

3G01- Lisa Gore 3G02- Bruce Sherman, Treasurer 3G03- Carol Grunewald, Secretary 3G04- Laura Phinizy, Chair 3G05- Karrenthya Simmons 3G06- Peter Gosselin 3G07- Elizabeth Nagy, Vice-Chair		5601 Connecticut Ave NW P.O. Box 6252 Washington, D.C. 20015 3G@anc.dc.gov https://anc3g.org YouTube: ANC3G
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Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3/4G
Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Meeting Minutes - May 11, 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-05)
Commissioner Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G-06)
Commissioner Elizabeth Nagy (ANC 3/4G-07, Vice Chair)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ONLINE: 55 participants, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Phinizy noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. MEETING PROCEDURES:

Chair Phinizy outlined virtual meeting procedures.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Sherman moved to amend the agenda to move “Announcements of General Interest,” “Commissioner Reports,” and “Commission Business” to the end of the meeting.

The motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Commissioner Gore requested that Go Vocal and Civic Core agenda items be grouped together.

Chair Phinizy moved to group Civic Core-related items during the current meeting if scheduling permitted and without displacing scheduled presenters. The motion was seconded.

Point of Order: Commissioner Grunewald raised a point of order seeking a request for information: clarification whether the proposal applied to the current meeting only or future meetings as well.

Ruling: The Chair ruled that the motion applied only to the current meeting and only if scheduling permitted.

The motion proceeded to the floor and was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Grunewald requested that roll-call votes be used for all votes so that accurate votes can be recorded. She also requested that, in order to assist minutes preparation, commissioners avoid using the ANC's Zoom account to log in to meetings as doing so blocks speakers' names in the meeting transcripts thereby making it difficult to attribute speech to individuals.

Commissioner Grunewald moved approval of the April 13, 2026 minutes with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Commissioner Grunewald moved approval of the April 24, 2026 minutes with leave to make technical corrections. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Gore requested that the minutes reflect her return following recusal. Commissioner Grunewald agreed to incorporate the correction.

The motion was brought to the floor and was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Commissioner Grunewald moved approval of the April 27, 2026 minutes with leave to make technical corrections.

The Chair ruled that consideration of the April 27 minutes could be postponed to a future meeting because the minutes had not appeared on the published agenda and commissioners had insufficient review time. The ruling stood without objection.

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

Commander Christopher Dorsey and Lieutenant Marlon Ollivierre of MPD presented crime statistics and public safety updates for the ANC area, including discussion of recent theft statistics, recent arrests connected to auto thefts, the homicide near the Tenleytown CVS, and a reported shooting near Fort Reno Park.

No action was taken.

B. DOEE BIORETENSION PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Sherman introduced a proposed resolution to endorse a partnership between DOEE and community volunteers for maintenance and stewardship of city bioretention facilities and green infrastructure.

DOEE Director Richard Jackson and staff member James Woodworth discussed community partnerships, maintenance responsibilities, stormwater obligations, and future projects. Community members John Burwell and Yvonne Davis Smith spoke in support of the program.

Commissioners discussed funding, maintenance obligations, and long-term sustainability.

Commissioner Sherman moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

C. DC OFFICE OF PLANNING PRESENTATION -- DC2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Alex Krefetz, of the DC Office of Planning, presented an overview of the DC2050 Comprehensive Plan rewrite process, including proposed future land use concepts, housing growth strategies, transit-oriented development, and public engagement efforts.

Commissioners questioned OP regarding housing projections, density proposals, single family zoning, displacement concerns, outreach efforts, and the May 17 public survey deadline.

Mr. Krefetz stated that OP anticipated additional public engagement later in the year and agreed to relay ANC concerns regarding outreach and survey timing to OP leadership.

Commissioner Gore moved that ANC 3/4G send a formal letter to the Office of Planning requesting an extension of the DC2050 public survey deadline and publicly distribute the request to the community. The motion was seconded.

Some Commissioners spoke in support of broader public participation and additional outreach time.

The motion proceeded to the floor and was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Chair Phinizy stated that the ANC would follow up regarding additional public meetings or town halls focused on the DC2050 process.

D. RIFT VALLEY/CIVIC CORE RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Gore recused herself from the Civic Core discussion.

Commissioner Sherman introduced a slightly revised version of a draft resolution he submitted to the commission earlier in the week regarding the Rift Valley proposal for the Chevy Chase Civic Core site and asked for the Commission's support.

The proposed resolution:

- Reaffirmed prior ANC resolutions opposing housing at the Civic Core site;
- Requested prioritization of civic, recreational, and green space uses;
- Stated that the proposal lacked demonstrated community consensus support; and
- Requested no surplus or disposition action until further ANC and public review.

Commissioners discussed the proposal, community sentiment, affordable housing, survey results, and DMPED engagement.

Point of Order: Commissioner Simmons raised a point of order that Commissioner Grunewald's reference to a survey allegedly associated with Commissioner Simmons was improper.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point not well-taken, that Commissioner Grunewald had referenced a survey but had not directly addressed Commissioner Simmons personally. Commissioner Simmons disputed the characterization. The Chair stated she would follow up separately with Commissioner Grunewald. The Chair's ruling stood.

Chair Phinizy then opened the floor for limited public comment prior to any motion. Public commenters spoke both in support of and opposition to the proposed Civic Core resolution.

Point of Order: During remarks by a resident, Commissioner Nagy raised a point of order that the speaker had exceeded the one-minute public comment limit.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy sustained the point of order and ended the speaker's remarks.

Commissioner Nagy attempted to call the question and proceed to a vote.

Commissioner Gosselin stated that no motion was yet pending before the Commission.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point well-taken, that because no motion had yet been formally made and seconded, the question could not be called under Robert's Rules.

Commissioner Nagy moved to place Commissioner Sherman's resolution before the Commission for a vote. The motion was seconded.

Noting that members of the public wished to speak on the matter before a vote, Commissioner Nagy withdrew her motion, and the second was also withdrawn.

Commissioner Simmons moved to include a written statement submitted by Libby Martin of Chevy Chase Forward in the official record/minutes. The motion was seconded but failed in a vote of 2-4-0. In favor: Simmons, Gosselin; Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy.

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the resolution concerning the Rift Valley proposal and Chevy Chase Civic Core site, as drafted. The motion was seconded and was approved in a vote of 4-2-0. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy; Opposed: Simmons, Gosselin.

Commissioner Simmons stated that she intended to submit a minority opinion for inclusion with the transmitted resolution. Chair Phinizy directed that any minority opinion be submitted by Friday.

E. GO VOCAL PROTOCOLS DISCUSSION ON THE CIVIC CORE:

Commissioners discussed whether a Civic Core Go Vocal engagement presentation and survey for SMDs 05 and 06 had effectively become ANC-wide through broader public distribution. Commissioner Grunewald also raised concerns regarding lack of whole ANC participation in the creation of the survey, and that the survey contained language and framing that reflects a particular viewpoint with regard to the inclusion of housing on the Civic Core. Commissioner Gosselin stated that his presentation had been revised to clarify sponsorship by Commissioners Simmons and Gosselin, and the effort was intended as qualitative engagement rather than a formal survey. Commissioner Simmons argued that some commissioners historically distributed surveys broadly and should be treated consistently. Commissioner Sherman stated that survey distribution methods were central to determining whether engagement efforts should properly be considered SMD-specific or not.

Point of order: Commissioner Simmons raised a point of order that discussion had strayed beyond the agenda.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point well taken and redirected discussion toward procedural matters.

Point of order: Commissioner Nagy raised a point of order that Commissioner Gosselin was making assumptions about why she objects to his Go Vocal survey.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point well taken and that commissioners should refrain from making assumptions about other commissioners' thinking.

Commissioner Gore rejoined the meeting.

Point of Order: Commissioner Grunewald raised what she characterized as a point of order objecting to ending discussion.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point not well-taken, that no motion to close debate was pending and clarified that she had merely expressed an opinion that discussion should conclude.

Commissioner Simmons moved to end discussion of the Go Vocal/Civic Core protocol matter and proceed with the remaining agenda. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 5-1-1. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin; Opposed: Grunewald; Abstain: Nagy.

F. WEBSITE/ARB-CENTRIX DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Sherman provided an update regarding the ANC website transition and archival records. He stated that archival documents from the former Flywheel-hosted site had been downloaded and stored pending transfer to ANC-controlled OneDrive storage. He stated that approximately 1,390 documents would later need to be sorted for website posting, archival transfer, or retention as ANC records.

Commissioner Sherman proposed compensating ArbCentrix for continued website hosting services following expiration of the prior contract, with estimated costs ranging from approximately \$180 to \$240 for hosting from August 2025 through May 2026, with possible continuation through summer 2026 during the migration process.

Chair Phinizy referenced guidance from OANC General Counsel that hosting fees could be authorized if properly documented.

Commissioners Gore, Sherman, Phinizy, Simmons, and Nagy discussed contractual authority, disputed invoices, documentation requirements, and whether compensation for work already performed was legally required.

Commissioner Sherman stated that the previously disputed \$150 invoice had been canceled and proposed obtaining a separate detailed invoice for hosting services from August 2025 forward.

Chair Phinizy proposed deferring the matter until the May 27, 2026 meeting pending additional documentation.

Point of Order: Commissioner Simmons raised a point of order objecting to statements by Commissioner Sherman implying that she had responsibility for or knowledge of the disputed invoice.

Point of Order: Commissioner Gore raised a point of order asserting that Commissioner Simmons' objection required a ruling by the Chair.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point well taken and directed Commissioner Sherman to refrain from attributing responsibility to Commissioner Simmons pending further investigation.

Commissioner Sherman moved to adjourn due to the late hour and commissioner fatigue. The motion was seconded.

Before acting on the motion, Chair Phinizy stated that the ANC was legally required to provide a public comment period before adjournment.

The motion was allowed to lapse without a vote.

III. RESIDENT FORUM

Chair Phinizy opened the floor for public comment.

Point of Order: Commissioner Gore raised a point of order objecting to remarks by Chair Phinizy characterizing Commissioner Gore's repeated interventions into the Chair's attempts to conduct the meeting as "nitpicking" and attempts to "discredit" the Chair.

Ruling: Chair Phinizy ruled the point well taken.

- A resident noted the disruption being caused by DC Plug utility work, including excavation impacts, traffic management concerns, and insufficient notice to residents. He was provided with contact information for DC Plug representatives.
- A resident discussed a proposed application to the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities involving decorative signal box artwork in partnership with Chevy Chase Art.
- A resident raised concerns regarding proposed DC Plug electrical equipment placement near his residence on Nevada Avenue.

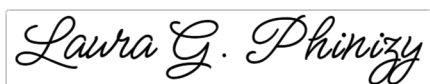
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Nagy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously 7-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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