

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
March 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 Hoyte called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. A quorum was present, including the following Commissioners:

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

1. Approval of Administrative Matters (Agenda)

- a. Approval of the agenda (with change to remove special meeting) was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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

- a. Motion to table minutes for February 7 and 13 meetings until the end of meeting moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Patterson (5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions). Approval of February 7, 2023 minutes was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of two quarterly reports (First quarter FY 23 and fourth quarter FY22) was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Hoyte. Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Approval of OANC debit card policy moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

3. Presentations and Reports

- a. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed honoring Commissioner Whatley, extra MPD security for portions of Georgia Avenue, DC hosting of World Pride in 2025, grants to students to retain mental health professionals, resignation of director of Buildings, closing of COVID Centers, partnership with MPD to provide free clubs for Kias and Hyundais, 2023 ASPIRE job opportunity grants for formerly incarcerated, and Mayor's safety walk in Petworth the following day.
- b. Barbara Rogers, Community Outreach Director, Office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed reintroduction of the Green New deal legislation for accelerated replacement of lead pipes, Ward 4 budget requests and priorities, DC Council unanimous resolution honor former Commissioner Whatley, expiration of SNAP emergency benefits, and Jobs not Guns job fair on April 29th.
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary honored former Commissioner Whatley and discussed his testimony before the DGS oversight hearing, need to hold Mayor accountable for conditions of schools in Ward 4, and Mrs. O'Leary's Books for Friends.
- d. Whole Foods presentation regarding request for beer and wine license at the soon to open Walter Reed location. Attorney Kline indicated that the location will open summer 2023 and will likely allow on premise consumption in the future. Will employ 300 people (30% expected to be from surrounding community).
- e. DC Office of Tenant Advocate (Alice McFarlane, Chris Lucas, and Nicole McEnty) described how OTA helps tenants, the agency's four branches: legal, policy, education and eviction prevention. Expressed willingness to table events and participate in a listening session in Brightwood.
- f. Walter Reed Updates from Hines, Urban Atlantic. Caroline Kenney, Kenza Sijelmassi, and Architect Jack Bornan. Developers working with Mrs. Whatley and the community to decide on best way to honor former Commissioner Whatley at Walter Reed, request support from ANC 4A for conceptual design for Parcel M before HPRB, and discussion of design: U shaped new construction building near Dahlia, affordable housing for seniors, around 100 units and 34 parking spaces.
- g. 1639 Roxanna Road group home. New owners introduced themselves and described the company. Discussed that they were taking over from the old operators and did not plan any major changes to the operations or the physical plan and that their intention was to be good neighbors.

4. Community Concerns

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.