

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
May 2, 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 7:04 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 Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes for April 6, 2023 meeting was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Presentation and Approval of 2nd quarterly report. Moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Commissioner Edwards mentioned three transactions for the quarter and stopped payment for checks that we never cashed and/or voided.
- d. Presentation and Approval of Shepherd Park PTO request for \$3000 for outdoor learning (white boards) equipment (reapplication). Moved by Commissioner Hoyte and seconded by Commissioner Hara. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

2. Resolutions and Letters:

- a. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Serengeti Lounge. Commissioner Patterson read highlights of the agreement. She moved and seconded by Commissioner Bolton. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

3. **Presentations and Reports**

- a. MPD Assistant Chief Megan Kane discussed efforts to be more collaborative with the community, trends in robberies, Kia and Hyundai thefts, focused patrol strategy, PSA level one preventative strategies kick-off May 1st (90 day evaluation period with review by Professors at George Mason), and reinstatement of 4D CAC.
- b. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed reopening of Ft. Stevens Rec Center youth side, DC Business exp at MLK PL on April 7, Bike/Rail to school on April 7, residents will need to pay for COVID tests starting on May 11, and electric charging stations in 4A.
- c. Barbara Rogers, office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed Council Budget Update, councilmember's efforts to keep JT library in current location, fundings for traffic safety, litter can placement, DC Medicaid renewals, and responded to request by Commissioner Bolton to look into two blighted embassy properties.
- d. 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, Deputy Mayor of Education meeting on April 7 to discuss redrawing of school boundaries, and monthly conversations with DC Council Chair on education issues (asked public for questions to ask).
- e. Presentation by DCPL Executive Director Reyes-Gavilan discussed challenges the government faces related to the modernization of the Juanita Thornton SP PL, including inefficient use of space, parking dangers, and no separate space for children, teens and adults.
- f. Ashley Wells, DC Smart Streets discussed efforts to convert streets lights to LED technology. Ward 4 installation begins at the end of summer of 2023. Installation expected to be completed by May 2024.
- g. Presentation by National Links Trust, nonprofit renovating the Rock Creek Golf Course into modern 9-hole course. NLT has a 50 year lease with NPR. Discussion centered on the need to address deferred maintenance, lack of utilization, plans to replace clubhouse and two-year phase for completion. Announced upcoming Friday on the Green event.

4. Community Concerns

- a. Commissioner Edwards discussed upcoming Shepherd Park Garden Tour
- b. Commissioner Nelson discussed fire at Deset Ethiopian Restaurant
- c. Commissioner Patterson discussed BCA Clean Up for May 7th from 1:30-3:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.