

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

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G Survey Working Group Meeting Minutes June 30, 2025, 7:00 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: 24 including Commissioners and community members

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Simmons began the meeting at 7:05 PM.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. MEETING PROCEDURES

Commissioner Simmons outlined the purpose of the meeting to review civic core survey results. The survey concluded on June 29, 2025, with approximately 2,484 responses (online).

B. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners introduced themselves, identifying their respective Single Member Districts.

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. PAPER SURVEY COLLECTION REPORT

Commissioners reported additional paper surveys collected:

- **Commissioner Sherman**: Approximately 47 surveys (primarily from Norwood Residents Association event on June 14th)
- Commissioner Nagy: approximately 10 paper surveys
- Commissioner Grunewald: 4 paper surveys
- Commissioner Phinizy: 3 paper surveys (submitted via Commissioner Sherman)

B. DATA ENTRY PROCEDURES

Commissioner Sherman agreed to manually enter all paper surveys into Survey Monkey by Wednesday, July 3rd, by 11:59 PM. Commissioner Gosselin agreed to conduct cross-check verification of entered data.

C. DATA QUALITY CONCERNS AND ANOMALIES

1. QUALITY CHECK DISCUSSION

Commissioner Sherman raised concerns about the need for routine quality checks on survey data before public release, citing standard survey practices and community concerns from the 2023 survey regarding potential duplicate responses.

2. IP ADDRESS DATA COLLECTION CONCERNS

Commissioner Gore expressed serious concerns about the collection of IP address data, noting:

- The community was not explicitly informed about IP address collection
- Potential sensitivity of collecting personal identifiers
- Need for legal opinion on data handling procedures
- Concerns about data storage and access

3. ANOMALY IDENTIFICATION

Commissioner Sherman indicated that anomalies were detected during real-time monitoring but requested to present findings to commissioners before public release, following standard survey protocols.

4. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSIONS ON DATA HANDLING

Commissioner Simmons expressed opposition to filtering or removing survey responses, arguing that:

- Multiple people can share the same IP address
- Filtering responses could silence legitimate residents
- Survey should be accepted "as is"
- Voiced concerns about potential delays to submission timeline to DMPED

Commissioner Grunewald supported examining data for potential widespread anomalies or "cheating" while emphasizing no intention to delete responses, only to identify significant irregularities.

Commissioner Gore raised investigative concerns about:

- Inability to definitively prove wrongdoing based solely on IP addresses
- Multiple legitimate explanations for shared IP addresses
- Risk of false accusations against commissioners or community members

Commissioner Gosselin advocated for handling the matter similarly to 2023 procedures and moving forward efficiently.

Commissioner Sherman advocated for doing a routine quality check on the survey data in accordance with best practices for conducting surveys and releasing results.

Discussion occurred regarding moving to Executive Session to review data anomalies in the survey results privately before public release and to discuss legal matters related to the survey. Commissioner Nagy raised that point that a motion should be made under Robert's Rules to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Gore responded that, as a working group meeting rather than an official ANC meeting, Robert's Rules do not apply and that formal procedures do not apply under DC Code. Commissioner Nagy disagreed with this position. No motion was made. The Commission went into Executive Session. The recording of the meeting was stopped.

E. MEETING CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded without sharing survey results with the public as originally planned. Commissioner Simmons indicated results would be shared through alternative means after internal commission review.

III. ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT STEPS

- 1. Commissioner Sherman to enter paper surveys by July 3, 2025, 11:59 PM
- 2. Commissioner Gosselin to conduct verification of entered data
- 3. Internal commission review of data quality before public release
- 4. Alternative method(s) to be determined for sharing results with community
- 5. ANC special meeting scheduled for July 7th to finalize civic core resolution

6. Resolution submission to DMPED due July 10th

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM without completing the intended review of survey results with community members.

Approved on July 14, 2025

Attested by: box SIGN 187YZ365-4ZZZJ7K8
Lisa R. Gore, Chair

Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

Aug 4, 2025

Date

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