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**Regular ANC 3/4G Meeting**  
**Chevy Chase Community Center and Online**  
**December 9, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**00:00:00: Chair Gore calls the meeting to order.** She thanks outgoing Commissioners, welcomes newly elected members and notes the race in SMD 05 will require a recount as there is a two-vote differential.

**00:03:13: Commissioner introductions:** Commissioners Zeldin, Gosselin, Gore, Sherman, Nash are in person. Commissioner Lynch is online. Commissioner Ferguson is absent.

**00:05:25: Meeting Procedures.**

**00:06:22: Proposed changes to agenda.** Commissioner Sherman moves public space permit for 2728 Rittenhouse to January meeting. Asks to add briefing from Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) on incident around Stephenson Place. Chair Gore seeks to move Sean Moore from DC Water to after the Resident Forum.

**00:07:50: Move to adopt agenda as amended. Vote 6-0-0.** (no second)

**00:08:04: Discussion of consent agenda.** Adoption of four sets of minutes, as amended, for September 9 and 23, October 21, and November 25.

**00:08:34: Chair Gore moves to vote on consent agenda. Commissioner Sherman seconds. Vote 6-0-0.**

**00:08:50: Resident Forum.** Various neighbors, residents at the Ingleside retirement community, express their concerns about WMATA's bus route changes. Among their concerns is access to medical services in Friendship Heights. They ask for consideration to press WMATA to amend the routes and suggest joining

forces with the Knollwood retirement community to do so. Board of Elections Chair Gary Thompson thanks the Commissioners for serving. William Owen Cox, new Ward 3 MOCR, introduces himself and shares his contact information.

**00:23:46: Sean Moore from DC Water presents on lead pipe replacement.** His full presentation will be posted on the ANC website and forwarded in Commissioner newsletters to constituents. Moore reiterates the serious dangers of lead exposure, in even the smallest amounts, especially to children. He notes there are 42,000 lead service lines in DC. So far, 7,300 have been replaced. He clarified verification of material for each pipe is also part of the project. If residents look online and see their pipe is orange, yellow, or green, that means DC is not 100% sure whether it contains lead. DC Water would assist homeowners with testing.

**00:31:20: MPD, Second District briefs on recent car break-ins.** Commissioner Sherman introduces the topic. Most of the break-ins in question have occurred in his SMD. Some evidence has been captured on video and shared with MPD. Of equal concern was the incident involving a Security Service Agent who discharged his weapon on Stephenson Place in response to suspects breaking into cars. Given the ongoing MPD investigation of the incident, per protocol, the Secret Service declined to comment until the investigation is completed. MPD believes the Secret Service was likely following protocols for a protective detail (of US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.) As to the car break-ins, MPD has discerned no recent patterns and has no firm leads on car break-in perpetrators. They have increased patrols in the area and continue to distribute leaflets on cars, urging residents not to leave possessions inside their vehicles.

**00:46:15: Discussion and possible vote on public space construction permit for a curb cut at 5354 28th Street.** Commissioner Nash introduces the issue. A house with alley access, which this property has, is not usually granted a curb cut. There is a petition of some 30 neighbors opposing the cut. Among their concerns is that a curb cut would introduce significant dangers to pedestrians using the sidewalk. The applicant argues that the steep change in grade at the back of the property makes it unsuitable for a garage, and that he is disabled. They have a raze permit and intend to demolish the existing structure. Neighbors opposing the curb cut argue, with demolition, regrading of the property should be possible.

**01:20:01: Commissioner Nash moves to approve a resolution to oppose the application with amendments offered by Chair Gore. Commissioner Gosselin seconds the motion. Resolution, as amended, is approved 6-0-0.**

**01:27:10: Update on Better Bus Proposal.** Commissioner Sherman discusses three letters from the ANC, thanking Councilmember (CM) Janeese Lewis George and CM Frumin for their support and WMATA for listening to ANC concerns. He wishes to have an amendment adding a request to WMATA to accommodate Knollwood residents by continuing service to Knollwood's main building. He notes Knollwood has already sent their own letter to WMATA on this topic. Commissioner Nash prefers the letters contain thanks only. Any additional asks would be delayed into the new year, after further study of all the implications of the latest proposal. Commissioner Sherman asked about the timing and urged that the issue be addressed as expeditiously as possible. Ingleside residents would like to get involved and were instructed to attend bus transit group meetings.

**01:36:02: Discussion and possible vote on resolution regarding upzoning along Connecticut Avenue.** Commissioner Gosselin gives the background. The proposal is an amendment to the April

25th ANC resolution which called for a single zone with 60' height restrictions and 60% lot coverage. The new resolution asks for a single zone with 65' height restrictions and three lot coverage zones: 60% for residential properties or 75% with inclusionary zoning, and up to 100% lot coverage for non-residential commercial property. Commissioners Gosselin and Sherman have been trying to reach some compromise with the Zoning Commission. In the spirit of compromise they seek some continuing engagement with the ZC and to continue to honor community concerns.

**01:50:11: Chair Gore calls for a vote. Commissioner Gosselin moves the resolution. Commissioner Sherman seconds the motion. Resolution is approved 4-1-1. Commissioners Gosselin, Gore, Sherman and Nash vote yes; Commissioner Lynch votes no; Commissioner Zeldin abstains.**

**01:51:21: Report of the meeting with Office of the Attorney General (OAG) on Commission authorities.**

**01:53:07: Commissioner Sherman updates Maret's request for changes to their BZA order, allowing a color change for the posts and netting around the ECC field.**

**01:56:03: Chair Gore calls the meeting adjourned.**