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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, Vice Chair 3/4G-03 - Carol Grunewald
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3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin 3/4G-07 - Elizabeth Nagy, Secretary

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025, 6:30 PM – Virtual via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Commissioner Lisa Gore (ANC 3/4G-01, Chair)
- Commissioner Bruce Sherman (ANC 3/4G-02, Vice Chair)
- Commissioner Carol Grunewald (ANC 3/4G-03)
- Commissioner Laura Phinizy (ANC 3/4G-04)
- Commissioner Karrenthya Simmons (ANC 3/4G-05, Treasurer)
- Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)
- Commissioner Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Secretary)

33 participants online, including Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gore meeting called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

- The National Park Service presentation was moved to precede the Civic Core agenda item
- Mitchell Lillie grant application was removed from the agenda
- Lisner Home presentation was added to the agenda
- The order of presentations was adjusted to: Lisner Home at 6:50 PM, Public Space at 7:05 PM, and National Park Service at 7:20 PM

The motion to approve the agenda as amended was adopted unanimously.

C. Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of March 10, 2025, be adopted with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosselin and adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Sherman moved to clarify that the 2023 ANC Community Center/Library Survey mentioned in the March 24, 2025, minutes was a commission-endorsed, commission-sponsored, and commission-conducted survey, not his personal project. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. RESIDENT FORUM

The Commission heard from the following community members:

- Mary Callahan asked whether the ANC would be prepared to hold a special meeting should neighborhood concerns arise related to potential martial law. Chair Gore indicated the Commission would hold a special meeting if necessary.
- Owen Cox, Ward 3 Liaison from the Mayor's Office, announced various community events and services, including office hours for his Kendall Gibson on April 25th, a spring cleanup on April 19th, a roll off day on May 10th, and resources for federal workers impacted by layoffs.
- Sheryl Barnes inquired whether the Commission would address concerns that zoning decisions related to the Chevy Chase development may not comply with the Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan.

- Ron Kahn requested the ANC pass a strong resolution and mayoral visit regarding the lack of ANC and community inclusion in the RFP selection process for the Civic Core project.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. LISNER HOME PRESENTATION

Lisa Harfoot, Administrator in Training and Director of Resident Services, and Vicky Davis from Urban Atlantic presented information about:

1. The renovated Lisner Louise Dixon Hurt Home assisted living facility, which is reopening after extensive renovations following a 2020 flood
2. A new 93-unit active adult apartment building being developed at 42nd Street and Western Avenue

The renovated assisted living facility will feature:

- 45 brand new assisted living units
- ADA compliance with zero-entry showers
- High-speed Wi-Fi and cable TV
- Fully renovated lobby and dining room
- Affordable assisted living for low-income seniors of the District

The new apartment building will include:

- One-bedroom apartments (600-650 square feet)
- Rents starting at \$1,400 with some units at 30% of median income residents
- Community room with terrace
- Hobby and game room
- Fitness center with yoga area
- Salon for hair and nail services
- In-unit washer/dryers and granite countertops

Commissioners asked questions about income requirements, geographic distribution of applicants, and requested follow-up information.

2. PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION - BANKS RESTAURANT

Commissioner Gosselin presented a public space application for a new restaurant at 5712-5714 Connecticut Avenue. The applicant, Eaghmon Banks, proposes establishing a sidewalk café with 38 seats in front of the former Capital One/Wine and Organic/Goodyear storefront.

The restaurant will feature:

- A covered, but open sidewalk café
- Sliding glass doors to create flow between indoor and outdoor spaces
- Planned operating hours of 10:30 AM to midnight weekdays, and until 2 AM on Friday and Saturday
- Brunch service beginning at 10 AM on weekends
- American bistro cuisine

Commissioner Gosselin moved to support the application by the Hub Restaurant and Sidewalk Café for a public space permit for a café on the Connecticut Avenue side of the building. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the six commissioners present (Commissioner Simmons had temporarily stepped away).

3. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESENTATION

Superintendent Brian Joyner and Resource Lands and Planning Program Manager Nick Bartolomeo presented information on the Rock Creek Parkway multimodal safety and operational improvements plan.

Key points included:

- The plan addresses safety concerns with current reversible lanes that require Park Police officers to manually change traffic direction
- Automated gates and overhead signaling were deemed inconsistent with the parkway's historic character
- The plan includes improvements to three major intersections: Beach Drive/Shore Drive, Virginia Avenue/Rock Creek Parkway, and Ohio Drive behind the Kennedy Center
- Additional features include a barrier between Peace Street and Virginia Avenue, widening of the multi-use trail, improved lighting, and proper guardrails
- Traffic analysis was conducted using pre-pandemic data and projected through 2045

Commissioners expressed concerns about:

- The impact on traffic flow without reversible lanes
- Potential for overflow traffic into neighborhoods
- The role of traffic projections in planning
- The possibility of revisiting the decision in the future if impacts are negative
- The cost of the proposed construction compared to current operations

Public comments focused on the accuracy of traffic projections, changes in commuting patterns, accident locations, and specific design elements.

The public comment period remains open until May 2, 2025, and community members are encouraged to submit feedback through the project website.

4. CIVIC CORE DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed the survey process for gathering community input on civic core development proposals. Topics included:

- Survey Monkey subscription: Commissioner Gosselin moved that the ANC approve a subscription to Survey Monkey premium in the name of the ANC at 3GNC.dc.gov, with login available to all commissioners, for one year at a cost of \$1,700 plus taxes. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
- Survey content and timing: The Commission discussed balancing new questions about the eight development proposals with information already gathered from previous surveys. Concerns were raised about the 60-day comment period for the disposition process and how to ensure ANC input would be included in the public record.
- Survey Committee: The next Survey Committee meeting was scheduled for the following Thursday, with plans to discuss the framework proposed by Commissioner Gosselin. Discussion was held regarding survey working group procedures and composition. Commissioners Nagy and Grunewald raised concerns about commissioner participation in working groups. Commissioner Gosselin acknowledged the concerns and apologized. The commission agreed to include all commissioners in future survey working group communications and meetings.
- Mailers: Commissioner Nagy reported that sending mailers to the community would cost approximately \$1.09 per postcard based on previous, recent experience, with an estimated total of \$13,000 for 13,000 postcards. She also reported that various companies are priced similarly and that which one to use might depend on turnaround times.

- Special Meetings: The Commission discussed the need for special meetings to address the civic core process adequately, including a meeting with the directors of the library and community center to discuss the RFP as it relates to those institutions.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Simmons presented expenses related to the disposition hearing for approval:

- Commissioner Nagy: \$18.54 for business cards
- Commissioner Gosselin: \$891.30 for mailers, postage, and flyers
- Commissioner Gore: \$827.56 for mailers and postage
- Commissioner Simmons: \$975.96 for mailers, postage, and business cards
- Commissioner Grunwald: \$376.46 for flyers


Commissioner Simmons moved for these expenses to be approved and checks to be written and signed. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Simmons announced an Earth Day cleanup on April 19th at 11:00 AM at Connecticut and Livingston.
- Commissioner Nagy announced that the Huntington has been sold to an affordable housing developer called American Housing, which plans 119 affordable units within the existing footprint and height and that she will be putting out more detailed information on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.


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Lisa R. Gore, Chair

Jun 8, 2025

Date


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Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

Jun 7, 2025

Date