



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D Wednesday, November 16, 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, November 16, 2022.

Vice Chair Nobil called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL

Five of six Commissioners present (quorum reached): Erik Lindsjo (4D01); Aryan Rodriguez Bocquet (4D03); Zachary Israel (4D04); Eric Smith (4D05); Jonathan Nobil (4D06) [Note: Commissioner Bowser (4D02) joined the meeting at 7:49p]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Comm. Nobil moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution to be introduced by Comm. Nobil for consideration by the ANC 4D Commissioners on the Criminal Justice Reform Act

- **Commission action:** Comm. Nobil moved to introduce the resolution, Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet seconded. Passed 4-1. (Comm. Lindsjo opposed.)

Comm. Israel requested to amend the agenda to add several announcements to the Commissioner Announcements section of the agenda, and Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet requested to table tonight's vote re: the approval of the draft October public meeting minutes to December given that there is additional information that is needed to be reviewed in order for them to be complete and accurate.

- **Commission action:** Comm. Nobil moved to amend the agenda to include these additional adjustments; Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet seconded. Passed unanimously: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2022 ANC 4D PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet requested during Approval of Agenda to table this vote to the December public meeting given that there is additional information that needs to be reviewed and confirmed on the draft meeting minutes prior to them getting approved. The request to table the vote was moved by Comm. Nobil, seconded by Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet, and passed unanimously: 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

No actions taken. Comm. Israel shared the following:

- **October 2022 Report (Review)** – \$6187.81 (closing balance); two outstanding allotments from FY22 have gotten approval from OANC so ANC 4D should have close to \$9-\$10K on the way prior to year's end

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No actions taken. Comm. Israel shared the following announcements:

- NPS Site Visit to Sherman Circle Park (and potentially Missouri Ave. parks and Grant Circle Park) confirmed at **10am on Saturday, December 17**
- Virtual EdFest 2022 taking place from **10am-1pm on Saturday, December 10**. The public school lottery application launches on December 12, 2022 for the 2023-24 school year and closes on February 1, 2023 for Grades 9-12 and on March 1, 2023 for PK3-8th Grade. More at [MySchoolDC.org](https://www.myschooldc.org).
- Truesdell Family Teacher Organization “GIVES Thanks” fundraiser [ongoing through month of November 2022: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/truesdell-gives-thanks>]
- PSA for Dog Owners in the Neighborhood
- PSA for Safe Driving (two of his constituents were hit while crossing the crosswalk on 11/15/22 at Gallatin St and Illinois Ave NW)

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

No actions taken. Comments shared:

- Updates shared from Uptown Main Street:
 - Check out Holiday Lights! dcholidaylight.org/uptown. Vote for local biz, you win prizes and they win prizes!
 - Santa is coming to Upshur St on Sat. Dec 3, 10am-1pm! Free photo, music, activities for kids, giveaways.
- Resident thanked Comm. Israel for the speed humps that were recently installed on Gallatin and Illinois and commented that despite this drivers still fly through stop signs.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

No actions taken. Announcements shared:

- **MPD:** Lt. Ross shared crime stats pertinent to the 4D area from MPD’s website: [crimecards.dc.gov](https://www.crimecards.dc.gov). Lt. Ross encouraged residents to attend MPD 4D’s sector monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month.
- **Ward 4 MOCR:** Yamileth Escobar; leaf collection season – 4D falls under Group D, which begins on Nov. 28 (do not place leaves into plastic bags, DPW will leave them; pile up leaves in tree boxes – preference is not to place in bags; [see DPW brochure](#)) Resume Raiser Event to be held on 11/17 at Penn Social (801 E St NW): <https://tinyurl.com/MayorBowersResumeRaiser>; MOCRS are researching vacant properties on Kennedy St with DMPED
- **Ward 4 Councilmember’s Office:** Eskedar Girmash (egirmash@dccouncil.gov) – Green New Deal for Social Housing Hearing on 11/22 (moved from 11/17) – will introduce social housing owned by DCGOV, [more info here](#); there’s a Thanksgiving Giveaway on Saturday from 11a-1p at Lamond Riggs (residents need to show Ward 4 residency; turkey giveaway while supplies last); sign up for CM’s newsletter: www.janeeseward4.com/newsletter/
- **Ward 4 SBOE** – SBOE not present and didn’t submit a statement to be read at meeting
- **Update from Brian Hamer, Program Director of The Kennedy:** – The Kennedy celebrated its 4th year at that location; over the last year: 106 families moved out in FY22 – 92 moved to “positive” destinations (i.e., destinations where a family moves into their own home, moves in with family / friends, or to a transitional facility that better suits their needs); the remaining families stayed for an average of 62 days which is a good average; they currently have 25 families in the building (they can house 45); if residents know of any family that needs housing, first refer them to Virginia Williams Family Resource Center for intake and not The Kennedy; The Kennedy welcomes donations (diapers, women’s products, fresh socks and underwear, hats, lightly used jackets and gloves); Contact BHamer@nccf-cares.org | 202-845-8070

PRESENTATION: JUDIE SHEPHERD-GORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND CAMILLE DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INNER CITY COLLABORATIVE

No actions taken. Highlights shared:

- Inner City Collaborative is two-thirds of the way staffed; once fully staffed the team will be 10 strong. All Violence Interrupter positions have been staffed. They’re looking to fill 3 outreach worker vacancies. 2 VIs and 2 outreach workers are designated to the Kennedy St corridor.
- The Collaborative is six months in and is looking forward to the next 6 months; they’re permanent location is at 6230 3rd St NW; right behind Coolidge HS
- They’re focusing on forming partnerships at the Georgia Ave / Petworth metro station (they have a team that canvasses that area on a regular basis) and have formed relationships in Park View and Lamond Riggs
- Have met with the incoming Attorney General-elect, Brian Schwalb

OLD BUSINESS

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BZA Special Exception Request (5433 Georgia Ave NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recap by applicant + ANC 4D Vote ○ Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicant is asking for lot occupancy relief for first floor only, as well as parking relief ▪ Applicant has spoken with Uptown Main Street re: the “I love Kennedy Street” mural to find a replacement area for the mural ▪ Applicant shared that there’s an elevator in the building so every unit in the building will be accessible – Type A and Type B; applicant wanted to correct that from last meeting where they said only the first floor would be accessible ▪ Applicant shared that they’re working with their engineer re: the heritage tree. The tree is on public space and they will work with Urban Forestry and a private arborist on how to best handle where the tree will live. ▪ Applicant shared that the building is subject to Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) ○ Commission action: Comm. Nobil moved to approve; Comm. Israel seconded. Passed unanimously: 6-0 (Note: Comm. Bowser had joined the meeting by this time and was present for this and all other votes.) 	Lindsjo	15 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BZA Special Exception Request (5316 Kansas Ave NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recap by applicant + ANC 4D Vote (lot occupancy and rear yard setback for an enlarged deck) ○ Commission action: Comm. Bowser moved to approve; Comm. Rodriguez Bocquet seconded. Passed unanimously: 6-0 	Bowser	10 min.

NEW BUSINESS

MATTER	COMM.	TIME LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRA-109739: Application for alcoholic beverage license renewal for Neptune Room (5405 Georgia Ave NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hours of operation: Su (2p-2a), M-Th (5p-2a), Fri (5p-3a), Sa (2p-3a) ○ Hours of sales/service: Su (2p-2a), M-Th (5p-2a), Fri (5p-3a), Sa (2p-3a) ○ Hours of entertainment: Su-Th (6p-2a), Fri-Sa (6p-3a) ○ Protest petition deadline: December 5, 2022 ○ Protest hearing date: December 27, 2022 ○ Commission action: No action taken. 	Lindsjo	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRA-100407: Application for alcoholic beverage license renewal for Nana Ethiopian Restaurant (4815 Georgia Ave NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hours of operation: Su-Th (11a-1:30a), Fri-Sa (11a-2:30a) ○ Hours of sales/service: Su-Th (11a-1:30a), Fri-Sa (11a-2:30a) ○ Protest petition deadline: December 5, 2022 ○ Protest hearing date: December 27, 2022 ○ Commission action: No action taken. 	Nobil	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRA-105058: Library Tavern (5420 3rd St NW) has filed a petition to amend or terminate the settlement agreement attached to its license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objectors are entitled to be heard before the granting of such a request on the Roll Call Hearing date at 2000 14th St NW, 400 South, Washington DC, 20002 ○ Petitions and/or requests to appear before the ABC Board must be filed electronically to abra.legal@dc.gov on or before the Protest Petition Deadline. ○ Protest petition deadline: December 12, 2022 ○ Protest hearing date: January 3, 2023 ○ Owner of Library Tavern was present and shared that he's not opposed to the protest letter and that he's looking forward to working with Comm. Bowser and community to come to a reasonable settlement. ○ Commission action: Comm. Bowser moved to protest; Comm. Israel seconded. Passed unanimously: 6-0 	Bowser	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRA-120258: Application for alcoholic beverage license renewal for Shellfish (443 Kennedy St NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hours of operation: Su-Th (10a-12a), Fri-Sa (10a-2a) ○ Hours of sales/service: Su-Th (10a-12a), Fri-Sa (10a-2a) ○ Protest petition deadline: December 12, 2022 ○ Protest hearing date: January 3, 2023 ○ Commission action: No action taken. 	Bowser	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRA-122495: Application requesting an Entertainment Endorsement to provide live entertainment with dancing for Mariachi Lounge Bar & Grill (5217 Georgia Ave NW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hours of operation: Su-Sa (11a-4a) ○ Hours of sales/service: Su-Th (11a-2), Fri-Sa (11a-3) ○ Hours of live entertainment: Su-Sa (8p-4a) 	Israel	3 min.

