



Government of the District of Columbia
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
3/4G-04 - Laura Phinizy 3/4G-05 - Karrenthya Simmons, Treasurer
3/4G-06 - Peter Gosselin 3/4G-07 - Elizabeth Nagy, Secretary

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 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: 44 at the highest level of attendance online, including Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gore called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Commissioner Simmons added an item regarding neighborhood cleanups and requested a vote

- Commissioner Sherman moved to remove the Pepco rate hikes item and postpone it until September due to the Office of People's Counsel needing additional notice to attend. They have confirmed for September.

Commissioner Gore moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of July 14th be adopted with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. RESIDENT FORUM

The Commission heard from no community members during this portion.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. UPDATES FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER STAFF

William Owen Cox, Ward 3 liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, presented information about the Mayor's Clean Cities adopt-a-block program. The program provides materials to clean two blocks quarterly and includes signage. Ward 3 has the lowest participation in the city. Commissioners discussed logistics including trash pickers, scheduling, signage, sign clutter, and tree boxes. Owen Cox will check on the issue of sign clutter as it might apply to Adopt-a-block signs. The link to the program is: Adoptablock.dc.gov.

2. BZA APPLICATION 21340 - 3048 OLIVER STREET NW

Commissioner Sherman presented the BZA application for special exception for accessory building construction in side yard. Homeowners Shannon and Andrew McMahon explained their two-story addition plans. Attorney Marty Sullivan outlined that relief is needed because the addition brings the house back, so the existing garage is now in the side yard. The addition itself complies with all regulations and has the support of adjacent neighbors and the neighbor across the alley. Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the special exception request. Motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

3. CHEVY CHASE D.C. DAY GRANT APPLICATION

Rasheen Carbin, President of Chevy Chase Community Association, requested \$1,425.00 from the ANC to supplement \$850.00 donation from State Farm Insurance for ice cream truck costs at Chevy Chase D.C. Day on September 20th (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). Total cost of approximately \$2400.00 would cover 650 pieces of ice cream. This is to be voted on at the September 8th ANC meeting.

4. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SR25-9

Commissioner Gore presented resolution supporting state board resolution calling for changes to compulsory school attendance and enrollment requirements. The resolution addresses issues with the inability to enroll children in kindergarten enrollment due to birthday cutoff dates and to require they be enrolled in first grade. The State Board of Education's resolution called for eliminating the September 30th birthday cutoff date and aligning the compulsory attendance age with the age for entering first grade. It passed with near unanimity and ANC 3D already voted to support it. Commissioner Gore moved to support the resolution, amended to correct vote counts. Motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

5. CAPITOL CITY LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD LIGHTING REQUEST

Commissioner Gosselin requested ANC support for extending Chevy Chase playground field lighting from 9:15 PM to 10:00 PM due to displacement caused by Lafayette field construction. After discussion about asking neighbors about these issues beforehand in the future, Commissioner Gosselin moved that the ANC support Capital City Little League's request until the September 8th meeting and committed to surveying adjacent neighbors and providing a notice to neighbors with information about the temporary nature of the extended light hours and to report back on the neighbor's positions as soon as he has it. Motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

6. NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP SUPPLIES PURCHASE

Commissioner Simmons requested ANC purchase approximately ten trash pickers, gloves, and supplies for neighborhood cleanups, particularly at the civic core site where a homeless person is living and trash is accumulating. There were discussions about the city's responsibility to clean up and maintain the Civic Core and the suggestion was made by Commissioner Sherman that the ANC consider passing a resolution soon asking DGS to maintain the Civic Core. Commissioner Simmons stated that she has asked DPR to pick up trash twice a week, but this is not the only neighborhood in the city. Commissioner Simmons amended her proposed budget of up to \$1000 to a budget of up to \$750. Commissioner Simmons moved for the purchase of supplies with a \$750 maximum budget, with supplies to be stored at the ANC office. Motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

Commissioner Simmons declined to draft a resolution calling for the city to pick up trash and address the rodent problem at the Civic Core and on Connecticut Ave. Commissioner Gosselin expressed support for such a resolution. Commissioners Gore and Nagy agreed to work together on that resolution.

7. MARET FIELD HEAT SAFETY RESOLUTION

Commissioner Sherman presented a resolution calling for ANC and Maret to develop safety guidelines for community use of artificial turf fields during hot weather. Some commissioners opposed addressing only Maret rather than addressing the issue city-wide, which led to discussion about the remit of the ANC. Another commissioner questioned the timing and lack of advance notice of the resolution. Maret representative Trey Holloway stated that Maret does not see a role

for itself in developing guidelines. During the discussion one Commissioner made derogatory comments about another commissioner and engaged in name calling. A request was made to the Chair asking her to enforce decorum with respect to the commissioner who engaged in the name calling and derogatory remarks and to ask her to refrain from such behavior.

As an alternative to the resolution, Commissioner Sherman offered that the ANC could make a statement to the community talking about elevated temperatures as a public awareness effort. Lacking support for that alternative, Commissioner Sherman moved to pass the resolution as originally submitted. The motion was seconded, but the resolution failed on vote of 2 in favor (Sherman, Grunewald), 4 opposed (Gore, Gosselin, Simmons, Phinizy), 1 abstention (Nagy). (2-4-1)

8. CIVIC CORE UPDATE

Commissioner Simmons reported that DMPED has acknowledged receipt of the ANC resolution and minority opinions regarding the Civic Core site. They indicated next step is internal review and decision making with no set timeline for selecting a developer. Commissioner Simmons had no information on the status of private funding for the project.

9. UTAH/NEBRASKA INTERSECTION UPDATE

Commissioner Sherman provided update on DDOT's proposed modifications to flex posts installed at the Utah and Nebraska intersection. DDOT proposes reducing the number of flex posts by half, spacing them at 10 feet instead of 5 feet, offsetting them from roadway striping, removing posts from inside intersection, addressing accessibility concerns for the northwest corner resident, and addressing C85 bus turning challenges. There was also discussion of a proposed bioretention bed that might reduce the number of flex posts. Community members Rebecca Maydak and Jennifer Leonard whose properties are affected expressed continued concerns about safety and appearance, requesting complete removal to assess actual traffic impacts. Commissioners agreed to organize a neighborhood meeting with DDOT and Maret.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

No treasurer's report was provided.

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Commissioner Phinizy:** Reported DGS and DCPS agreed to remediate damage to Lafayette field from construction. Professional tennis practice for Citi Bank Open provided new court surfacing.
- **Commissioner Simmons:** Announced upcoming sewer lining work on various blocks in SMD05 and other SMDs, DC State Fair September 6th, Chevy Chase Day September 20th, and Chevy Chase Main Street sip and snack crawl.
- **Commissioner Nagy:** Asked whether Commissioner Simmons communications with DMPED regarding the Civic Core are in writing. She requested that Commissioner Simmons put DMPED communications in writing and copy the rest of the Commission. Commissioner Simmons did not reply or agree to do so.

- **Commissioner Sherman:** Commended Cap City Little League for excellent maintenance of Chevy Chase playground field despite heavy use and weather challenges.

Possible items for September 8th meeting: Chevy Chase Main Street presentation, Civic Core updates, discussion and possible vote on new RASE committee members, Commissioner Sherman by-law amendments, and Pepco discussion.

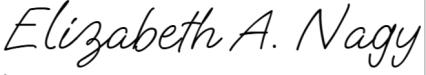
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Chair Gore announced the ANC will be in recess through August with regular meetings resuming September 8th, however Commissioners are available.

Approved on September 8, 2025

Attested by:


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Lisa R. Gore, Chair


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Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

Oct 23, 2025
Date

Oct 20, 2025
Date