

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
December 3, 2024 Regular Public Meeting**

PLEASE NOTE: *In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public will not be recorded in detail in the minutes.*

The meeting was held in-person at Emory United Methodist Church and virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. A quorum was present, including the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02
- Christian Hara, 4A03
- Patience Singleton, 4A04
- Candace Tiana Nelson, 4A06
- Zack Bolton, 4A07

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of the agenda was moved by Commissioner Bolton and seconded by Commissioner Hara with the following changes: add Project Giveback. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- b. Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes was moved by Commissioner Bolton and seconded by Commissioner Singleton Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- c. Approval of ANC 4A annual report moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bolton. Approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

2. Presentations and Reports

- a. Leticia Acosta, Ward 4 MOCR – Ms. Acosta introduced herself as a new Ward 4 MOCR liaison, DC Health Link has opened enrollment will close Jan. 31. Walk with MPD with 4a01, 4a02.
- b. Barbara Rogers, Office of Councilmember Lewis George - Leaf collection in underway in 4C, DPW is sharing weekly updates on their collection schedule. SNAP: Dec 1st DHS

requires DC residents to complete an eligibility interview (phone or service centers), gave meals to Abrams hall, Karen House and Help USA at Walter Reed, Ward 4 office hours at Ft. Stevens Rec noon-1 and Pa'y Home Wellness Center 1:30-2:30 on Wednesdays.

- c. State Board of Education Ward 4 Representative Frazier O'Leary - Mentoring and induction for new teachers, talking on Dec 11th re: panel on cell phone usage, Mrs. O'Leary's books will continue, please contact if you have books to donate.

3. Commissioner & Community Discussions

- a. Project Giveback: Closeout report (Commr. Edwards): Because of our grants they were able to distribute between 150-200 food baskets. Successful support for ANC 4A.
- b. Humane Rescue Alliance and Brandywine Animal Rescue (Commr. Edwards): DC has decided to change the contract for who manages the animal shelter services for DC which was HRA, new will be with Brandywine. The presentation by Lisa LaFontaine, pets and housing act of 2024 was just passed which was supported by JLG, this removes many barriers to keeping pets in homes. HRA will shall be serving the DC community; the animal control contract will transfer to Brandywine, but HRA will continue to investigate all reports of animal cruelty and neglect, will also be taking animal relinquishments, will continue to provide spay/neuter and vaccines and pet food, they will also continue and expand community veterinarian services.
- c. 1223 Rock Creek Ford Road, NW: Front Entrance Installation (Commr. Nelson): Resident resides at said location, bullets had previously struck home in 2020, a petition has been created by residents to create a front entrance to the basement to increase safety for family. The Applicant has joined to gain support from ANC 4A. Direct neighbors support the building permit. Commr. Nelson moved to have ANC 4A support this application, seconded by Commr. Hoyte. VOTE 6 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- d. Deset Ethiopian Restaurant Business Hours (Commr. Nelson): A longstanding restaurant in Brightwood, have had the same settlement agreement since June 7 of 2016. The restaurant has suffered a reduction in business since the COVID 19 pandemic. The party is requesting to extend their hours into the evening by one hour Sunday-wed to 10am - 1am Thursday-Saturday to 10 am - 3am. MPD officers are in support of this extension as they are a resource for officers to have access to community food. Commissioner Nelson moved for ANC 4A to support amending the settlement agreement to extend their hours as previously stated, seconded by Commissioner Singleton, VOTE 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED

4. Community Updates

Commr. Hara announced and upcoming SMD meeting re: Building 15 at the Parks at Walter Reed on 12/11. Community feedback re: building 15 was tremendous.

Commr. Edwards announced DGS went to Shepherd Park playground and DGS did repair several pieces of equipment and slated water fountains for repair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm