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**ANC 3/4G Resolution Regarding
Capital Budget to Modernize
Chevy Chase Community Center**

1. The District’s approved FY 2017 budget contemplated a capital expenditure for improvements to the Chevy Chase Community Center of \$3.5 million in FY 2019 and \$4.5 million in FY 2020
(<https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/publication/attachments/DC%20GOVT%20FY%202018%20BUDGET%20-%20CONGRESS%20-%20VOL%205.pdf> at page 156).
2. After a 16-month process that included public meetings, a survey of almost 1000 residents, and consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS), on January 22, 2018, ANC 3/4G unanimously adopted a report and recommendations for modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center (<http://www.anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/CCCC-Report-and-Recommendations-CF-1-22-18-FinalAll.pdf>). Among other proposals, the ANC asked the Mayor and the District Council to “approve a budget of not less than \$24 million in FY 2019 for the modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center.”
3. On March 21, 2018, the Mayor released her recommended budget for FY 2019 (<https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/publication/attachments/DC%20GOVT.%20FY%202019%20BUDGET%20-%20VOLUME%205%20-CIP%20-%20Council%20-%20FINAL%20FOR%20PRODUCTION%203-18-18.pdf>) including at page 180 a proposed allocation of \$3.5 million in FY 2019, \$4.5 million in FY 2020, and \$11 million in FY 2021 — a total of \$19 million, \$11 million more than the previously contemplated \$8 million. The proposed budget justifies this expenditure because “The center is old and underutilized. The

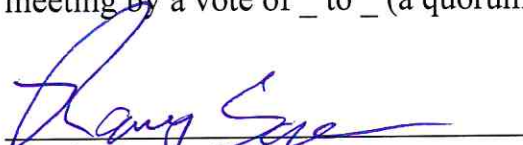
community is quite diverse and there is a need for more expanded programming opportunities — especially for seniors.”

4. The ANC greatly appreciates the Mayor’s recommended increase in the capital budget to modernize the Chevy Chase Community Center and urges the Council to approve the proposed budget. The ANC will work with the Mayor, the Council, DPR, and DGS to maximize the use of appropriated funds to ensure that the Chevy Chase Community Center meets the community’s requirements as set out in the report and recommendations that the ANC adopted on January 22, 2018.
5. The ANC also urges the Council to continue its oversight to implement the ANC’s other recommendations for the Community Center’s modernization, including
 - a. Ensuring that DPR and DGS work closely with the ANC, the community, and nearby neighbors to assure suitable transition space for key programs (e.g., ballet and fencing) and to develop more detailed plans for the Community Center to ensure that the final interior and exterior design meets current and future community needs;
 - b. Evaluating design alternatives — including possible reuse of parts of the existing structure as well as new construction — to achieve the objectives that the community has defined in the most cost-effective manner;
 - c. Including space in the new building for a fitness center with equipment, a lecture/performance hall with about 125 seats, meeting/games/party rooms, a half-court gymnasium, a childcare room with an indoor play area, a kitchen, a quiet lounge, an activity/tech lounge, a dance/yoga/Pilates studio, a fencing/exercise room, a pottery area and an arts and crafts space, offices, and rooftop amenities (e.g., a garden, greenhouse, and/or outdoor lounge);
 - d. Coordinating the design of the modernized Lafayette Recreation Center and the Chevy Chase Recreation Center (at 41st Street and Livingston) to avoid duplication with the Community Center and to take advantage of any synergies that can be achieved;
 - e. Considering the addition of surface parking spaces while minimizing the impact on nearby neighbors;
 - f. Creating a new building that is aesthetically appealing, in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood and buildings, constructed to the latest sustainability standards and fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), including the updated ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards), requirements, and resilient so that it

can serve as a refuge in case of an emergency or other widespread disturbance; and

- g. Working with the District Public Library to coordinate any improvements to the Chevy Chase Library to take advantage of synergies between the two buildings and to unify and harmonize the campus to the extent possible.

Approved by the ANC at its regularly scheduled and noticed April 9, 2018 meeting by a vote of _ to _ (a quorum being 4).



Randy Speck, Chair



Becky Maydak, Secretary