

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A  
October 3, 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
- 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 Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bolton with the following changes: remove presentation by Center for Biological Diversity and add letter of support to DC council to support change in 15 ft setback on Fern St for WR townhomes). Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of July meeting minutes was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Approval of September meeting minutes was moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Bolton. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- d. Approval of 2024 ANC 4A budget prepared by Commissioner Edwards. Presentation: \$107,995 available. Moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- e. Presentation by Commissioner Edwards on ANC grants management policy. Change in circumstances (purpose of grants) for Shepherd Park PTO and Links Trust.
- f. Presentation by Commissioner Edwards regarding update on 60 day reports from grant recipients National Links, Inc., Shepherd Elementary School PTO, and Zenith Community Arts Foundation.

## 2. **Resolutions and Letters:**

- a. Presentation and Approval letter of support for BZA Case #21013 Southern Veterinary Partners (LiveWell Animal Clinic) at Walter Reed. Request for special exception. Moved by Commissioner Hara and Commissioner Edwards seconded. Approved 4 ayes, 1 nays, 2 abstentions.
- b. Presentation and Request for Approval of support for BZA Case #20962, 1840 Primrose for special exception to subdivide lot into three lots. Moved by Commissioner Edwards to oppose and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved opposition 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Presentation and Approval of letter of support for Special exception for District Dogs to operate animal boarding and doggie daycare (BZA #21004). Moved by Commissioner Hara and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Approved 3 ayes, 0 nays, 4 abstentions.
- d. Presentation and Approval of letter to support request to change in building restriction line of 15 ft. along Fern St at WR. Presentation by Rob Solomson and Caroline Kenney of Hines who requested letter for Council seeking legislative change to 4 ft in order to construct townhomes along Fern Street. Moved by Commissioner Hara and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- e. Presentation and Approval of letter to NPS and DDOT to request traffic assessment on surrounding roads resulting from Beach Drive closure (given anticipated increase commuters beginning in January 2024). Moved by Commissioner Singleton and seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. Approved 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

## 3. **Presentations and Reports**

- a. Sophia Tekola, Mayor's Ward 4 MOCR, discussed upcoming community walks, open streets day, DDOT bike giveaway, DC hiring fair for veterans (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>), Ward 4 business awards, chief of police hearing, OSSE dual enrollment deadline, and juvenile curfew enforcement.
- b. Barbara Rogers, office of Councilmember Lewis George, discussed the ward 4 senior jubilee, budget increase for SNAP food assistance, new process for testifying before the Council, councilmember legislation on management of public lands.
- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary discussed new financial literacy standards by 2025, efforts to address problematic bus delays

for students, safe schools initiatives, meeting with DGS and meeting with Deputy mayor regarding education issues.

- d. DC Water Presentation by Sean Moore regarding Lead Free DC (block by block service line replacement).
- e. PEPCO presentation by Travoris Culpepper regarding upcoming proposed rate hike. Discussed rate increase proposal sent to PSC 2024-26, climate ready multiyear plan, racial equity capital fund, goal of carbon neutrality by 2045 and senior's program.

4. Community Concerns – no discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.