

Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
April 2, 2024 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
- Christian Hara, 4A03
- Patience Singleton, 4A04
- Kimberly Patterson, 4A05
- Candace Tiana Nelson, 4A06
- Zack Bolton, 4A07

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of the agenda was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Second with the following changes: remove remove quarterly report from agenda. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bolton Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Approval of debit card payments moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- d. Approval of 2023 Annual Report moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Singleton. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- e. Reimbursement request for Commissioner Patterson’s rental of St. Johns Baptist for a tenant meeting from her SMD in the amount of \$150 Commissioner Singleton moved and Commissioner Edwards seconded vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

2. Presentations and Reports

- a. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, Whittier Elementary: Mayor Bowser will include 18 million to build swing sites near the school during renovations. Wizards and Caps staying in DC. Nats just had opening, all DC residents get \$5 tickets this year. School lottery talk about MySchoolDC.org. DPR summer programming, over 700 seasonal positions for hire. Human Rights Ambassador program. Summer in the City on Saturday April 6th at Raymond Elementary School.
- b. Barbara Rogers, office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed Council member wants to thank Commissioner Patterson with her help with restitution for SMD residents. Budget updates. Indications to cuts to DCPS in upcoming budget. Commander walk at Walter Reed due to increase in crime in that area, this walk will take place April 4th. Enforcement at cannabis shops along Georgia Ave., some were found to be in violation and have been issued citations.
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary discussed update on Whittier School update. Superintendent of schools, Dr. Grant, will be leaving in June. New ombudsman appointed. Teachers are still working without a contract since October, negotiations haven't gone anywhere. Mrs. O'Leary's Books for Friends.
- d. Presentation by DC Office of Tax Revenue Frank Bessenyei Presented about delinquent property tax auction. Advertised in 2 DC newspapers (Washington Informer and Washington Times)

4. Community Discussions/Presentations

- a. Nile Restaurant Settlement Agreement Amendment - Commissioner Edwards
 - i. Requesting to install a summer garden and extending operating hours.
 - ii. Requesting longer operating hours to match Champion Kitchen hours
 - iii. Commissioner Edwards moving to have herself and Commissioner Hoyte represent 4A in drafting a new settlement agreement with Commissioner Colson in 4B01 to craft a new neighborhood agreement (ABCA)
Commissioner Hoyte seconded VOTE 7 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstention PASSED
- b. BZA 20920 Update, 1326 Ft. Stevens Dr. NW - Commissioner Nelson
 - i. Representing agent, Toye Bello and Ramy Ali, architect, presenting.
 - ii. Updated project design for aesthetic and privacy concerns.
 - iii. No questions from commissioners or community.
 - iv. No motions or actions since commission voted last month. Project will return to BZA continuance on April 10th. Commissioner, community and project team will be present

5. Commissioner and Community Discussion

- a. Commissioner Edwards update on 16th St. speed reduction NOI from DDOT extending reduction the entire length of 16th St. Short public comment period, requested to extend the comment period length.
- b. Community question re: dates for 4D CAC meetings. Answers provided by community in the chat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.