

**DRAFT Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
February 7, 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
- Stephen Whatley, 4A03 (announced his resignation due to health issues)
- Patience Singleton, 4A04
- Kimberly Patterson, 4A05

1. Approval of Administrative Matters (Agenda)

- a. Approval of the agenda (with a change table approval of funds for cell phone, add Phil Thomas from Mayor’s Office on Clean Cities, and add Commissioner Hoyte’s Resolution regarding library study) was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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

- a. Approval of the meeting minutes for January 2023 was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Consent Calendar: Approval moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
 - i. By-law changes
 - ii. Meeting Calendar: First Tuesday of every month except July and August.
 - January 3
 - February 7
 - March 7
 - April 4
 - May 9
 - June 6
 - September 5

October 3
November 7
December 5

3. Non-Consent Calendar Resolutions and Letters:

- a. Protest of request for Class C License for Serengeti Lounge. Presentation by owners of Serengeti and letter in opposition to the granting of liquor license until Serengeti agrees to settlement agreement as moved by Commissioner Patterson and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Tabled until next meeting: RESOLUTION regarding an independent study of current and proposed upper Ward4 library services as moved by Commissioner Hoyte and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention.

4. Presentations and Reports

- a. Joanna Blotner, Legislative Director for Councilmember Lewis George, discussed a number of issues including Lifting As We Climb listening sessions, DC Council oversight hearings, Library oversight hearings, Ward 4 Community Walks, and DPR hearing.
- b. Councilmembers Lewis George and Robert White surprised Commissioner Whatley to honor his service after the announcement that he was resigning due to health issues after 22 years as an ANC commissioner.
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary spoke on school/education issues including violence impacting students, support for Whittier Elementary, Social studies standards updates comment period (ending Feb. 10th), and Mrs. O'Leary's Books.
- d. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed tragic fire in Takoma, Mayor's upcoming Budget forums for seniors (virtual Feb 9), Jackson-Reed (Feb 9), and Eastern High School (Feb. 11), and new housing for the homeless.

- e. Rodriguez Norman, Women in HEELS (Cure the Streets) discussed the program's focus on violence prevention and interruptions. Program funded by OAG and currently has 10 sites – one in Georgia Ave-Petworth. None are focused on Latino gang activity.
- f. Marcus Wood, Washington DC Youth Rugby, discussed organization's interest expanding to offer free programs in Spring to kids in Brightwood. Program is generally 6 weeks - April through June (typically 2-4 on Sundays). Would like ANC to help obtain permits to secure DPR field.
- g. Phil Thomas, Director of Clean Cities (DPW, DOEE, and DOH Rodent Control) discussed an adopt the block program, community clean up efforts, and pet waste program.
- h. Fennie Freeman, Deputy Director DPR, discussed Ft. Steven Youth side issues (mentioned expanded hours) but didn't confirm it's reopening by end of February, updated community on debris and tree removal at Fort Steven, and promised that additional DGS work would be completed by end of February.

Commissioner Singleton announced a special meeting would be held to elect a new Treasurer and other officers on Monday, February 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.