



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

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3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin 3/4G-07 - Elizabeth Nagy, Secretary

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2025 - 6:30 PM – Virtual via Zoom

Commissioners Present

- Lisa Gore (3/4G-01, Chair)
- Bruce Sherman (3/4G-02, Vice Chair)
- Carol Grunewald (3/4G-03)
- Laura Phinizy (3/4G-04)
- Karrenthya Simmons (3/4G-04, Treasurer)
- Liz Nagy (3/4G-07, Secretary)

Commissioner Gosselin was absent.

64 participants online, not including commissioners.

Call to Order

Chair Gore called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

I. Opening Business

A. Meeting Procedures and Commissioner Introductions

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures. Commissioners introduced themselves and their Single Member Districts

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda with leave to make technical amendments. Seconded. Vote: 6-0, motion carried. The agenda was adopted without amendments.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sherman: To approve the March 10, 2025, minutes with leave to make technical amendments. Seconded by: Multiple commissioners. Vote: 6-0, Motion passed unanimously

D. Resident Forum

- **Christian Smith:** Introduced himself as the newest Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Lewis George of Ward 4. Provided contact information and offered assistance with community concerns.
- **Matthew Moore:** Representing Chevy Chase Fencing Club, inquired about plans for a fencing room in the new Chevy Chase Community Center, noting the club's 40-year history in the community.
- **Thomas Sneeringer:** Announced the Chevy Chase Art Club's Spring pop-up art show and sale on Sunday, April 27th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the PNC parking lot.

II. Main Topics of Discussion

A. Community Update on March 29th Disposition Meeting with DMPED

- **Commissioner Simmons:** Provided details about the upcoming March 29th disposition hearing (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at the community center auditorium. The hearing will be a public forum for DMPED to receive community feedback on the bidders' presentations.
- **Commissioner Sherman:** Clarified that no decision will be made at the Saturday meeting; it's an opportunity for community feedback that will inform DMPED's eventual recommendation to the DC Council.

B. Discussion of ANC Community Engagement Process and Survey

- Discussion about using Go Vocal versus Survey Monkey for community feedback
- **Commissioner Nagy:** Moved to use Survey Monkey instead of Go Vocal, citing concerns about using a new platform for an important community survey
- **Commissioner Gore:** Noted Go Vocal was purchased by the Commission for \$2,000 specifically for this purpose
- **Commissioner Simmons:** Suggested using Microsoft Forms provided by OANC for knowledge management purposes
- **Commissioner Grunewald:** Expressed preference for Survey Monkey as it's familiar to constituents

- **Commissioner Nagy:** Made a motion that the survey work be led by Commissioner Sherman. Seconded.
- Amended motion by **Commissioner Gore:** Survey work to be co-led by Commissioners Sherman and Simmons because the Civic Core is in Commissioner Simmons' SMD.
- **Commissioner Nagy:** Agreed to amendment, including that any commissioner can join the working group. Vote: 6-0, Motion passed unanimously

C. Discussion of Kindergarten Enrollment Issues at Lafayette Elementary School

- **Jake Hargraves, Community Member:** Presented concerns about Lafayette Elementary School's policy preventing children from enrolling in kindergarten if they were born before September 30th and have been in private pre-K, forcing them into first grade despite not having completed kindergarten
- Several parents shared similar experiences with the policy
- **Commissioner Phinizy:** Provided teacher perspective, noting flexibility is needed for child development
- **Councilmember Lewis George:** Reported on conversation with the Chancellor, who indicated DCPS doesn't want to intentionally retain kids in kindergarten or create age advantages
- **Commissioner Gore:** Committed to drafting a resolution with Commissioner Phinizy, sending letters to the Chancellor and principal, and working with Councilmember Mendelson's office

D. Resolution on Permanent Supportive Housing Voucher Services

- **Commissioner Gore:** Presented a resolution (co-sponsored with Commissioner Gosselin) regarding concerns about the implementation of the Permanent Supportive Housing program, citing four child fatalities in subsidized units and reported lack of case management services
- Resolution urges:
 1. Mayor, Department of Human Services, and Councilmembers to fully fund and require in-home case management visits
 2. DC Auditor to conduct an audit of case management providers
 3. DC Council to hold joint oversight hearing as requested in October 2024
- Amendment to the resolution offered by Commissioner Phinizy that it include a statement that funding going to landlords should be contingent on voucher tenants' compliance with seeing social workers. Accepted.
- Amendment to the resolution offered by Commissioner Nagy that it include a statement that the whole housing voucher system needs to be addressed. Accepted.
- Motion by Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Phinizy. Vote: 6-0, Motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion of Federal Worker Layoffs and Budget Crisis

- **Commissioner Sherman:** Raised concerns about the estimated 40,000 federal workers to be dismissed from DC, creating catastrophic effect on District revenues

- Suggested hosting an event to support affected federal workers
- Noted the need for ANC to consider budget priorities given likely cuts

F. Community Announcements

- **Kendall Gibson (Ward 3 Manager, Mayor's Office):** Announced office hours at Tenleytown Friendship Library on March 25th, 2:00-5:00 PM; DC Health Link event on March 26th; Summer in the City event on March 29th
- **Commissioner Sherman:** Announced community Zoom call for SMD 02 on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 7:00-8:00 PM regarding the Civic Core and bidders' proposals

G. Treasurer's Report

- February beginning balance: Approximately \$64,000
- February ending balance: Approximately \$63,000
- Two checks issued related to in-person meeting setup

H. Items for April 7th Meeting

- Civic Core project and community engagement
- Committee chair reports
- Possible presentations by MOCRS and Chevy Chase Main Street
- Budget request letter vote
- Discussion on home rule threats
- Connecticut Avenue engagement with building owners

II. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM


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Lisa R. Gore, Chair

May 12, 2025

Date


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Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

May 12, 2025

Date