



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes

December 8, 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 Karrenthya Simmons (ANC 3/4G-05, Treasurer)
- Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)
- Commissioner Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Secretary)

COMMISSIONER ABSENT

- Commissioner Laura Phinizy (ANC 3/4G-04)

Number of participants online: 31 participants, 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:

- Chair Gore added draft testimony for the Committee on Transportation and Environment regarding the eminent domain proposal by Council Member Zachary Parker, to be added at the end of the agenda
- Commissioner Nagy corrected the date listed on the agenda for the previous special meeting from December 3rd to November 3rd

Commissioner Gosselin moved to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nagy moved to adopt the minutes from November 24, 2025, with leave to make technical corrections. Commissioner Simmons requested addition of her omitted commissioner

announcements. Commissioner Nagy read Commissioner Simmons' comments into the record for clarity and agreed to amend the minutes to add them to the November 24, 2025, minutes. The amended motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Nagy moved to adopt the minutes from the November 3, 2025, special meeting with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. RESIDENT FORUM

The Commission heard from community members regarding Metro Bus schedule changes and from the MOCRs regarding the Snow Team Heroes volunteer program.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. WHEELHOUSE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Commissioner Gosselin presented the Wheelhouse restaurant liquor license application for the 5700 block of Connecticut Avenue. Owner Eaghmon Banks described the restaurant as family oriented; it is expected to open in approximately two months, with regular hours of 10:30 AM to midnight on weekdays and until 1:00 AM on weekends. Banks requested maximum liquor license hours (3:00 AM Friday and Saturday) primarily for special events, asserting that the restaurant would rarely, if ever, operate that late.

Neighboring residents from Northampton Street expressed support for the restaurant while raising concerns about late-night activity, parking, and traffic impacts. Banks outlined mitigation efforts including prohibiting employee parking in the adjacent lot, working with Wells Fargo to rent parking spaces, and employing a parking lot attendant during peak hours.

Commissioner Gosselin moved to support the liquor license application as filed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sherman and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

2. MARET ATHLETIC FIELDS BZA CASE UPDATE

Commissioner Sherman provided an update on Maret School athletic fields and the upcoming Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing scheduled for January 21, 2026. The fields opened October 3, 2025, but were constructed with retaining walls that do not conform to originally submitted plans. Maret filed with BZA to accept the fields as built rather than undertake costly modifications.

Maret and Friends of the Field (a party to the BZA case) are in confidential negotiations about support for Maret's application. Commissioner Sherman reviewed the existing March 15, 2022, Memorandum of Understanding between the ANC and Maret, highlighting key provisions including no lighting, no amplified sound, community use hours, parking requirements, and annual reporting obligations.

Commissioner Sherman proposed updating the MOU to remove construction-related provisions, incorporate any new agreements reached between Maret and neighbors, and present a superseding memorandum to BZA. He requested scheduling a special meeting after the January 12, 2026, regular meeting to review and vote on the updated MOU before the January 21st BZA hearing.

The commission agreed to schedule a special meeting for this purpose. No formal vote was taken.

3. GO VOCAL PLATFORM CONTRACT RENEWAL

Commissioner Gore discussed Go Vocal platform contract renewal. The current contract runs through February 16, 2026. Commissioner Gosselin agreed to obtain a new contract from Go Vocal for commission consideration at the January meeting. The expense is already approved in the FY26 budget.

4. WEBSITE CONTRACT UPDATE

Commissioner Sherman discussed the website redesign contract with a final invoice of \$3,400 pending. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions is consulting the Office of the Attorney General for clarity on contract authorization across fiscal years. The commission is awaiting this guidance before settling the final invoice.

5. IVY CITY RESILIENCE HUB EMINENT DOMAIN TESTIMONY

Commissioner Gore presented draft testimony for Committee on Transportation and Environment public hearing scheduled for December 11, 2025, on the Ivy City Resilience Hub Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2025.

The testimony supports Councilmember Zachary Parker's legislation to authorize eminent domain for acquiring the National Engineering Products (NEP) facility in Ward 5. The facility has operated since the 1930s in the historically Black Ivy City community, causing severe air pollution from formaldehyde, acetonitrile, and methylene chloride.

The legislation would convert the acquired property into a climate resilience hub, consistent with District of Columbia government climate planning documents. The proposed testimony noted the District successfully used eminent domain to close the Fort Totten trash transfer station in 2018 and referenced the ANC's 2023 Racial and Social Equity Committee memo and the ANC's subsequent resolution requesting NEP cease toxic chemical use.

Commissioner Sebrena Rhodes (ANC 5D) attended to answer questions about the Ivy City situation. Several commissioners raised concerns about receiving the testimony only the morning of the ANC meeting given the complexity of the issues and significance of eminent domain. Commissioner Gore noted that the hearing was scheduled with one week's notice and the record closes December 11th.

Commissioner Gore moved that ANC 3/4G support the testimony and authorize her to present it on behalf of the ANC. The motion was seconded and adopted on a vote of 5-0-1.

- In favor: Commissioners Gore, Sherman, Gosselin, Simmons, Grunewald
- Opposed: None
- Abstaining: Commissioner Nagy

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Simmons reported that the November and December reports will be provided in January along with the Q1 quarterly report. She stated that monthly reports are informational only and do not require votes. She also reported that recent transactions have been minimal aside from monthly Mailchimp bills and she would run the report and send it so Commissioners could see it that evening. She stated that the Community does not need to see them.

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No commissioner announcements were made.

POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR JANUARY 12, 2026, MEETING

- Go Vocal contract renewal
- Website contract resolution (pending OANC/OAG guidance)
- Special meeting scheduling for Maret MOU update (before January 21, 2026, BZA hearing)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Approved on January 12, 2026

Attested to by:



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Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary

Jan 21, 2026

Date