



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6:30 PM

1. Call to order (Pirrotti)

Commissioner Pirrotti called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

2. Determination of quorum (Pirrotti)

Present for roll call were Commissioners

- Pinkney (4D01)
- Judson (4D02)
- Lucarelli (4D03)
- Marencic (4D05)
- George (4D06)
- Weigel (4D07)
- Pirrotti (4D08)

Commissioner Courniotes (4D04) was present but had briefly stepped away from her computer and rejoined the meeting shortly thereafter. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of agenda (Pirrotti)

Commissioner George moved to adopt the draft agenda for the meeting with two revisions:

1. Removing a draft resolution concerning naming an alley in 4D06 after Elizabeth Catlett; the first step will be for Councilmember Lewis-George to introduce legislation proposing that name, after which our Commission can consider a resolution supporting that legislation, likely at our April meeting.
2. Adding a vote on a draft settlement agreement with Mama Chepa Cocina Latina.

Commissioner Pinkney seconded the motion; no Commissioners opposed. Agenda was so adopted.

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

Commissioner George moved to adopt the draft minutes from the February 15, 2023 ANC 4D public meeting. Commissioner Pinkney seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve the draft minutes, which are now final.

5. Treasurer's Report (Courniotes)

Commissioner Courniotes presented the Treasurer's Report:

- a. ANC 4D's current balance is \$8,994.42
- b. We are still awaiting being approved for our ANC Security Fund, at which point we will be able to start writing checks for ANC services & grants.
- c. We will be voting on our quarterly report next month, after which the commission will receive Q2 disbursement of funds from OANC / DC gov.

6. City Official Comments (Pirrotti)

- a. Ward 4 MOCR – Derek Johnson from MOCR office shared some news & updates with the community, including:

- Mayor’s budget will be released March 26
 - During the Mayor’s safety walk, various service requests to DPW concerning cleanup of Georgia Ave were submitted; Mr. Johnson will seek to update on those requests at ANC 4D’s April 19, 2023 meeting
 - Mr. Johnson agreed with a suggestion from Commissioner Judson that another safety walk on Kennedy St. would be beneficial, and suggested that ANC 4D send a letter to the Mayor’s scheduler.
 - Mr. Johnson agreed with suggestions from Commissioners Weigel and Pinkney that other investments in Kennedy Street would be beneficials, such as more community events and beautification efforts.
- b. Ward 4 Councilmember’s Office – Barbara Rogers
- Ms. Rogers from CM Lewis-George’s office joined our meeting, and shared her contact information (202-288-982), and provided updates from the CM’s office. Further updates can also be found at www.JaneeseWard4.com.
 - CM Lewis-George re-introduced her bill, the Green New Deal for Lead Free. Would accelerate replacement of lead pipe sin DC to remove all lead pipes by 2030. Would require DC Water to create an inventory of lead pipes in DC and increase financial support for replacing lead pipes, make lead pipe replacement mandatory, include tenant protection, create job training programs to help make this transition.
 - CM Lewis-George submitted her budget request letter this month, which includes a request for funding for a library & job center.
 - She noted that the oversight hearing for the DC Public Library budget is April 13 at noon and encouraged our community to testify to support a library in our neighborhood.
 - SNAP benefits – if there are residents who need SNAP benefits now that the SNAP pandemic funding expired, please contact constituent service representatives.
 - Ward 4 Jobs Not Guns job fair – Saturday April 22 at Coolidge High School, 11am-3pm. Partnering with DC Gun Violence Prevention Coalition.
 - Traffic safety win – traffic light has been approved for Georgia Ave & Farragut NW. Will be installed towards the end of the year.
 - www.JaneeseWard4.com
- c. Byron Johnson from OAG’s Cure the Streets program joined our meeting to introduce his office
- Cure tries to provide services and mediations to reduce gun violence in the city
 - They take a public health approach – getting people jobs, training, healthcare
 1. Background on violence interruption [here](#)
 2. How ONSE measures success of these programs [here](#)
 - Cure has focus areas on Georgia Ave in Petworth and the Kennedy St. Corridor. Other priority communities can be found [here](#).
 - 4D residents are invited to take a public safety survey [here](#)
 - Neighbors can help Cure the Streets by identifying problem areas and pockets that don’t seem to be going away
- d. DDOT - Zach Gambetti-Mendez joined to discuss the Bus Priority Project
- Slow bus speeds cost WMATA \$30 Mn a year to try and maintain service levels. The Bus Priority Project aims to speed up busses while making Vision Zero investments in high traffic corridors.
 - A key corridor is Georgia Ave, and the Kansas Ave NW to Missouri Ave NW stretch touches Commission 4D. Learn about this project [here](#).
 - Kickoff is Spring 2023; implementation is 2025.

- Residents can share feedback about the Bus Priority Project on the project website, or by emailing buspriority@dc.gov; or directly emailing Zack.gambetti@dc.gov, or by calling 202-671-2376
- e. Office of the Tenant Advocate - Christopher Lucas & Cristobal Puig-Monsen joined to give an overview of OTA's role and services
 - OTA was created in 2006, as independent agency that provides support to District renters.
 - OTA is a one-stop shop for advice and help to DC's tenants. Tenants with questions or concerns should call the hotline, (202) 719-6560. They can help find resources in a legal dispute, they can provide education and resources on tenant rights and tenants associations, they can give presentations & attend community events.

7. Commissioner Announcements (Pirrotti)

- a. ANC 4D's next public meeting will be April 19. We will also have an executive meeting on April 5; these meetings are where the Commission gathers to prepare the agenda for our next public meeting, but does not take any formal actions.

8. Community Comments [limited to 2min each, please] (Pirrotti)

- a. Uptown Main Street joined to note many upcoming events:
 - Petworth Porchfest April 22 w/ music node at 7th and Kennedy
 - Earth Day clean up 3 (also April 22) – hoping to do a Kennedy St. Cleanup that day.
 - Movie Night & Foam Party on Kennedy St., June 24.
- b. A community member called for more four-way stop intersections in DC
- c. Another community member echoed this concern, and raised concerns that Missouri Ave needs a lot of work, to improve safety, slow traffic, and improve bus service. Many 4D Commissioners echoed these concerns and noted that we will try to work on it.

9. Old Business

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ABRA-122495 - Mariachi Bar & Grill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on a settlement agreement with this establishment and hoping to hear back soon. | Lucarelli | 5 min. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Berean Baptist Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve Berean Baptist Church resolution ○ Moved by Commr Pinkney, seconded by Commr Weigel ○ Roll call vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commr Pinkney (4D01): Yes ▪ Commr Judson (4D02): Yes ▪ Commr Lucarelli (4D03): Yes ▪ Commr Courniotes: (4D04) Yes ▪ Commr Marencic (4D05): Yes ▪ Commr George (4D06): Yes ▪ Commr Weigel (4D07): Yes ▪ Commr Pirrotti (4D08): Yes ○ Resolution adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0 with no abstentions | Pinkney | 5 min. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ABRA-123600 – Mama Chepa Cocina Latina | Pirrotti | 5 min. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve draft Mama Chepa settlement – moved by Commr Pirrotti, seconded by Commr Marencic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commr Pinkney (4D01): Yes ▪ Commr Judson (4D02): Yes ▪ Commr Lucarelli (4D03): Yes ▪ Commr Courniotes: (4D04) Yes ▪ Commr Marencic (4D05): Yes ▪ Commr George (4D06): Yes ▪ Commr Weigel (4D07): Yes ▪ Commr Pirrotti (4D08): Yes ○ Resolution adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0 with no abstentions | | |
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10. New Business

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zoning Issue, 329 Delafield Pl., NW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The owners of 329 Delafield Pl. NW, Michael and Skyler Potter, joined ANC 4D because they seek BZA special exceptions and want the ANC’s endorsement. • The building is currently a 4-unit apartment building that was damaged by electrical fire in mid-2022 and is currently vacant. • The owners seek to convert the basement floor, which is currently utilities & storage, into two more units. The building would go from having 4 units of 2 bedrooms each, to 6 units; 3 with 3 bedrooms, 3 with 2 bedrooms. • The footprint, look & façade, and building height will remain unchanged. • The two BZA exceptions sought are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allowing for the construction of two new cellar apartments in a building currently zoned RA-1 ○ Moving from 4 units to 6 units without adding an off-street parking space • In their experience, the tenants of the building typically don’t have cars; and street parking is abundant on the block. • Their BZA hearing date is May 24, 2023. • Commissioners were generally supportive, intend to vote on a report to BZA at our April meeting. ▪ Resolution: Standing committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes four new standing committees for ANC 4D: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Safety, chaired by Commissioners Judson and Weigel ○ Transportation & Vision Zero, chaired by Commissioners Lucarelli and Marencic ○ Environment & Public Health, chaired by Commissioners Courniotes and Weigel | Marencic | 10 min |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Facilities, chaired by Commissioners Pinkney and Judson ○ Commr George moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Commr Marencic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commr Pinkney (4D01): Yes ▪ Commr Judson (4D02): Yes ▪ Commr Lucarelli (4D03): Yes ▪ Commr Cournotes: (4D04) Yes ▪ Commr Marencic (4D05): Yes ▪ Commr George (4D06): Yes ▪ Commr Weigel (4D07): Yes ▪ Commr Pirrotti (4D08): Yes ○ Resolution adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0 with no abstentions | George | 3 min. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution: Hands off DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes efforts by Congress and the White House to overturn legislation enacted by DC's elected government • Commr Marencic motioned to approve the resolution; Commr George seconded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commr Pinkney (4D01): Yes ▪ Commr Judson (4D02): Yes ▪ Commr Lucarelli (4D03): Yes ▪ Commr Cournotes: (4D04) Yes ▪ Commr Marencic (4D05): Yes ▪ Commr George (4D06): Yes ▪ Commr Weigel (4D07): Yes ▪ Commr Pirrotti (4D08): Yes ○ Resolution adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0 with no abstentions | Pinkney | 3 min. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution: DC Public Library on Kennedy St. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Councilmember Lewis-George's efforts to site a new DC Public Library at 5th and Kennedy St. NW • Commr Judson moved to approve the resolution; Seconded by Commr Marencic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commr Pinkney (4D01): Yes ▪ Commr Judson (4D02): Yes ▪ Commr Lucarelli (4D03): Yes ▪ Commr Cournotes: (4D04) Yes ▪ Commr Marencic (4D05): Yes ▪ Commr George (4D06): Yes ▪ Commr Weigel (4D07): Yes ▪ Commr Pirrotti (4D08): Yes ○ Resolution adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0 with no abstentions | Marencic | 3 min. |
| | Judson | 3 min. |

11. Adjournment (Pirrotti) -

- a. **Commr Pirrotti moved to adjourn; Commr George seconded; all Commissioners were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.**

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