

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
June 6, 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 7:08 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 Singleton. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes for May 2, 2023 meeting was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Bolton. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Presentation and Approval of authority for Commissioner Edwards to apply for ANC Technical Assistance grant. Moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hara. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- d. Presentation and Approval revision to ANC 4A grant application. Change current 60 day period to complete project to 1 year completion deadline with periodic progress reports. First report due 60 days from approval of grant and then 90 days thereafter. The revision would be retroactive to grants approved earlier this year. Moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- e. Presentation and Approval of grant (\$3000) for Zenith Community Arts Foundation (Margery Goldberg) to fund mobile woodworking classes during the summer for Ward 4 residents. Moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- f. Presentation and Approval of grant (\$3000) for National Links Trust (Andrew Zunyog) to fund the rental of a herd of goats to remove 1 acre of invasive vegetation at the Rock Creek Golf Course. Moved by Commissioner Bolton and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

2. Resolutions and Letters:

- a. Presentation and request for approval for 6634/6640 Georgia Avenue for Map Amendment for affordable housing development (Colin Thomas of the development team). Discussion about the size of the development and displacement of day care center. Commissioners requested additional details from project team. Will consider at next meeting.
- b. Presentation and Approval of ANC 4A master/template ABCA Settlement Agreement to be used by individual establishments at WR Marketplace (Mr. Nixon from Hines). Also presentation by Sam Shoja, owner of Jinya Restaurant which will soon open at WR. Commissioner Singleton moved and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
- c. Presentation and Approval of letter of support on behalf of Childrens National Medical before HPRB for the installation of new cooling towers and generator on roof of hospital (Irene Thompson, Director). Commissioner Hara moved and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- d. Presentation and Approval of letter opposing the granting of substantial change in the license (operating hours and occupancy) for Champion Kitchen (owner and his lawyer, Mr. Worku and Ms. Nixon). Commissioners from Shepherd Park described repeated violations by the establishment. Commissioner Hoyte moved and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
- e. Presentation and request for approval of temporary change to operating hours of Deset Restaurant (owner Desta Araye). Commissioner Nelson described a potential six month extension of operating hours from 2-3 am on weekends and 12-2 am on weekdays. Question was not called. No vote taken. Delayed to future meeting.

3. Presentations and Reports

- a. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed her Tuesday/Friday meetings with the community, new interim Police Chief, upcoming public safety meetings

with Robert Hamrick (MPD), opening of DC migrant center, new respite center for US asylum seekers, Open Streets (Oct 7th), upcoming DC Pride Parade, low-income SNAP benefits (June 20), and addressing Embassy disrepair.

- b. Barbara Rogers, office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed Ward 4 DC Cares Days, Virtual block party seminar, budget process (councilmember amendments) and answered questions from Commissioners regarding Shepard Park Rec Center, 12th and Sheridan Street loitering and drug sales, and 16th Street Embassy disrepair.
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary discussed working with OSSE on revising SS standards and noted June public meeting and vote, requested book donations for Mrs. O'Leary's books for kids, and invited residents to participate in Song of Solomon book discussion at Petworth Library on 6/10.
- d. Presentation by Zack Gambetti, DDOT, on the Georgia Avenue Bus Priority Program. DDOT is seeking input from the public to improve bus efficiency along the corridor. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2025.
- e. Commissioner Singleton gave a brief overview of the new proposed Cannabis regulations.

Commissioner Singleton adjourned the meeting at 10:11 pm.