



**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 6:30 PM**  
***DRAFT MINUTES – 3/7/23***

**1. Call to order (Pirrotti)**

Commissioner Pirrotti called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**2. Determination of quorum (Pirrotti)**

Roll was called. Commissioners Pinkney (4D01), Lucarelli (4D03), Courniotes (4D04), Marencic (4D05), George (4D06), Weigel (4D07), and Pirrotti (4D08) were all present. Commissioner Judson (4D02) was not present. Quorum was reached.

**3. Approval of agenda (Pirrotti)**

Commissioner George moved to modify the draft agenda by deleting the provision about a resolution related to Berean Baptist Church. Commissioner Pirrotti seconded. All Commissioners present voted to approve the draft agenda with that change made.

**4. Approval of January 2023 ANC 4D Public Meeting Minutes (George)**

- All Commissioners present voted to adopt the draft meeting minutes from the Commission's January 18, 2023 public meeting.
- Commissioner George noted that during the January 18, 2023 public meeting, the Commission had mistakenly voted to approve a meeting schedule that included a public meeting on January 18, 2024. This was done in error. All Commissioners present voted to modify the meeting schedule so that the first meeting of 2024 will take place on the third Wednesday of January – January 17, 2024.

**5. Treasurer's Report (Courniotes)**

- Commissioner Courniotes noted that our Commission's bank balance remains unchanged from the previous month, and we are now fully participating in the ANC Security Fund.

**6. City Official Comments (Pirrotti)**

- a. Ward 4 MOCR - Sophia Tekola, from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, gave a presentation on events her office had been following and took questions from the community.
  - She noted that the community would see an increased police presence from MPD at the Georgia Ave/Petworth Metro station.
  - Commissioner Courniotes asked about follow-ups from the mayor's recent citywide ANC meeting about public safety. Ms. Tekola said that the Bowser administration had been working to make sure Congress leaves DC's recent criminal code revision alone; Commissioner George asked for more clarity given reporting that the Bowser administration had specifically chosen not to lobby Congress to avoid overturning the RCCA.

- Commissioner Pinkney asked Ms. Tekola about the clearing of the McPherson Square encampment; Ms. Tekola said the Bowser administration views that matter as out of their hands because the land is federal property. Another resident in the commission noted that the Bowser administration had requested the encampment be cleared.
- Commissioner Lucarelli asked about the recent traffic fatality at the intersection of Georgia Ave and Ingraham St. NW; Ms. Tekola noted the need for more community engagement with DDOT, and discussed the possibility of a walk in the area with Director Lott.
- Ms. Tekola noted a recent fire in Ward 4 and reminded the community to avoid overstressing electrical systems with heating implements like portable heaters and heating blankets; this was the underlying cause of the fire.
- Another resident asked about parking enforcement on her block, as she sees a number of cars without required documentation. Ms. Tekola promised to follow up with DDOT.
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- b. Ward 4 Councilmember's Office – Barbara Rogers joined our meeting
  - She thanked our community for participation in the CM's Ward 4 listening sessions
  - She noted that the CM's constituent services team is a resource that residents can reach out to if they are having trouble signing up for DC Medicaid
  - She noted that the CM is working hard to push OSSE to resolve recent issues. OSSE had a hiring fair.
  - She asked residents to testify at upcoming oversight hearings for city agencies, and noted that for the agencies within the CM's purview, residents could sign up at the CM's website [here](#).
  - Commissioner Courniotes asked if the CM's office could back-brief our Commission with any action items coming out of the contemporaneous budget forum the CM held on Feb. 15. Ms. Rogers said she would forward.
- c. MPD [5 min. presentation / 5 min. Q&A]
  - No representative present, hopefully for next month.

## 7. Commissioner Announcements (Pirrotti)

- a. 4D01
  - No announcements
- b. 4D02
  - Shellfish Market is now open for business at 5<sup>th</sup> and Kennedy, a positive development for the neighborhood.
- c. 4D03
  - No announcements
- d. 4D04
  - Encouraged testimony (and potentially plans to testify herself) at the oversight hearing for the Children & Family Services agency on Feb. 24. Others interested in testifying about city agencies can see the schedule for CM Lewis-George's committee at <https://janeeseward4.com/testify/>
- e. 4D05
  - Also noted that it is currently Performance Oversight hearing season, and encouraged residents to reach out to Commissioners or to the CM if they need help understanding how to testify.
- f. 4D06

- Noted that he provided his first testimony at the Office of City Administrator hearings on Feb. 15, largely focused on safe streets, Vision Zero, and bike infrastructure. Testimony available [here](#).
- g. 4D07
- No announcements.
- h. 4D08
- Commissioner Pirrotti noted that ANC 4D holds executive meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. These meetings are planning meetings at which the Commission takes no actions, but they are open meetings and residents may reach out if they wish to join one of them.
- i. Committees
- ANC 4D is considering four potential committees. Please get in touch with the Commissioners identified if you want to be part of a committee or know people who would be a good fit:
    1. Public Safety – Commissioners Weigel & Judson. Coordinating public safety dialogue and problem solving, particularly with an emphasis on programming and opportunities for youth.
    2. Environment Health and Safety – Commissioners Courniotes and Clark. Ensuring that city services help efficiently keep our neighborhoods clean and residents know how to stay safe from environmental hazards. Interfacing with city services about rat issues.
    3. Transportation & Vision Zero – Commissioners Lucarelli & Marencic.
    4. Library – Commissioner Pinkney. Advocating for bringing a public library to the 4D Commission area, and brainstorming library alternatives to be community gathering spots.

## 8. Community Comments

- A resident representing the Brightwood Gardens cooperative at 9<sup>th</sup> & Longfellow St. NW noted that they have some housing available, including renovated one bedrooms, in their resident-owned affordable housing cooperative. Residents qualify for this housing at 70% of Area Median Income (AMI). The building can be reached at [Brightwoodgardens@gmail.com](mailto:Brightwoodgardens@gmail.com) or 202-291-0063.
- A resident noted that he had testified at the DC Public Library Oversight hearing, to press the Library System on moving a new library to Brightwood or Manor Park (a recommendation from 2.5 years ago). He noted that the head of the library system didn't seem to agree with his agency's assessment that our neighborhood has a service gap. CM Lewis-George is also pressing DCPL on this. The resident encouraged other interested individuals within 4D to testify at the agency's budget hearing.
- A resident asked about No Parking Signs on 200 block of Illinois Ave; Commissioner Lucarelli agreed that these no parking signs are incongruent with the traffic and safety improvements that were previously agreed to with DDOT. Commissioner Lucarelli assured the resident that the MOCR and DDOT were looking into the issue, and offered to be a point of contact for further concerns. [4D03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:4D03@anc.dc.gov).
- A resident raised concerns about the lack of walkable grocery stores in which to get fresh produce. Commissioner Pirrotti agreed that it's a problem and said the Commission can consider how to encourage such businesses.

## 9. Old Business

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>ABRA-122495 - Mariachi Bar &amp; Grill</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Commissioner Lucarelli working to reinstate ANC 4D's protest with ABRA. More to come.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Alley naming in 4D06</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Alley naming project has three names in consideration; next step will be getting feedback from alley neighbors:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <a href="#">Elizabeth Catlett</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">David Driskell</a></li><li>▪ <a href="#">AJ Cooper</a></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Lucarelli  George	5 min.  5 min.

## 10. New Business

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Berean Baptist Church</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pastor Robert Childs from Berean Baptist Church (924 Madison St NW) testified about a major redevelopment and reconceptualization the church is undergoing.</li><li>○ This church was previously in Commission 4B but is now in Commission 4D.</li><li>○ The Church is seeking to be re-zoned from RF-1 to RA-2, so that it can add multiple units of affordable housing (30% and 50% AMI) above its worship space geared towards seniors in DC.</li><li>○ Commission 4D plans to consider a resolution of support at our March 2023 meeting.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>ABRA-123600: Mama Chepa Cocina Latina, 5018 1<sup>st</sup> St. NW</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Applying for an ABRA license:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Class C Restaurant</li></ul></li><li>○ They have applied for a full ABRA license so that they can serve alcohol late during occasional private events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hours of operation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sun-Thu, 6am-2am</li><li>● Fri-Sat, 6am-3am</li></ul></li><li>▪ Hours of Alcohol sales:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sun-Thu, 10am – 2am</li><li>● Fri-Sat, 10am-3am</li></ul></li><li>▪ Hours of live entertainment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sun-Thu, 6pm-2am</li><li>● Fri-Sat, 6pm-3am</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>○ Total Occupancy: 49; seating for 40. All indoors.</li><li>○ Requested endorsements: Entertainment for live music; also carry out and delivery</li><li>○ Although they have applied for full ABRA license, they expect their normal hours to be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sun-Thu, 10am – 11pm</li><li>▪ Fri-Sat, 10am – midnight</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Pinkney  Pirrotti	10 min  5 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Live music not planned for the restaurant, except for (for example) mariachi for Cinco de Mayo, a guitar at brunch or at Friday/Saturday dinner. Not planning for amplified, concert-like performances.</li> <li>○ Protest petition deadline: March 6, 2023</li> <li>○ Roll Call Hearing Date: March 27</li> <li>○ Protest Hearing Date: May 24</li> </ul>		
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**11. Adjournment (Pirrotti)**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Marencic, Seconded by Commissioner Pinkney – adjourned 7:55

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