



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4E
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Crestwood and Sixteenth Street Heights NW
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AGENDA

ANC 4E Hybrid Regular Public Meeting
LAMB Public Charter School Community Room
5000 14th St NW Washington, DC 20011
June 25, 2024, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

- I. **Call To Order and Establishment of Quorum – 6:35p**
- II. **Introduction** (5 minutes)
 - a. Adopt Agenda – Motion Carries 6-0-0
 - b. Commissioner Introductions -
 - c. Meeting Procedures
- III. **Commissioner Updates**
 - a. WMATA NBG Project – August 15th, Hybrid Meeting (ACTION – to put up on website) – (Commissioner Barry)
 - b. WMATA Town Hall June 27th at 6:30p at Coolidge – Better Bus Program
 - c.
- IV. **Administrative Actions** (5 minutes)
 - a. Consent Agenda
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. Meeting Minutes Approval for May 2024 meeting (Zmuda) –
 - i. Motion approved 6-0-0
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. _
- VII. **Presentations**
 - a. Fourth District Commander Nikki Lavenhouse w/ Q&A (15 minutes)
 - i. Seen uptick in violent crime over past 30 days
 1. In perspective: assault with dangerous weapons from 2 this time last year, to three this year.
 2. Robberies – 1 this time last year, to three this year
 3. Thefts went from 11 – 19

- a. Autos _____
- 4. Steering Wheel Locks Available
- ii. Plug for the Camera Rebate program – sharing footage and allowing MPD to close cases more quickly.
 - 1. Package thefts – for example, may get evidence, not the person, but maybe their vehicle
- iii. Chief & Mayor launched a drone project, an unmanned aircraft system. Lavenhouse previously served on committee to get them launched
 - 1. Will not be used for police response, rather to free up officers from crime scene documentation
 - 2. SOD for barricades
- iv. Q&A
 - 1. Drone Program, how many are there?
 - a. Multiple – don't have exact number, greater than 5
 - 2. Initial deployment + MPD receiving an additional helicopter
 - 3. Thefts from vehicle concerns – it seems as if there have been a lot of instances of contractors performing work at residents' homes, and getting their vehicles broken into – what can people do to help ourselves not be so vulnerable to these types of incidents?
 - a. Camera Rebate Program will help
 - b. Speaking to neighbors, notifying them the work you're having done for extra eyes to look out
 - c. Telling contractor this has been happening and to protect their belongings, secure their vehicle, park safely, etc....
 - d. Let contractor know of MPD crime suppression team who works with some contractors, and have some of their vehicles doing surveillance where MPD is "staking out", working strategically to address the problem
 - 4. Theft from porches, precautions to employ. 5D has a pilot program inserting air tags into dummy packages – is there consideration to expand this to other areas?
 - a. Commander ___ in 5D initiated. Capt. Mulrone of Crime Suppression led this. Challenges finding community members who will lend their porch. One of those challenge areas where hard to have success because you can't accurately measure what you've successfully prevented.
 - i. ANCs have option to put feelers out to community members who may be interested in lending their porch to take advantage of a program MPD is willing to try again
 - 5. Crossfire at Colorado, incidents at Gold Coast recurring, increased sentiment of feeling unsafe. What are some of the immediate actions we can be requesting or expecting, given a general uptick in crime in the summer months.

- a. Understanding and appreciation of the sentiment. We can talk about overall decrease in numbers, but if the sentiment persists, the job is not done. The resources for these specific areas noted, have not been diverted. Those officers in that area will remain assigned until the crime decreases. Regarding citywide resources for reducing violent crime, those are additional resources lent to us, i.e Atlas (sp?) We have robbery suppression initiatives addressing trends.
 - b. Things done in 4D in preparation of summer, every six months a matrix of picking shifts, and ensuring greater overlap of resources, which allows it to almost double during those peak times, in addition to crime initiatives noted above.
 - c. We want to see officers on foot. When they are on foot, it takes that much longer to get to a vehicle for emergencies outside their immediate foot beat. So, we have less officers on foot. However, with that overlap noted above, it allows us to increase the on-foot presence, additionally done.
 - d. Intentional about tracking “bad actors” within community, moving forward with cases, so they’re off the street and through the judicial process, not remaining on the streets to continue committing crimes.
6. Can you give us a structure or outline, beyond 9-1-1, who those people would be to let them know.
- a. Lieutenants over each PSA, and a Captain over each Sector – that roster will be sent out to ANCs and they will share forward (ACTION) – if not a 9-1-1 incident, a 3-1-1 incident
7. Community Question: 13th & Longfellow, a very active intersection – as a practical issue, should we be trying to call a watch commander if there’s an emergency we observe, given the length (15 minutes) we’ve experienced for emergency response (9-1-1)?
- a. 9-1-1 is answer to most of the examples listed in this question
 - b. Upcoming roundtable to improve response times
 - c. Watch Commander won’t be one to dispatch officers to area. The dispatch can see the board and get resources where they are. The watch commander is more static based on where they’ve been assigned.
 - d. Office of Unified Communications – Director can be invited to a future meeting to further this discussion (ACTION)
 - i. CM Lewis George addresses OUC Call Center staffing and funding to improve responses. Signing

bonuses being awarded for individuals to join, bringing back retired Fire and EMS workers to work in OUC for greater skilled call response – this initiative has already started. Now an academy for OUC call takers from high school and college to join academy and address staffing gap. Additional issues with OUC remains a lack of the system they utilize. We are far below national average, failing as far as call times go, way below the average. We have switched systems multiple times to our detriment. More funding and a greater system to improve call times.

8. Corey Larrea – regarding email thread with Commander, CM, and Commissioner Rubio – on and around 5600 block of 13th Street – went from no cars being covered to now anywhere between 5 and 15 being covered. These cars are often not moved for street sweeping, obstructing special parking, and the tags for these often have substantial moving violations, or can confirm it has been used to commit other crimes within the district. Community eager to see what can be done with the car covers.
 - a. CDR Lavenhouse – not illegal to have car covers given license plate is visible. Officers in 4D have been advised to issue tickets on vehicles. Recognizing many already have multiple tickets. The officers in the 4D are addressing violent crime. There is an agency who handles parking violation. They are to respond initially to these vehicles (booted)> They were there in consultation with Commissioner Rubio. We will continue to fight crime and engage with our partners to alleviate us in that area that is their responsibility. MPD does not tow, unless its an emergency block of street, for example. Traffic impoundments is DPW responsibility.
9. Ms. Williams – Regarding discussion of efforts being done over the summer – as you find repeat offenders and have officers out on the beat, what is your experience in working with the AG to prosecute these criminals. I live in 5200 block of Colorado and I'm worried about my 10 year old son being outside but he should be able to walk to Hamilton park with his friends. What else is being done to protect our young people and the experience working with AG.
 - a. We have good relationship, improving prosecution rates. Chief Smith in regular comms with AG office. Has been easier to tighten cases to ensure AG can prosecute on their side. It is not always possible to share specific tactics to ensure they can remain effective, discrete, etc..

- b. Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's Office (5 minutes)
 - i. CM Lewis George – today the council voted on final budget. Been a touch budget year with short projected revenue streams coming. Overall, proud of how ward 4 has responded.
 - ii. Ward 4 Schools made whole in the budget
 - iii. Overview slides shared
- c. Ward 4 Board of Education (5 minutes)
- d. Ward 4 MOCRS Derek Johnson (5 minutes)
 - i. Yamilet Escobar – back to serve as Ward 4 Manager
 - ii. Most important time of year for 4E – the Citi Open from July 27 – August 4th – executive office of mayor hosting a public meeting to discuss logistics and best effectuate that for the needs of the community.

VIII. **Treasurer Report**

- a. May 2024 Treasurer Report

IX. **Community Comment** (20 minutes total, 2 minutes per speaker)

X. **Adjournment – 7:53p**