



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A

Government of the District of Columbia

RESOLUTION #4A-20-010¹⁶7-0₆

**Authorizing ANC 4A to Submit its 2019 Annual Report
to the OANC and Council Secretary**

Proposed for Adoption January 7, 2020

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A (the Commission) takes note of the following:

- The ANCs are encouraged to submit an annual report for 2019.
- The ANC is proposing to provide the attached report for its 2019 Annual Report submission.

RESOLVED, that the ANC 4A submit the attached 2019 Annual Report, with leave to correct any typographical errors.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ANC 4A

ANC 4A submits this Annual Report for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

ANC 4A covers the following neighborhoods: Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, Brightwood, Crestwood and Crestwood North, and a portion of 16th Street Heights. ANC 4A covers approximately 16,000 residents and has 8 ANC single member districts. For half of this year, we had a vacancy in single-member district 4A05, with the resignation of Commissioner Deborah Pope.

The ANC 4A Officers for 2019 were: Gale Black, Chair; Phyllis Green, Vice-Chair, Stephen Whatley, Secretary and Candace Nelson, Treasurer.

For the year 2019, the ANC 4A Commissioners in numerical order were: Single Member District (SMD) 4A01 Phyllis Green (Vice Chair); 4A02, Stacey Lincoln; 4A03, Stephen Whatley (Secretary); 4A04, Patience Singleton; 4A05 (formerly Deborah Pope and vacant since May); 4A06, Candace Nelson (Treasurer); 4A07, Marlene Moss, and 4A08, Gale Black (Chair). ANC 4A has had one vacancy on the Commission for the past

seven months. That vacancy is in SMD 4A05, formerly held by Commissioner Deborah Pope. It has been posted, but no resident has picked up the petitions to serve in SMD 4A05.

Consistent with the requirements for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the ANC 4A held nine regular public meetings. Those meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of July and August. All meetings were held at the Police Station at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. We have operated with a quorum of Commissioners. The ANC 4A operates under its current bylaws that were adopted in May of 2015.

The ANC 4A provided an opportunity for the community to offer comments and to raise concerns regarding matters not already on the agenda, at each ANC 4A public meeting. We also provided an opportunity at each of the meetings for the community to hear from the Mayor's staff, the Ward 4 Council Member's representative, the Police, and the elected Education Representative.

Of special significance to this annual report, we note that ANC 4A had presentations by the Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, at the May 7, 2019 meeting.

We heard from the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, at our April 2, 2019 meeting. Also, the Director of the DC Department of Transportation Jeff Marootian provided an update on transportation projects at our April 2, 2019 meeting. The Community was also briefed by a representative from Urban Forestry, regarding the city's tree maintenance and rules.

The major development projects included the Walter Reed Project. We passed Resolutions 60401 in support of Hines Urban Atlantic Triden concept Design of Building O at the Parks, Adopted June 4, 2019 and Resolution 60402, which was a resolution in support of Concept Design for Building P, also at June 4, 2019 meeting. (Commissioner Whatley).

We supported the request of the Children's National Research and Innovation Campus for a zoning modification at the Walter Reed site.

The ANC 4A also considered the following other issues during the past year:

Business Applications

- 1.) Application of Moreland's Tavern's for License Renewal, which the ANC 4A supported. (Commissioner Moss);
- 2.) May 7, 2019, the ABRA License request for Betty's GoJo. ANC 4A voted to oppose the request for the license renewal. (ANC 4A acting as a Whole). ANC 4A Chair participated in the ABRA hearing;
- 3.) ABRA License Serengheti – (Commissioner Singleton);
- 4.) ABRA License for Deset Ethiopian Restaurant – ANC 4A voted to oppose. (Commissioner Nelson).

On May 7, 2019, ANC 4A opposed an exception for the Takoma Place Apartment developer to work on Veterans Day, Columbus Day and Emancipation Day. (Commissioner Whatley)

ANC 4A passed Resolution 4A 19-0201 in support of the Installation of New High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK Signal) at the intersection of 16th Street and Buchanan Street, February 5, 2019. (Commissioner Black)

We considered a presentation from the Luzon Tenants Association on the Status of the Building Conversion at 6323 Luzon Avenue. (Commissioner Singleton)

We conducted a survey of 4A residents regarding the DC Budget priorities and sought their opinion as to how the DC funds should be spent at the March 5, 2019 meeting. (Commissioner Black)

At the November 2019 meeting, we voted to submit comments to the Director of the Office of Planning regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan changes. (Commission as a Whole). At the Commission's December 2019 meeting, the draft Comments were presented for consideration and voted on and approved.

We voted to approve and provided one community enhancement project – providing bags for the safe removal of dog waste for the six dispensers in SMD 4A08. (Commissioner Black)

In October of 2019, we passed a resolution in support of continuing Rent Control in DC – by extending the period of coverage. (Commissioner Black) Resolution 4A-19-1001-05.

We supported the request of the Washington Ethical Society for a Special Exception for a Day Care. (Commissioner Green)

We adopted a budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 and are operating in conformance with our budget. We are continuing to try to sort through the finances for ANC 4A and have made some changes to insure that we safeguard the dollars that we are allocated and do not lose any dollars in the future.

Our current office location is 7720 Alaska Avenue, NW, in the basement office, Room 106, of the North Minister Church.

We shared an office with ANC 4B, which vacated the office in June. ANC 4A will likely relinquish its office space in early 2020.

Adopted by a vote of 6 Yes and 0 No, with 0 Abstention at the January ¹⁶ 2020 meeting at which a Quorum of of seven commissioners were present.

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Dated 1/16/2020