



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

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**COMMISSIONERS**

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

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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 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)

**Number of participants online:** Approximately 51, including Commissioners

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

**A. MEETING PROCEDURES**

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures, including use of raise hand function for community member comments with 2-minute time limits.

## **B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Commissioner Nagy moved Utah/Nebraska flexi-post discussion to follow Utah Avenue bollards item
- Commissioner Phinizy changed Lafayette gazebo item to Lafayette field and capacity discussion
- Commissioner Gosselin added memorial bench public space permit support to first agenda item

The motion to approve the agenda as amended was adopted unanimously (7-0).

## **C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of June 23, 2025, be adopted with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosselin and adopted unanimously (7-0).
- Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of June 30, 2025, be adopted with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0) after discussion regarding survey vote counts.
- Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of July 7, 2025, be adopted with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosselin and adopted unanimously (7-0) after amendments to Commissioner Gosselin's resolution language and removal of unbalanced community support references.

## **II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

### **A. RESIDENT FORUM**

The Commission heard from the following community members:

• **John Wheeler** announced Friends of Bus Chevy Chase meeting July 23, 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom to discuss bus transit improvements • **Mary Callahan** reported spotted lantern fly infestation in neighborhood, provided identification details and urged eradication efforts • **Rasheen Carbin** representing Chevy Chase Community Association requested grant application consideration for Chevy Chase Day ice cream costs

### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **1. MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF UPDATES**

**William Owen Cox**, Ward 3 liaison for Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, announced office hours Friday, July 18, 3:30-5:00 PM at Tenley-Friendship Library.

## **2. MEMORIAL BENCH**

**Historic Chevy Chase DC: Charles Cadwell** reported successful fundraising completion for the Combs memorial bench, withdrawing its grant request. Public space permit application submitted for August 28 hearing. Commissioner Gosselin moved to support the public space permit application. Motion seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0).

## **3. 32ND PLACE CURB EXTENSION NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Commissioner Phinizy** presented residents' request to exempt property from DDOT sidewalk installation due to two large heritage trees close to their house posing safety concerns. Independent arborist opinion conflicted with DDOT assessment. Chair Gore moved to accept the neighbor's suggestion and request DDOT to exempt the property from sidewalk installation. Motion seconded and adopted 6-0-1 (Commissioner Simmons abstained).

## **4. DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS - MARET ATHLETIC FIELDS UPDATE**

**Elisa Vitale** (Deputy Zoning Administrator) and **Jeff Reiss** (Deputy Chief Building Official) provided an update on Maret athletic fields at 5901 Utah Avenue NW. The July 10, 2025, inspection determined DOB not ready to issue a certificate of occupancy due to inconsistencies between approved plans and as-built conditions. Issues include missing dugouts, incorrect fencing, and questions about lighting specifications and perimeter landscaping compliance.

## **5. UTAH/NEBRASKA FLEXI-POSTS DISCUSSION**

**Commissioner Sherman** reported 450 community survey responses in 72 hours regarding flexi-posts installation: 54% opposed, 32% in favor, 9% favor with modifications. **Christophe Wassmer** (DDOT) explained posts are standard safety improvement for daylighting intersections, costing \$70,000 as part of Maret BZA order condition. Multiple community members expressed concerns about aesthetics, safety impacts, parking loss, and lack of advance notice. **Trey Holloway** (Maret) confirmed the school's willingness to work on modifications. No formal commission action taken; DDOT and Maret to review feedback and return with alternatives.

## **6. CONNECTICUT AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

**Commissioner Nagy** raised concerns about elderly and disabled constituents unable to cross Connecticut Avenue in allotted signal time. **Christophe Wassmer** agreed to coordinate with signals team and include in ongoing Connecticut Avenue study.

## **7. LAFAYETTE FIELD CONSTRUCTION DAMAGE**

**Commissioner Phinizy** presented photographic evidence of field damage from DGS construction project, reporting DGS stated they will not repair damage. Commissioner Gosselin moved to authorize Commissioner Phinizy to draft resolution expressing deep concern about destructive behavior, demanding detailed plans including state-of-the-art grass ball field, immediate

damage remediation, and requesting Director Hunter and Councilmember Lewis George attend the July 28, 2025, meeting. Motion adopted unanimously (7-0).

## 8. LAFAYETTE SCHOOL CAPACITY CONCERNS

**Commissioner Phinizy** presented an analysis showing DCPS increased Lafayette capacity by 12% (105 students) in 2022-23 without physical plant changes, creating potential overcrowding issues. **Eric Goulet** (Ward 3 State Board of Education representative) expressed concern given lack of PreK3 availability. Commissioner Gore moved to authorize Commissioner Phinizy to write letter to DCPS regarding Lafayette Elementary and requesting documentation of capacity calculation discussions, formulas, and building use information. Motion seconded and adopted 6-0-1 (Commissioner Simmons abstained).

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

**Commissioner Simmons** presented Q3 Quarterly report:

Available funds for the quarter were \$64,619.00. The ANC received a deposit for its allotment from OANC for \$4834.77. Quarterly expenses, including for civic core activities: about \$11,969.00. Ending balance of \$52,650.27. Commissioner Simmons moved for quarterly report approval. Motion seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0).

## C. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Commissioner Sherman** reported recent car break-ins, encouraging police reports and vigilance
- Discussion of July 28 agenda items including BZA application for 3048 Oliver Street, Chevy Chase Day grant application, Cap City Little League lights extension request, and kindergarten resolution

## D. COMMISSION BUSINESS


**Commissioner Grunewald** requested to extend the RASE Committee application deadline from August to the first September meeting due to the August recess. **Commissioner Nagy** moved to extend the RASE Committee application deadline from August to the first September meeting. Motion seconded and adopted 6-1-0 (Commissioner Simmons opposed).


## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Approved on July 28, 2025

Attested by:

  
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Lisa R. Gore, Chair

  
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Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

Jul 29, 2025

Date

Jul 28, 2025

Date