



## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:30 PM

The following is a recap of actions taken at the monthly public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D, which took place virtually on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

**Chair Renée Bowser called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.**

### COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL

Five of six Commissioners present (quorum reached): Renée Bowser (4D02); Aryan Rodriguez Bocquet (4D03); Zachary Israel (4D04); Eric Smith (4D05); Jonathan Nobil (4D06) [Note: Comm. Erik Lindsjo (4D01) moved out of his SMD in late November 2022 and therefore resigned his seat. His seat is currently vacant until the new Commissioner-elect's term begins on January 2, 2023.]

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Comm. Smith requested to include a resolution under new business to consider a refurbishment of Hampshire Gardens, and Comm. Bowser requested under old business that ANC 4D vote on what will be the bottom line for the newly revised settlement agreement with the owner of Library Tavern. Comm. Bowser moved to amend the agenda; Comm. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0

### APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2022 AND NOVEMBER 2022 ANC 4D PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

- **October 2022 Meeting Minutes:** Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet moved to approve; Comm. Bowser seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0
- **November 2022 Meeting Minute:** Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet moved to approve; Comm. Bowser seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. **November 2022 Report (Review)** – Ending balance of \$3210.11.
- b. **Revised FY23 ANC 4D Budget (Vote)** – Following ANC 4D's October public meeting where ANC 4D voted to approve its FY23 annual budget, the OANC sent out a revised template that ANCs are to use when projecting our FY23 budget. Utilizing the new template and taking into consideration unexpected expenses that occurred in December (i.e., storage fee for items stored at Colony House), ANC 4D now has an annual balance of \$24,758. In addition, \$4,950 will be available on top of the existing balance once OANC transfers those owed funds to ANC 4D. OANC shared that ANC 4D could not show those incoming funds on its final FY23 budget that it votes on. Note that the new ANC 4D Commission can amend the FY23 budget at any time during their term. Comm. Israel moved to approve the amended FY23 budget; Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0

### COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No actions taken. Announcements shared:

- a. **Remembering Donna Brockington, former community member, neighbor, and ANC 4D04 Commissioner (Israel)** – Former ANC 4D Commissioner, community member, and neighbor, Donna

Brockington, passed on November 18, 2022. She served as 4D04's Commissioner from 2007-2014. In preparation preparing for her final arrangements, a GoFundMe account will be set up in her name. In addition to the GoFundMe support, cards, donations and gifts of support can be mailed to her cousin, Albert Terrell, who resides at: 912 Gallatin Street NW, Apt. #101, Washington, DC 20011. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Wiley at 301-633-9751 or at [marilyn.wiley@opm.gov](mailto:marilyn.wiley@opm.gov).

- b. **DPR Ready2Play 20-year draft master plan (Israel)** – DPR's 20-year draft strategic plan is now open for public comment thru Jan 31, 2023. The draft plan lists all of the agency's proposals (near-term and long-term). There are a couple of triangle parks within 4D boundaries that are slated for improvements and we encourage residents to share your feedback. View and engage here: <https://ready2playdc.com/>
- c. **DDOT program upgrade from Traffic Safety Investigations to Traffic Safety Input (Israel)** – Beginning Jan 6, 2023, DDOT will change its traffic safety investigation process. Moving forward, they're going to be more selective in the requests they approve. Effective January 6, 2023, they will approve a total of 800 locations per year / 200 per quarter. More info here: [https://twitter.com/ZachIsrael/status/1605257722429345792?s=20&t=f1QASAzK4\\_3Du1JinliECQ](https://twitter.com/ZachIsrael/status/1605257722429345792?s=20&t=f1QASAzK4_3Du1JinliECQ)
- d. **Veterans Upward Bound Program (Nobil)** – This is a new Department of Education program hosted by The Catholic University of America here in NE DC. The purpose of our program here is to assist the veteran population, specifically those who fall into three separate subcategories: low-income, first generation college students, and those who would potentially be at high risk of academic failure (whether due to disabilities, significant gaps in education, those who have previously been unsuccessful in postsecondary education, etc.). The program is free. More info can be found here: <https://metro.catholic.edu/admission/military-benefits/veterans-upward-bound/index.html>
- e. **My School DC Public School Lottery (Rodriguez Bocquet)** – The public school lottery is now open for the 2023-24 school year. The online application can be accessed at [MySchoolDC.org](https://myschooldc.org) and there is a hotline families can call for support M-F, 8a-5p: (202) 888-6336. The deadlines to apply are February 1, 2023 (Grades 9-12) and March 1, 2023 (PK3 – Grade 8). Families must apply through the public school lottery for PK3 and PK4 public school seats (even at their DCPS in-boundary schools) and for any K-12 public school seat that is at an out-of-boundary DCPS school or at a public charter school. More info here: <https://www.myschooldc.org/>
- f. **DPW Leaf Collection (Rodriguez Bocquet)** – DPW shared with ANC Commissioners that The leaf collection schedule has experienced delays due to inclement weather since the beginning of the program. As of December 19, 2022, they were currently at an 80% completion rate for the first pass for leaf collection city wide. Crews are working across the city in all 8 Wards to catch up as quickly as possible. For the most current information please visit the [Leaf Tracker](#) on the DPW website. Reminder to rake leaves into tree boxes and, if you are using bags to collect leaves, please use paper and not plastic bags.

## COMMUNITY COMMENTS

No actions taken. Comments shared:

- Resident shared gratitude for all work accomplished during this two-year term by ANC 4D Commissioners.

## CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

No actions taken. Announcements shared:

- a. **MPD:** Lt. Ross shared crime stats pertinent to the 4D area from MPD’s website: [crimecards.dc.gov](http://crimecards.dc.gov). Lt. Ross encouraged residents to attend MPD 4D’s sector monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Lt. Ross’s contact information is: [shavaun.ross@dc.gov](mailto:shavaun.ross@dc.gov) | (202) 510-0049
- b. **Ward 4 MOCR:** Not present
- c. **Ward 4 Councilmember’s Office:** Aura Cruz Heredia: [acruzheredia@dccouncil.gov](mailto:acruzheredia@dccouncil.gov). Deferred more comprehensive announcements to the Councilmember, as she is slated to present this evening. Reminded attendees to sign up for CM’s newsletter: [www.janeeseward4.com/newsletter/](http://www.janeeseward4.com/newsletter/)
- d. **Ward 4 SBOE:** Representative Frazier O’Leary submitted the following statement to be read on record: *“We are thankful for the football teams at Roosevelt and Coolidge . Coolidge defeated Bell two weeks ago in the Gravy Bowl so that they could play Carroll on Saturday and became the DCSAA Division A champion. Roosevelt defeated Dunbar in the Turkey Bowl and played Friendship Collegiate for the DCSAA Division AA championship. Friendship won a hard-fought game. We are thankful for the agreement between DCPS and the mayor on the new contract. It took much too long. We are thankful for all of the community support for Whittier. As you know, I have been mentioning Whittier for the last four years at every meeting I attend. We, the Ward 4 Community, cannot take our foot off the gas and we need to make the executive responsible for taking care of Whittier, Truesdell, and Lasalle -Backus. Two weeks ago, I testified at the Public Hearing on the state of DGS's lack of work on our schools. There was powerful testimony from Ward 4. Last, but hardly least: Mrs. O'Leary's Books4Friends is still accepting and delivering books to our elementary and middle schools My number is 202 236-2184 and my email is [oman9@aol.com](mailto:oman9@aol.com). You can also drop books on my porch at 1318 Farragut St. NW if you so desire. Please contact me for anything that is school related. Special thanks to Renee Bowser for all of her assistance during my career on the State Board. Since, as is happening tonight, our public meetings are always at the same time, she has always been so supportive and shared my news.”*
- e. **Update from Brian Hamer, Manager of The Kennedy** – Mr. Hamer was not present. Comm. Bowser shared that The Kennedy is accepting donations for the holiday season for its residents.

**PRESENTATION: Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George**

No actions taken. Highlights shared:

- View summary presentation [here](#).
- The Councilmember will chair the Facilities committee in the new Council period.

**OLD BUSINESS**

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABRA-105058: Library Tavern (5420 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW) has filed a petition to amend or terminate the settlement agreement attached to its license</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ANC 4D voted on November 16, 2022 to protest Library Tavern’s petition. Library Tavern has proposed changes to the existing settlement agreement. ANC 4D voted on the following baseline terms for the settlement agreement:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extend hours of operation every day of the week until 2:00 a.m.</li> <li>▪ No changes to the provision prohibiting music and live entertainment on the sidewalk café.</li> <li>▪ Live entertainment shall be permitted downstairs in the lower level of LT’s premises between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 am every evening of the week.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Bowser	10 min.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Live entertainment shall be permitted on the main floor/upstairs of LT’s premises between the hours of 11:00 am and 11:00 pm only</li> <li>▪ The definition of “promotor” will be redefined</li> <li>▪ <b>Commission action:</b> Comm. Bowser moved to approve the new terms of the settlement agreement; Comm. Israel seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0</li> </ul>		
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**NEW BUSINESS**

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABRA-108315: Application for alcoholic beverage license renewal for Illusion Bar &amp; Lounge (5213 Georgia Ave NW)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hours of operation: Su-Thu (10a-2a), Fri-Sa (10a-3a)</li> <li>○ Hours of sales/service: Su-Thu (10a-2a), Fri-Sa (10a-3a)</li> <li>○ Hours of entertainment: Su-Sa (10a-1a)</li> <li>○ Protest petition deadline: January 9, 2023</li> <li>○ Protest hearing date: January 30, 2023</li> <li>○ <b>Commission action:</b> No action taken.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Israel	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABRA-123562: Application for Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License for Golden Flower (441 Kennedy St NW)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nature of operation: New Class “C” Tavern with a Seating Capacity of 25, Total Occupancy Load of 25, and a Sidewalk Café with 10 Seats</li> <li>○ Hours of operation (indoor): Su-Thu (11a-2a), Fri-Sa (11a-3a)</li> <li>○ Hours of sales/service (indoor): Su-Thu (10a-2a), Fri-Sa (10a-3a)</li> <li>○ Hours of operation + hours of sales/service (outdoor cafe): Su-Thu (11a-10p), Fri-Sa (11a-11p)</li> <li>○ Protest petition deadline: February 6, 2023</li> <li>○ Roll Call hearing date: February 27, 2023</li> <li>○ Protest hearing date: April 26, 2023</li> <li>○ <b>Commission action:</b> No action taken</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Bowser	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ANC Vote on Amendment to By-laws</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amends "<b>Article I - NAME, BOUNDARIES, LOCATION; Section 1.02 Boundaries.</b>" to describe ANC 4D's new commission area and ANC 4D's eight new SMD boundaries in effect from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033.</li> <li>○ <b>Section 8.01. Adoption.</b>" requiring a vote on adopting the commission's existing standing rules at the first ANC 4D public meeting of a new Commission’s two-year term.</li> <li>○ <b>Commission action:</b> Comm. Israel moved to amend the Commission by-laws; Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Israel	10 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ANC Vote on Amendment to Standing Rules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amends "<b>II. MEETINGS; E. Conduct of Meetings</b>" to require a roll call vote for each Commissioner for all items requiring a vote of the Commission if the public meeting is being held virtually or in a hybrid format.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Israel	10 min.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Commission action:</b> Comm. Israel moved to approve this amendment to the Standing Rules; Comm. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Amends "<b>IV. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS; B. Reports</b>" to require the Chair (or their designee) to circulate a draft of the December 1 Annual Report to all 4D commissioners no later than November 16 each year, to allow for two weeks of input/editing from commissioners prior to submission of the final draft to the OANC and the DC Council.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Commission action:</b> Comm. Israel moved to approve this amendment to the Standing Rules; Comm. Smith seconded. Passed: 3-0-2 (3 ayes and 2 abstentions by Commissioners Bowser and Rodriguez Bocquet)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>NEWLY ADDED: ANC 4D Resolution in Support of an Amendment to Sec. 6-1110.02 Targeted Homeowner Grant Program to Include Historic Landmarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This resolution supports the expansion of a law in DC that grants refurbishment funds to historic districts to include Hampshire Gardens in 4D as a historic district.</li> <li>○ <b>Commission action:</b> Comm. Smith moved to introduce and approve the resolution; Comm. Bowser seconded. Passed unanimously with three added amendments: 5-0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Smith	10 min.
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## ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Bowser adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The next public meeting for ANC 4D is Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with the new Commissioners-elect for ANC 4D.

## 2021 – 2022 ANC 4D COMMISSIONERS\*

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\*Note: The term for new Commissioners-elect, including two new SMDs – 4D07 and 4D08 – will commence on January 2, 2023. Check [ANC4D.org](http://ANC4D.org) for updated contact information in Jan.