

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 - June 8, 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: 45, including Commissioners

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Phinizy noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chair Phinizy moved to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- An update on outreach to owners and operators of upper Connecticut Avenue apartment buildings regarding the Civic Core development proposal.

- A discussion and possible vote on a proposed letter to DCPS regarding DCPS's decision to not consider the Episcopal Center for Children property for early childhood education.

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

C. RESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

- A resident asked how the June 9 Chevy Chase Library and Community Center kickoff meeting had been publicized and was informed that notice had been distributed through DCPL, DPR, library-cardholder lists, etc.
- The Ward 3 Liaison for the MOCRS announced upcoming office hours.
- A representative for DC PLUG provided an update on power-line under-grounding including active work on Legation Street, 39th Street, Nebraska Avenue, and Jenifer Street NW, and completed restoration work on portions of Legation Street and Broad Branch Road.
- A staffer from the office of Council Member Janeese Lewis George, announced Ward 4 office hours, newsletter and text updates, and upcoming Council votes on the FY27 budget. Maintenance and safety issues at Chevy Chase Playground and a local DPR playground were discussed.

Commissioner Grunewald asked the staffer a brief question concerning the Council Member's mayoral campaign. Commissioner Simmons raised a point of order, stating that campaign-related matters should not be discussed. Chair Phinizy ruled the point of order well taken.

II. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. DCPS RESPONSE REGARDING EPISCOPAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN:

Chair Phinizy introduced the agenda item concerning DCPS's decision not to purchase, lease, or pursue partnership options for use of the Episcopal Center for Children property as an early-childhood education annex for Lafayette Elementary School.

Commissioner Sherman reviewed a proposed response letter to DCPS. Commissioners discussed whether DCPS should conduct a preliminary feasibility review despite budget constraints and enrollment projections. Public comment supported continued exploration of public education use of the ECC property.

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the letter to DCPS responding to DCPS's decision to not pursue the Episcopal Center for Children as an early-childhood education annex for Lafayette School. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 6-1-0. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Gosselin, Nagy; Opposed: Simmons.

B. WEST END LIBRARY WALKTHROUGH AND CIVIC CORE DESIGN PREFERENCES RESOLUTION:

Chair Phinizy introduced discussion of the West End Library and the proposed resolution on community input for Civic Core design preferences.

Commissioner Gore recused herself from the Civic Core discussion.

Commissioners discussed whether West End Library, the only library in DC that cohabitates with housing, was an appropriate comparison for the proposed new Chevy Chase Civic Core library and whether free-standing libraries should also be reviewed.

Commissioner Sherman presented the resolution, which urged DCPL, DPR, and DMPED to consider prior community input, including survey responses and prior ANC resolutions, in designing the new library and community center. Commissioners and residents discussed dedicated program space, flexible space, square footage, community uses, and whether the resolution's language appropriately reflected users inside and outside ANC 3/4G.

Commissioner Grunewald stated that it was her and others' opinion that, after studying the proposed reduction in the amount of community center space by one-third, that all of the requested programs requested by residents might not be fulfilled. Commissioner Simmons raised a point of order, stating that Commissioner Grunewald was communicating misinformation because DPR had stated that programming would not be lost. Chair Phinizy ruled the point of order not well taken, stating that final space allocations and dedicated programming details had not yet been provided for the community center.

Commissioner Simmons raised a second point of order objecting to Commissioner Grunewald's reference to having used her own "rational mind" to analyze the development proposal rather than rely solely on DPR's claims. Chair Phinizy ruled the point well taken.

Commissioner Grunewald appealed the Chair's ruling and a vote was taken on whether the Chair's ruling should be sustained. The vote was: 3-3-0. In favor: Phinizy, Gosselin, Simmons; Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy. Because of the tie vote, the Chair's ruling was sustained and Grunewald should not be allowed to refer to "(her) rational mind."

Lengthy discussion ensued on whether DCPL and DCPR should be reminded of the community's preferences for the Civic Core as revealed in several surveys, since both agencies recently stated that they had not yet taken community preferences under consideration.

Commissioner Grunewald moved to call the question. The motion failed in a tie vote of 3-3-0. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy; Opposed: Phinizy, Gosselin, Simmons. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Gosselin raised a point of order to clarify that the Chair had mistakenly attributed Commissioner Simmons's comments to him. Chair Phinizy acknowledged the correction.

Commissioner Sherman moved to adopt the resolution on community input for design preferences for the community center and library. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the resolution by removing resolved paragraph 9 of the resolution. The motion was seconded but failed in a tie vote of 3-3-0. In favor: Phinizy, Simmons, Gosselin. Opposed: Sherman, Grunewald, Nagy.

Commissioner Sherman moved to amend the resolution to remove language referring to a “full-scale gym,” “full-size gym,” and “full-size basketball court,” while retaining general reference to a gym and fitness room. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously in a vote of 6-0-0.

Chair Phinizy moved to adopt the resolution as amended. The resolution was approved in a vote of 4-2. In favor: Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Nagy; Opposed: Simmons, Gosselin. Commissioner Simmons stated that she would submit a minority report. The Chair noted a timeliness requirement in the bylaws for submitting a minority report. Commissioner Simmons stated date by which she could have report ready and Commissioner Sherman agreed to hold his resolution until that agreed-upon date so that the minority report could be submitted. Commissioner Sherman stated his intention to prepare a rebuttal to the anticipated minority report. (Ultimately, however, no rebuttal was submitted; Commissioner Sherman submitted a concurring opinion instead.)

Commissioner Gore rejoined the meeting.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Sherman presented the April and May 2026 Treasurer’s Reports. He reported a bank balance of \$57,078.59, a \$2,000 grant disbursement to Goods for Good, no recent allotment, and no new income.

Commissioner Sherman discussed a \$95 PNC Bank wire-transfer fee related to the Go Vocal subscription and stated that OANC had advised that such bank fees are not permitted ANC expenses. He stated that he would seek a refund and, if necessary, personally reimburse the ANC.

Commissioner Sherman also disclosed an inadvertent \$15.99 charge to the ANC debit card, stated that it had been credited back, and said he would follow up with OANC regarding any additional reporting requirements.

Commissioners discussed documentation, fiduciary responsibilities, and OANC reporting.

No motion was made and no vote was taken on the Treasurer’s Reports.

B. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FY 2023, FY 2024, AND FY 2025:

Chair Phinizy reported that she had prepared annual reports for FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025 in order to bring the Commission into compliance with the statutory requirement to file an annual report

for each fiscal year 2 months after the end (Nov 30) of that fiscal year. She stated that the reports had been posted on the ANC website.

Commissioners discussed the statutory requirement to file annual reports, and why the prior annual reports had not been completed. Commissioner Gore, former Chair from 2023-2025, stated she did not do the reports for those years because she didn't have time.

Chair Phinizy moved to accept the FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025 Annual Reports for the record. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of 6-0-0. In favor: Gore, Sherman, Grunewald, Phinizy, Simmons, Nagy. Commissioner Gosselin, who had temporarily left the meeting, did not vote.

Chair Phinizy stated that the reports would be transmitted to OANC and other required agencies.

C. UPDATE ON CONTACTS WITH UPPER CONNECTICUT AVENUE APARTMENT OWNERS AND OPERATORS:

Commissioner Sherman noted that the Commission had added this item to the agenda but had not yet discussed it.

Commissioners Gosselin, Nagy, and Simmons reported on outreach to apartment owners and operators regarding the rental market, workforce housing, voucher housing, and the Civic Core proposal. They reported limited responses and difficulty reaching appropriate ownership or management representatives.

No action was taken.

D. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- There was a report that the C83 bus stop had been repaired, that pedestrian-safety concerns related to a Tennyson Street paving project had been addressed, and that work continued on the Utah Avenue and Pinehurst Circle sidewalk project.
- There was a report that DDOT had denied the Oliver Street sidewalk-exemption appeal and that Council Member Lewis George's office would approach DDOT again.
- Community use of the Maret field under the community-service agreement was addressed.
- There was a report on ongoing traffic-safety work.
- Constituent concerns regarding signs in Rock Creek Park warning dog walkers of "medicated bait" were raised.

Commissioner Gore raised a point of order, stating that Commissioner Grunewald's characterization of communications between the ANC and managers of Rock Creek Park improperly named

her. Grunewald had noted that Gore had texted all commissioners earlier in the week stating that only the two commissioners whose SMDs (01 and 02) were apparently in the medicated bait area should make inquiries about this issue. Chair Phinizy ruled the point of order not well taken. Commissioner Gore withdrew her point of order.

Commissioner Sherman stated that he had contacted Rock Creek Park Superintendent Brian Joyner and that Joyner indicated he would look into the matter. Chair Phinizy stated that the Commission did not yet have verified information regarding the medicated bait signs and would share credible information when available.

- There was a report on the June 9 Honey Bear carving event at Lafayette-Pointer Park, Lafayette field conditions, DC Water bypass work, and a forthcoming erosion-control walkthrough.
- There was a report that DMPED responses to fifty-five questions posed by the ANC about the proposed development of the Civic Core had not yet been posted and would be shared when available.
- There was a report that the proposed Civic Core housing mix had changed, with market-rate units reduced from 123 to 97, and 26 previously market-rate units changed to 80% MFI units, while the total number of units remained 177.
- The June 9 DCPL/DPR Community Engagement "Kickoff" meeting was announced.
- Continuing concerns were expressed about the deteriorating condition of Chevy Chase Playground.
- It was announced that Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, in cooperation with Chevy Chase Main Street, is making tree-box improvements along upper Connecticut Avenue.
- There was a report that the new Wheelhouse Restaurant, at 5714 Connecticut Avenue NW, has spawned increased traffic around commercial and residential areas around the restaurant.
- There was a report about positive agency (Fire Department and Office of Unified Communications) responses after a constituent experienced an erroneous emergency response to the wrong address.
- There was a report with regard to Department of Buildings inspection efforts to see if the facade of 5301 Connecticut Avenue, where large pieces of the facade have recently fallen off, is structurally sound.

IV. RESIDENT FORUM:

- A resident asked whether the reported "medicated bait" in Rock Creek Park was related to rabies control. She was informed that the Commission did not yet have information and would share information when available.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Phinizy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved without objection.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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