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3G03- Carol Grunewald, Secretary
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3G06- Peter Gosselin
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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G
Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026 - Virtual Via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Lisa Gore (ANC 3/4G-01)
Commissioner Bruce Sherman (ANC 3/4G-02, Treasurer)
Commissioner Carol Grunewald (ANC 3/4G-03, Secretary)
Commissioner Laura Phinizy (ANC 3/4G-04, Chair)
Commissioner Karrenthya Simmons (ANC 3/4G-5)
Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)
Commissioner Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Vice Chair)

Number of participants online: 60 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Phinizy called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

B. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Phinizy outlined virtual meeting procedures.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Discussion of the Maret/Friends of the Field BZA case was postponed.

- Discussion of the possible renewal of the GoVocal communication tool was postponed to the February 9 meeting due to website and timing concerns.
- Discussion of a proposed resolution by Commissioner Sherman regarding the District's snow removal performance was added to the agenda.

Commissioner Gosselin moved to adopt the agenda as amended, the motion was seconded and adopted 6-1-0 (Commissioner Simmons opposed).

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Grunewald moved to adopt the minutes of the January 12 meeting, 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 Cal Simone, of Friends of Bus Transit, who announced that WMATA budget hearings for fiscal year 2027 will be held the first week in February as well as an in-person WMATA meeting and two online meetings.
- The Commission heard from Sheryl Barnes, of Chevy Chase Voice, who noted that one ANC 3/4G commissioner had sent out a survey, pertaining to the re-development of the Civic Core, that did not offer survey-takers choices outside the ones prescribed by the survey-writer, and that there was no option for survey-takers to say they disagreed with any or all of the choices they were offered in the survey. She also noted that there was no reasonable expectation that the survey was being taken by Chevy Chase residents as opposed to those living outside the neighborhood. Ms. Barnes urged the Commission to conduct only credible surveys sponsored by the entire commission and to be sent only to all residents of Chevy Chase.
- The Commission heard from Ron Kahn who suggested that ANC testimony pertaining to DC Council oversight hearings be posted to the ANC website.
- The Commission heard from Ann LaPorta who noted that the playground slide at the Civic Core site had been broken and dangerous for many months. She asked why it wasn't being repaired so children can use it. Commissioner Simmons responded that it would be fiscally irresponsible to repair the children's slide because the site will eventually be re-developed. Andrea Rosen noted that the redevelopment is not currently scheduled until 2028 – so that certainly, children should have a slide in working order to use until then. Simmons agreed and said she would contact the Ward 3 Council Member.

B. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Snow removal:

Commissioner Sherman noted the District's very poor recent performance removing snow and ice from streets in Chevy Chase and proposed that the Commission pass a resolution he proposed asking the DPW for specific improvements including ensuring that all local

streets receive at least one full pass of a snowplow before any receive multiple passes.

Discussion included the need to understand DPW policy, immediate resident access concerns, and potential inaccuracies in the snowplow tracking system.

Outcome: Commissioner Sherman will draft a letter to DPW on behalf of the Commission. A comprehensive resolution will be developed for a future meeting.

2. Website Contractor Invoice:

Commissioner Sherman noted that he and Chair Phinizy and Vice Chair Nagy met with the developer of the Commission's new website to sort out payments due and how the commission is to proceed with opening the new website. He made a motion for the Commission to pay the \$3,400 final invoice due for the new website under the January 2025 contract authorized in the June 12, 2024 minutes, per OANC guidance. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Discussion followed regarding small monthly hosting charges that the website developer was still paying and that the Commission will have to reimburse her for. There was also discussion about potential migration of the new website to an OANC-supported website platform while preserving historical ANC records.

3. Civic Core Redevelopment:

Commissioner Simmons reported on the mayor's selection of Rift Valley Chevy Chase LLC to redevelop the Civic Core site, including a new library and community center, outdoor amenities, and 177 housing units with 54 affordable units. She noted that the development plan selected differs from what was initially presented to the community in that it now features 70% market rate and 30% low-income units, whereas the original proposal offered 70% low-income units and only 30% market rate units.

Commissioners agreed to schedule a special meeting with the office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and stakeholders in February after the next ANC meeting.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Sherman presented the Treasurer's Report and moved approval of the FY26 Q1 QFR, it was seconded and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

B. POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR FEB. 9, 2026 MEETING:

- Possible GoVocal renewal
- Maret School/Friends of the Field BZA agreement
- Possible snow removal resolution
- Food Policy Council presentation
- Ranked Choice Voting presentation

C. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- Chair Phinizy noted that the builder and neighbors of 6008 34th Place requested a postponement of consideration of a special exception request. She made a motion to support the applicant and neighbors in their request for the postponement of BZA case #21399, it was seconded and passed unanimously 7-0-0.
- Commissioner Nagy stated that she would like to invite representatives of a group, that provides social services to many apartment-dwellers on Connecticut Avenue, to a future meeting.
- Commissioner Sherman recognized and thanked several teens from his SMD who spent many, many hours helping their neighbors by shoveling snow.
- Commissioner Gosselin wishes to recognize, and wish happy birthday to, his constituent Roger L. Reith, who is turning 101 on Feb. 1. The mayor is issuing a proclamation in honor of this event.
- Commissioner Simmons noted that the RASE Committee will be accepting applications for membership until Feb. 10.
- Commissioner Nagy noted that time to sign up for health insurance through DC Health Link is running out. Open enrollment ends July 31.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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Carol Grunewald
Secretary, ANC 3/4G

Laura Phinizy
Chair, ANC3/4G