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CHEVY CHASE, BARNABY WOODS, HAWTHORNE

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**Minutes:** ANC 3/4G Public Meeting, April 9, 2018, Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20015 (Video of this meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP9348js5HkCOgCc4Z7sYLw>.)

**Present:** Speck, Fromboluti, Tuck-Garfield, Maydak, Malitz, Clayman, and Bradfield A quorum was declared.

**Attendance:** Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda (video at 00:00):** Commissioner Speck noted that some changes had been made to the originally posted agenda. With those modifications, the agenda was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.

**Commissioner Announcements (03:00)**

Commissioner Speck:

CCCA Candidates Forum — The Chevy Chase Citizen’s Association will hold a candidates’ forum on April 17 at the Community Center. Democratic candidates for the at-large council seat will make presentations and answer questions from 7:00 to 8:00, and candidates for Council Chair will do the same from 8:00 to 9:00. This will be a good opportunity to hear from the Democratic candidates who will be on the ballot for the June 19, 2018 primary. The Ward 3 Democrats will also hold a forum that is limited to Democratic candidates for Council Chair on April 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Columba’s Church, 4201 Albemarle Street, NW. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Ballot Initiative 77 — An initiative on the June 19 ballot would, if passed, gradually increase the minimum wage for tipped employees so that by 2026, they receive the same minimum wage directly from their employer as other employees. The ANC is planning to have representatives from those who are for and against this measure at our meeting on May 14.

Historic Chevy Chase DC — Chris Myers Asch, author of “Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation’s Capital,” will speak at a meeting of Historic Chevy Chase D.C. on April 18 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. The discussion will include his perspective on the city’s racial history and will explore a range of topics, from the origins of Chevy Chase to restrictive covenants to former Mayor Marion Barry.

Office on Aging Health and Resource Fair — The D.C. Office on Aging will hold a health and wellness fair at the Community Center on April 19 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. The event is aimed at people 55 and older, and no registration is required.

Commissioner Bradfield:

Repairs on 41st Street — DDOT has indicated that it will begin repairs on 41st Street between Western Avenue and Military Road on April 23, 2018. The construction will be disruptive for several days, but it will result in a new road to replace this stretch of pothole-marked road.

Chevy Chase Circle — The Friends of Chevy Chase Circle have recently done landscaping on the Circle, and on April 28, 2018, there will be an azalea pruning party from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are invited to participate. Five jurisdictions have responsibility for various aspects of the Circle. Maryland has proposed some changes to the traffic patterns to improve safety and circulation, but DDOT has not finished its engineering study. The ANC may need to prod DDOT to take action on this long-standing concern.

Commissioner Malitz:

Chevy Chase Artist Group — The Chevy Chase Artist Group (Ch/Art) will host an art exhibition at the Community Center from April 28 through May 26. An opening reception will be held on April 28 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Lounge.

Commissioner Clayman:

Pinehurst Tributary Cleanup — John Burwell has been instrumental in organizing cleanups of the Pinehurst Tributary, and there will be another cleanup on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Anyone interested can contact Commissioner Clayman ([3G01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:3G01@anc.dc.gov)), and he will provide details.

Commissioner Maydak:

Lafayette Park and Recreation Center — We are waiting to hear from DPR on when the next meeting will be held on renovation of the Lafayette Recreation Center, but we anticipate it will be before the end of April.

At the ANC’s request, DOEE looked at the storm water run-off in Lafayette Park. They also showed the ANC and the Friends of Lafayette Park the work that was done to address similar problems with runoff from an upper level to a lower level at Takoma Park. DOEE recommended the system of berms and mulch installed at Takoma’s upper park to deal with the storm water

runoff issues. DOEE prepared a proposal for Lafayette that will avoid damage to trees and submitted it to Councilmember Todd with a request for funding.

While DOEE was in the Park, at the ANC's request, they also looked at the baseball field and its drainage problems. Commissioner Maydak sent DOEE's proposal to the project manager for the Lafayette Elementary School modernization, who advised the field is still under warranty. The project manager said that they will address the issue with the contractor, Skanska.

### **Community Announcements (11:00)**

Phillip McAuley, from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, reiterated that the Mayor's newsletter (<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/1e6dc36>) provides information about her initiatives and announcements. He said that the Emancipation Day parade will be on Saturday, April 14, with activities from 2:00 pm through the evening. The parade will be from 10th and Pennsylvania to 14th and Pennsylvania. There will then be a concert and fireworks at Freedom Plaza. The Mayor will participate in two cleanup programs in Ward 4 on Earth Day, April 21 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm at 14th and Kennedy and at 14th and Randolph. Finally, Mr. McAuley said that this is budget season, and the Mayor's budget proposal is available at

[https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayormb/page\\_content/attachments/FY19-Budget-Presentation-Final.pdf](https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayormb/page_content/attachments/FY19-Budget-Presentation-Final.pdf). Ian Maggard, also from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, said that the Mayor has launched "pothole palooza," which is intended to repair reported potholes within 48 hours. Potholes may be reported through the 311 system. He also announced PaveDC, a plan to eliminate all roads in poor condition in Washington, DC by 2024. The PaveDC plan has four priorities: road rehabilitation, road maintenance, alley repair and reconstruction, and sidewalk reconstruction. The list of PaveDC roads is at <http://ddot.dc.gov/pavedc>.

Jackson Carnes, Councilmember Todd's Director of Constituent Services, announced a Ward 4 business summit on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at the People's Congregational Church, 4704 13th Street, NW. He also reported that the Councilmember met last week with DC Water about the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge. On April 22, 2018, the Councilmember will participate in the Ward 4 bike ride, which will begin at 9th and Upshur.

Anthony Castillo, Councilmember Cheh's Deputy Director for Constituent Services, announced that the budget oversight hearings for Councilmember Cheh's Transportation and Environment Committee are continuing with the DDOT hearing completed on April 9, DPR and DMV on April 12 at 11:00 am, and DPW on April 20. The record will remain open after the hearings for anyone to submit testimony. Mr. Castillo also announced the third annual Tenley Tiger 5-K run on April 22 at 9:00 am beginning at Wilson High School, 3950 Chesapeake Street. Finally, there will be a "Chat with Cheh" on May 5 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at 4224 Fessenden Street, NW.

Justin McCarthy described proposed legislation (the "Climate Change and Community Reinvestment Act) to put a price on carbon released by burning fossil fuels. The bill would set a charge of \$20 per ton that would be imposed on the energy provider (e.g., Pepco and Washington

Gas ). The funds collected from this charge would be repaid to customers as rebates. The Commission indicated that it may consider presentations on this bill at a future time.

Ed Lazere announced that he is a candidate in the Democratic Primary on June 19, 2018 for Chair of the District Council. He said that he is a 30-year resident of the District and works with the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. He will participate in the candidate forums at the Chevy Chase Community Center on April 17 and at St. Columba's Church on April 12.

**Discussion and possible vote on application for public space permit to construct a new curb cut and driveway at 3012 Military Road, NW (Tracking Number 278822) (26:00)**

Commissioner Speck indicated that Sabri Eriksen has applied for a public space permit to install a curb cut and driveway at 3012 Military Road, NW. This is one of the houses formerly owned by Ingleside but recently sold. By way of background, the ANC has considered two other curb cut requests on this stretch of Military Road — one for a proposed Ingleside entrance to its loading dock and the other for a house on the corner of Military Road and 29th Street. The Commission objected to both of them based on safety considerations, and they were both withdrawn. Several of the houses on the south side of Military Road have circular driveways or a space to turn around and head out into Military Road. Otherwise, any car attempting to back out into Military Road traffic presents a safety concern.

Mr. Eriksen said that there had been an alley in back of the property but more than ten years ago, the alley was closed, and the property ceded back to the adjacent owners. All of the other houses in that block of Military Road have off-street parking accessed via a curb cut. DDOT has indicated that it will no longer grant permits for circular driveways with two curb cuts.

Mr. Eriksen agreed that it would be unsafe to have to back out of the driveway. He has prepared a proposal for a space in the driveway to turn around but has not yet uploaded it to DDOT. The turnaround is designed so that it will not impact the trees on the property. He also said he is agreeable to using permeable pavers for the driveway and turnaround. Commissioner Fromboluti agreed that permeable pavers are desirable.

A nearby resident on Military Road, Anne Renshaw, said that she does not support another curb cut because it is too dangerous on Military Road, and she does not support removing any trees. She said that Military Road is a "speedway" and asked for another speed camera for traffic heading west. She said that she will be asking for a resolution from the ANC to make the south side of the 3000 block of Military Road "block face" look like the other houses on Military.

Commissioner Speck moved that the Commission object to the application unless there is some provision for a turnaround space that will also avoid removing any trees and will use permeable pavers. The currently filed application does not include these provisions, although the applicant fully agrees and will be filing revised designs. The Commission approved the motion by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Speck is authorized to speak for the Commission at the Public Space Committee hearing.

**Discussion and possible vote on a resolution urging the District Council to include in the FY 2019 budget \$2.3 million over four years to implement the Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program Act of 2016 (DC Law 21-159) (46:00)**

Commissioner Malitz summarized the Commission’s discussion with Kevin Smith at its March 12, 2018 meeting. Mr. Smith described the Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program (IIEP) Act that became law in 2016 but has not been funded. The Commission deferred any action but asked Mr. Smith to report back on whether the Mayor’s FY 2019 proposed budget included funding for the IIEP. He advised the Commission that the proposed budget did not include this funding.

Commissioner Malitz offered a resolution that “urges the Council to mark up the budget to include funding for IIEP, as authorized by the Act. The entrepreneurship and mentoring elements of IIEP are not covered elsewhere in other returning citizens’ programs, and the IIEP compliments the Mayor’s programs. The Council should provide the \$2.3 million needed over four years — about \$760,000 each year — to implement IIEP.” The Commission approved this resolution by a vote of 7 to 0.

**Discussion and possible vote on a resolution urging the District Council to approve the Mayor’s proposed budget of \$19 million to modernize the Chevy Chase Community Center and to continue the Council’s oversight to ensure implementation of the ANC’s other recommendations (50:00)**

Commissioner Speck briefly summarized the history of the Commission’s work on the future of the Community Center. On January 22, 2018, the Commission adopted a report and recommendations for modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center. The report described the process that the Commission undertook to survey the community and to identify the improvements that residents told us they need. The FY 2018 budget had included \$8 million for this upgrade, but the Commission estimated that \$24 million would be needed to satisfy the community’s requirements based on reuse and limited expansion of the existing structure.

On March 21, the Mayor released her FY 2019 budget, and it included \$19 million for upgrades to the Community Center. The budget document provided the following justification for this \$11 million increase: “This center is old and underutilized. The community is quite diverse and there is a need for more expanded programming opportunities — especially for seniors.”

Only five days after the budget became public, the Council’s Transportation and the Environment Committee, Chaired by Councilmember Cheh, held its only budget oversight hearing of this component of the budget, which falls under the Department of General Services. The public had no reasonable notice of this hearing, and there was no realistic opportunity to submit testimony at that time. Councilmember Cheh and Councilmember Todd (who also sits on this Committee) have encouraged the ANC to submit a resolution and/or testimony for the record.

At this stage, it is not clear what impact the approval of less than the full amount of the Commission’s request will have, and the ANC is consulting with architects — including

Commissioner Fromboluti — to make that assessment. It is unlikely that the Council will approve more than the \$19 million in the Mayor’s budget, but the ANC should make sure that the Council does not reduce the budget for Community Center modernization.

Commissioner Speck proposed a resolution for submission to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment urging the Council to approve the proposed budget and committing the ANC to working with the Mayor, the Council, DPR, and DGS to maximize the use of appropriated funds to ensure that the Community Center meets the community’s requirements as set out in the report and recommendations that the ANC adopted on January 22, 2018. The resolution also urges the Council to continue its oversight to implement all of the ANC other recommendations for the Community Center’s modernization.

Commissioner Malitz said he was glad that the Mayor had proposed an increase in the \$8 million that had previously been allocated. He noted, however, that the ANC’s recommendations were based on a survey that reflected the views of about 1500 residents, and the Commission’s request for \$24 million was based on official numbers provided to the Commission. Based on the ANC’s report, the community wants a Community Center that will provide for young families as well as seniors. He had hoped that the budget would be based on the data and analysis that the ANC had compiled in its report.

Commissioner Fromboluti said that the \$19 million in the budget was “a big win” for the community. For that cost, we should be able to get what will be an essentially brand new community center. Commissioner Tuck-Garfield commended the Commissioners and the community for the effort that went into the report and recommendations, and she hoped that we would continue to work together to see whether the appropriation is enough or whether more will be required. Commissioner Clayman also commented that “clearly, someone was listening” to the community’s requests, and he offered thanks to all those involved.

Loretta Kiron, one of the seniors who actively uses the Community Center, asked about the amount in the budget that is listed as already spent. Commissioner Speck explained that that figure has been in the budget for a number of years and does not represent any recent expenditures. He did not know what was covered in those long-ago expenditures. She also asked what would be done with the programs at the Community Center when it is closed for construction. Commissioners Fromboluti and Speck said that construction probably will not begin until 2020, and in the interim, the ANC will work with DPR on a comprehensive transition plan to assure that key programs (e.g., for seniors, dancers, and fencers) would be accommodated and would return to the Community Center when it’s completed.

The Commission approved the proposed resolution by a vote of 7 to 0, and it will be submitted to the Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment for inclusion in the budget oversight record.

### **Presentation by and discussion with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (1:06:00)**

Commissioner Speck indicated that Congresswoman Norton last attended our meeting on September 26, 2016, and the Commissioners are always pleased when she can return to fill us in

on activities that affect the District on the Hill. The Congresswoman is in her 14th term as the District's only representative in Congress. She has an illustrious career as a civil rights advocate, dating back to her work with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She has long been an advocate for the civil rights of the District's citizens.

Congresswoman Norton introduced her staff and suggested that residents could contact them with any concerns. She said that this is an important time for the District since the upcoming election could return the House and the Senate to Democratic control. Democratic control means more for the District than any other place in the country because the Republican Congress has tried to wipe out our laws. The Congresswoman said that she has been successful in blocking those efforts in most instances, but Congress has imposed restrictions on abortion and marijuana that are not imposed on the rest of the country, where localities are permitted to control their own laws.

As successes, the Congresswoman cited her efforts as ranking member on the Subcommittee on Economic Development to return federal land to the District for development — e.g., the Wharf, the Yards, Walter Reed, NOMA. She also noted funding for rehabilitation of Memorial Bridge and the South Capitol Street Bridge. She said that as a result of Obamacare, 96% of District residents have health care coverage. She preserved continued funding for DC TAG, which allows District residents to attend state universities and colleges across the country by paying only the in-state tuition. She prevented efforts to overturn the District's medical assistance in dying law.

She said that President Trump has affected the District less than in some other jurisdictions. Democratic presidents had recognized "Senatorial courtesy" for the District's delegate and had let her recommend judicial appointments. Initially the Trump administration had not even permitted her to interview judicial appointments in the District, but that courtesy has been restored. She said that the judicial appointments in the District have not been as problematic as elsewhere in the country.

Although the corporate tax bill passed by Congress is a "terrible bill," she was able to get some provisions that helped the District. For instance, although the District is affected by the elimination of state and local tax deductions, because the District had already submitted its budget to Congress, including property tax assessments, residents were able to prepay and deduct 2018 property taxes on their 2017 tax returns. The Congresswoman also worked the Tim Scott (R-South Carolina) to include the District on programs to promote investment in low-income areas. She lamented that affordable housing is disappearing in the District, and this issue needs to be addressed. She also noted that her Highway and Transportation Committee was able to get a highway bill passed that included funding for WMATA.

She emphasized the importance of movements like March for Our Lives. Senator Rubio is attempting to take away the District's gun laws so that only federal gun laws would remain. She said that no other jurisdiction in the country has no local gun laws, and the federal restrictions are expected to be supplemented by local laws. Senator Rubio's NRA rating increased from B+ to A simply because he introduced the bill repealing the District's gun laws.

Finally, the Congresswoman said that her vote in committees is more important than having a vote on the floor of the House. It is an “insult” to District residents that they don’t have full voting rights, but by being able to vote in committees, she can try and help shape the bill before it goes to the floor. By the time it gets to the floor, it’s a done deal.

The Commission thanked the Congresswoman for coming to our meeting and sharing her insights.

### **Presentation by and discussion with DC Water and DDOT about continuing work on Oregon Avenue (1:35:00)**

Commissioner Clayman said that Oregon Avenue has been closed for a major DC Water sanitary sewer replacement project, and DDOT has long planned rehabilitation of Oregon Avenue. DC Water and DDOT attended the ANC’s meeting to provide an update on the status of these projects.

Tijuana Haynes, a community outreach specialist for DC Water, introduced the DC Water team, including Robert Looney, the Project Manager. He said that this is a “gold star project” and has gone “very smoothly.” About 90% of the tunneling is complete and about 90% of the open cut on Bingham Drive is complete. The project includes the first curved tunnel of this type in the United States. Although the original schedule called for completion in April 2019, they now expect to complete tie-ins by September 2018, and will complete rehabilitation of the construction area by November 2018. They even hope to better these goals. The new line will be 24 inches in diameter compared with the old line that was 15 inches or 20 inches, thus creating greater capacity.

A Knollwood resident asked how this project relates to DC Water’s Clean Rivers initiatives to create permeable areas that will reduce storm water runoff. Mr. Looney said that both projects were coordinated to control storm water runoff. The new sanitary sewage system will still get some overflow from storm water, but it has greater capacity, and the Clean Rivers program is designed to reduce that runoff before it reaches storm sewers. The tunnels under the Anacostia are now in place to capture that runoff and to allow processing at Blue Plains.

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield thanked DC Water for its responsiveness and its cooperation with the community.

Thelma Mrazek, another Knollwood resident, asked whether the potholes on the one open lane on Oregon Avenue between Knollwood and Nebraska could be repaired. DC Water said they would look into it on April 10.

Wayne Wilson, DDOT’s Project Manager, said that federal funds — which account for 83% of the total \$21 million Oregon Avenue rehabilitation project budget — are in place. The plan is to advertise for bids in July 2018, award the contract in December 2018 (after DC Water’s project is competed), and begin work in February 2019. The project is divided into three phases: (1) Beech Street to Western Avenue, with work planned during the first three quarters of 2019; (2) Military Road to Rittenhouse Street, with work from the last quarter of 2019 through the first

two quarters of 2020; and (3) Rittenhouse to Beech Street, with work in the last two quarters of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. DDOT will coordinate the schedule with other work in the neighborhood (e.g., Chestnut Street sidewalks, Beach Drive rehabilitation) and with the school schedule at St. John's College High School.

Commissioners Speck and Tuck-Garfield emphasized the importance of working with Knollwood and the residents on Tennyson to accommodate traffic when Oregon Avenue is closed (i.e., in Phase 3). Mr. Wilson said that they plan to remove the triangle barrier that prevents left turns from Knollwood to Tennyson. The Commissioners said that this barrier had been installed at the request of Tennyson residents, and the added traffic on Tennyson will be a concern. Plans will also need to be made for the E-6 bus, deliveries to Knollwood, and access for ambulances and fire trucks. The Commissioner suggested a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss DDOT's plans and residents' concerns.

Commissioner Clayman reported that the potholes on Beech Street need to be filled. Beech Street and other detour routes need to be ready to receive increased traffic when Oregon Avenue is closed.

The Commission thanked DC Water and DDOT for the updated information.

### **Commission Business (2:02:00)**

1. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes for its March 12, 2018 meeting.
2. Commissioner Tuck-Garfield moved that the Commission approve the following checks: \$250.18 Verizon (two months); \$42.39 to DOES (unemployment). They were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
3. Items for the April 23, 2018 meeting may include: Discussion and possible vote on Public Space Permit application (No. 275813) to close existing driveway, and to construct a new driveway, leadwalk with steps, and landscaping at 7076 Oregon Avenue, NW; discussion and possible vote on a new application (ABRA License No. 109091) for a Class C liquor license by the Gordon Restaurant Group for the Little Beast Bistro at 5600 Connecticut Avenue, NW, to include an indoor restaurant seating 74 and an outdoor cafe seating 89 and with operating hours from 6 am to 2 am Sunday through Thursday and 6 am through 3 am on Friday and Saturday; discussion and possible vote on application by Magruder's of DC (5618-5626 Connecticut Avenue, NW) to renew its Class A liquor license (ABRA 091195) with no change in hours of operation; discussion and possible vote on application by Circle Wine & Spirits (5501 Connecticut Avenue, NW) to renew its Class A liquor license (ABRA 080830) with no change in hours of operation; discussion and possible vote on application for a public space permit to construct new leadwalk and steps, driveway, retaining walls and porch with step projection to service a new single-family dwelling on vacant lot at 3723 1/2 Harrison Street, NW (Tracking Number 254090); discussion with Kim R. Ford, Democratic candidate for DC Delegate

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. (2:05:00)

Signed,

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Randy Speck  
Chair

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Rebecca Maydak  
Secretary