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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
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 24, 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: 41, including Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gore called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Gore outlined virtual meeting procedures.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add items regarding Newland's Wayside exhibit, RASE committee letter of support, Harrison Street speeding, and DPR hearing bills. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nagy moved that the minutes of November 10, 2025, 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

No community members spoke during the resident forum.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. OFFICE OF PLANNING PRESENTATION ON ALLEY LOT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

Matt Jesick from the Office of Planning presented proposed changes to zoning regulations for alley lots. The Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 12, 2026. The proposed changes would eliminate the special exception process for single-family homes on alley lots in RF and RA zones and allow matter-of-right development if all zoning requirements are met.

2. GOODS FOR GOOD PRESENTATION

Elizabeth from Goods for Good presented information about their nonprofit organization serving 15,000-16,000 people annually through various community programs. Their December 2025 focus is collecting brand new pots and pans for families moving into apartments from homelessness. Commissioners offered to help promote their programs.

3. NEWLAND'S WAYSIDE EXHIBIT RESTORATION

Commissioner Gosselin presented an update on the Nuland's Wayside exhibit at Chevy Chase Circle that was removed by the National Park Service (NPS). NPS Superintendent Brian Joyner attended.

Motion: Commissioner Gosselin moved that the commission authorize him to move forward with the November 10th resolution to replace the wayside exhibit that was removed by NPS , placing it as much as possible in the same location as before it was removed. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

4. RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Simmons reported that the Racial and Social Equity Committee on November 20, 2025, voted to send a letter of support to ANC 3/4G for its resolution on the removal of the Newland's wayside exhibit at Chevy Chase Circle. The letter will be posted to the website.

5. NEBRASKA AVENUE/MORRISON STREET/31ST STREET/32ND STREET INTERSECTION SAFETY RESOLUTION

Commissioner Grunewald presented a resolution calling for immediate safety measures at the intersection of Nebraska Avenue, Morrison Street, 31st Street, and 32nd Street. Constituents Michelle Rittenhouse and Karene Steiner spoke about safety concerns. DDOT representative Christoff explained the Traffic Safety Input prioritization model and noted that DDOT completed an assessment in 2023 recommending a pedestrian flashing beacon, which has not been functioning properly.

Commissioner Grunewald amended the resolution to: (1) clarify that the Nebraska and 31st intersection is the only intersection along the 3.3-mile length of Nebraska Avenue from Oregon to Foxhall Road without a stop sign or signal, (2) attach TSI case numbers and filing dates, (3) attach the neighborhood petition with over 100 signatures, and (4) attach maps and photos. Commissioner Sherman offered a friendly amendment to reflect that DDOT should expedite pedestrian safety improvements rather than requiring neighbors to file additional TSI requests.

Motion: Commissioner Grunewald moved to adopt the resolution with friendly amendments. Commissioner Sherman seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

6. HARRISON STREET SPEEDING

Commissioner Nagy raised concerns that residents have long expressed about speeding along Harrison Street. Due to DDOT representative Christophe Wassmer dropping off the

call, full discussion was deferred; however, Karen Shepard, a resident of Harrison Street, read a statement expressing her concerns and that of other residents on the block.

7. OPPOSITION TO RENAMING H STREET TO CHARLIE KIRK PATRIOT WAY

Commissioner Simmons presented the Racial and Social Equity (RASE) Committee recommendation that the ANC oppose the renaming of a portion of H Street NW to Charlie Kirk Patriot Way. The RASE committee objected due to Charlie Kirk's opposition to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, civil rights protections, LGBTQ+ rights, religious tolerance, and gender equality; his lack of meaningful connection to Washington, D.C.; and the disregard for the historic significance of H Street in Black history.

Motion: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Gosselin seconded. Commissioner Nagy questioned whether the ANC in which that portion of H Street sits had been contacted and because it had not, moved to table the resolution, which failed for lack of a second. The motion to approve the resolution was adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

8. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the reappointment of community members Renee Turner-Inman, Maria Sims, Merilee Janssen, Carl Lankowski, Ron Eichner, and Cal Simone to the RASE Committee for the remainder of calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded and adopted with 5 in favor, 2 abstentions (5-0-2). Commissioners Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin in favor. Commissioners Grunewald and Nagy abstained.

9. WARD 4 STRATEGIC BIKEWAYS PLAN UPDATE

Commissioner Sherman provided an update on the Ward 4 DDOT strategic bikeways meeting he attended.

10. CHEVY CHASE POST OFFICE

Commissioner Gosselin discussed community concerns about the Post Office at 5636 Connecticut Avenue and the process for filing complaints with Congresswoman Norton's office.

11. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HEARING BILLS

Commissioner Phinizy presented her thoughts on DPR hearing bills scheduled for December 3, 2025. Three bills were discussed: expanding park hours, park programming and facilities, and regular establishment of dog parks. Discussion focused on whether there was time for a formal resolution and vote or if testimony would be submitted individually. Commissioner Phinizy will draft testimony, which will be voted on at the December 8, 2025, ANC meeting.

12. MARET FIELDS

Commissioner Sherman discussed the status of Maret's athletic fields, which opened in October 2025 but are operating under a provisional certificate of occupancy because retaining walls weren't built to plan. Maret must get Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) approval by January 21, 2026, to avoid having to remediate the walls.

Active negotiations are ongoing between Maret and neighbors, working toward the January 21st hearing deadline. Many prior agreements can be carried forward; focus is on new post-opening concerns.

Commissioner Sherman proposed a three-way negotiation:

1. Neighbors and Maret negotiate specific agreements
2. ANC updates its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maret to include neighbor agreements plus new binding arbitration and severability clauses
3. Updated MOU becomes basis for ANC support at the BZA hearing

Key Concerns:

- Capacity: Original plan was ~200 people maximum; homecoming had 700 and triggered a fine. Maret wants to increase the cap
- Parking/traffic impacts when events exceed the 48-space lot
- Timeline pressure with January 21st hearing approaching and holidays intervening

Commissioner Positions:

- Sherman: Supportive of negotiations; focused on enforceable MOU with arbitration clause
- Gosselin: Wants community and Maret to resolve issues directly; ANC should play ministerial role
- Nagy: Supportive but noted Maret previously evaded questions about the extent to which it will seek to increase capacity which will affect the surrounding community
- Phinzy: Concerned increasing capacity changes usage intensity and impacts
- Grunewald: Won't support BZA application without neighbor agreement; suggested Maret may need to postpone hearing

13. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Simmons: AFS is coming up December 6th for high school, December 13th for elementary to middle school; annual senior holiday celebration is December 17th; DC Public Service Commission is giving away free weatherization giveaways this December; Chevy Chase Winter Market will be held on Connecticut Avenue between McKinley and Livingston Streets, 12:00-5:00 PM; Age Friendly Task Force biannual meeting is December 3rd or 4th at 1:00 PM; DPR construction update is December 4th.

Commissioners discussed scheduling for the December 8, 2025, meeting and a potential special meeting in early January before the regular January 12, 2026, meeting. Items for the December 8th meeting include the Wheelhouse liquor license and a TOPS request for the 5200 block of 27th Street.


12. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Approved on December 8, 2025

Attested by:


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 Lisa R. Gore, Chair

Dec 15, 2025
 Date


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 Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

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