

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
April 4, 2023 Regular Public Meeting**

PLEASE NOTE: *In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public will not be recorded in detail in the minutes.*

The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Singleton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present, including the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02
- Patience Singleton, 4A04
- Kimberly Patterson, 4A05
- Candace Tiana Nelson, 4A06
- Zack Bolton, 4A07

1. Approval of Administrative Matters (Agenda)

- a. Approval of the agenda (with a change to remove DC Fire, Quarterly report approval; add vote to authorize debit card use, Betsey Cavendish (Mayor’s office, General Counsel, and Michael McLaughlin (DGS) to discuss lead at Ft. Stevens) was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

2. Approval of Administrative Matters (Minutes and Consent Agenda)

- a. Approval of the special meeting minutes for February 13, 2023 was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of ANC debit Card authorization to secure cell phone contract moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Discussion and Approval: Commissioner Nelson discussed proposed ANC 4A housing committee (Affordable/Safe Housing Committee). Commissioner Nelson to Chair, plus co-chair from community. Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bolton. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

3. Resolutions and Letters:

- a. Approval of Resolution for former Commissioner Whatley (read by Commissioners Singleton and Nelson) as moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of Resolution for Walter Reed parcel M Concept design (Vicki Davis presentation regarding 102 senior housing units) as moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved by 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Announcement that late Commissioner Whatley will be honored at the Parks at Walter Reed.

4. Presentations and Reports

- a. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed closing of DPR application season for summer camps on April 5, Mayor's Back to Basics Week (highlighting city services and workers), Mayor's budget for improved roads, Spring clean ups/Earth Day in Ward 4 (April 22), Mayor cancellation of \$90 million in medical debt, and Open Streets in Ward 4.
- b. Barbara Rogers, office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed the Work Order Integrity Act (DGS to det preapproval before noting work complete, Mayor Bowser budget complaints (cuts to emergency rental assistance, Ward 4 schools, Safe Routes to School), tax season reminders, DC Medicaid renewal season (4/1-6/1).
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary spoke on school/education issues including need for repairs at Truesdall and Whittier, Education oversight committee public witness list of 380 plus, Mrs. OLeary's Books, auditor report on Roosevelt, and need to index TAG program.
- d. Betsy Cavendish, General Counsel, Exec. Office of the Mayor, discussed the Mayor's budget and priorities, including tough choices in light of the end of the federal pandemic funds and fewer workers in city center. Mentioned increased money for schools in Ward 4, historic transportation investment, metropolitan trail, streetscape, etc.
- e. Presentation/Update by Commissioner Patterson regarding status of Serengeti settlement agreement.

- f. Presentation by Michael McLaughlin (DGS) regarding Environmental Safety Testing of Ft. Steven Recreation Center playground. Wipe test on March 27th was positive for lead. Remediation plan (including power washing with solution and HEPA vacuum) implemented. Playground reopened on March 29th.

5. Community Concerns

- a. Jessica Mailander, Upper Georgia Avenue Main Street Executive Director, provided an update on events, including public art project (traffic control boxes). Announced that the UGAMS is looking for artists. April 23rd submission deadline.
- b. Commissioner Nelson provided update on SMD 4A03 vacancy.
- c. Commissioner Edwards announced April 23rd NARCAN and CPR training at Shepherd Park Christian Church.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.