, 2020;](#)
- [Testimony before the Committee of the Whole on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2020, November 12, 2020;](#) and
- [WMATA Testimony regarding E6 Bus, October 13, 2020.](#)

Written Comments or Letters to District Officials

The Commission approved the following written comments to District agencies on their proposed actions:

- [To Councilmembers Requesting Meeting with Them and MPD re Disproportionate Non-Traffic-Related Stops of Black People in the 2nd District, June 28, 2021;](#)
- [To Historic Preservation Review Board re ECC Historic Landmark Designation, February 23, 2021;](#)
- [To Councilmembers re Lafayette Pre-K4 Classes, March 5, 2021;](#)
- [To Deputy Mayor Kihn re Lafayette Pre-K4 Classes, March 5, 2021;](#)
- [Statement on Capitol Incident on January 6, 2021;](#) and
- [Comments on the DDOT's revised draft Environmental Assessment for the Broad Branch Road rehabilitation, November 9, 2020.](#)

Miscellaneous Activities

- Submitted more than twenty-five 311 requests to DDOT during "Sidewalk Palooza!" in the summer of 2021 to enhance pedestrian safety;
- Participated in a pilot program with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to improve handling of vacant and blighted properties;
- Served on DDOT's Community Advisory Committee for the Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Study;
- Served on the ANC Caucus on Vision Zero; and

- Worked with other commissioners and the Council’s Committee on Government Operations and Facilities to develop a strategic plan for the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Allotments and Disbursements

ANC 3/4G received \$23,598.00 during FY 2021 representing final allotments from FY 2020 of \$4,719.60 and \$18,878.40 allotments for FY 2021. Disbursements for the year were \$10,454.06 for an ending balance of \$23,113.44.

Requests for Additional Information

Please submit any questions about the Commission’s operations and this Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report (i) to the Commission’s mailing address, ANC 3/4G, P.O. Box 6252, Northwest Station, Washington, DC 20015, (ii) to its office in room 215 at the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW, (iii) by phone at (202) 363-5803, or (IV) by e-mail at 3G@anc.dc.gov. The ANC’s website is www.anc3g.org.