

Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
October 1, 2024 Public Meeting

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The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 Agenda - Add approval of minutes for September, add presentation of Parcel HK from Parks at Walter Reed, add Ian Green for presentation re: beautification project at Leegate Circle. Moved by Commr. Bolton, seconded by Commr. Hara. VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- b. Approval of Minutes for July (Commr. Hoyte joined meeting at this point) - Moved by Commr. Bolton seconded by Commr. Singleton. VOTE: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- c. Approval of Minutes for September - Moved by Commr. Bolton, seconded by Commr. Hara. VOTE: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- d. Approval of 2025 Budget - Commr Singleton shared the proposed budget to the public. Commr. Singleton moved to approve the budget as proposed, seconded by Commr. Hoyte. Discussion by Commr. Edwards offering technical explanations on balancing of District allotments in the budget, offering change to communication budget, offering adding AI software for surveys and constituent engagement at the cost of \$2,000, requested increasing the communications budget to \$6,000. Commr. Singleton accepted the suggestions and moved to accept the amended budget totals as such, seconded by Commr. Hoyte. VOTE: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED

2. Government Agencies

- a. Yamileth Escobar, Ward 4 Manager - Mayors Office: Mayor announced initiatives to expand affordable housing, DPW urging seniors to sign up for sidewalk shoveling exemption program www.shovelexemption.dpw.dc.gov, 202-436-2087. Commr. Edwards inquiring about best way to get services to Shepard Park Rec. Field. Commr. Singleton inquiring about graffiti removal contact, inquiring about unlicensed food vending in Brightwood not being handled, wants direct contacts for these issues.
- b. Barbara Rogers, Councilmember's Office - Today marked start of FY 2025, grateful to see the STARE Act (reckless drivers); funding for new pool for Parks at Walter Reed now available, Sheridan/Somerset legal clinic was held to make sure renters receive settlement checks that they are owed due to unsafe conditions in their buildings, new contact at NPS Shayna Scott, Shayna_Scott@nps.gov, office hours every Wednesday at Ft. Stevens Rec. Commr. Edwards inquiring about mental health services for a community member in need. Commr. Hoyte reenforcing Commr. Edwards point and to bring attention to problems with traffic calming on Alaska x Geranium
- c. Sean Moore, DC Water Lead Pipe Replacement - Presentation about lead free DC program here in 4A. Commr. Hoyte inquired re: neighbor replacing lead pipes several years ago wants to know if they can recoup funds. Commr. Edwards inquiring about the success rate and what is the major component of the success.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Building HK Amended Resolution, Vicki Davis, Urban Atlantic - Presenting on a revision with this parcel that ANC 4A approved prior. Commr. Hara proposed updated resolution to commission, Commr. Nelson clarified dates that were presented, Commr. Hara moved, Commr. Edwards seconded, VOTE: 6 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstentions PASSED
- b. Ian Green, resident in 4A01, Beautification project of Leegate Circle - Community members will work together on October 13th to start making this space more welcoming to the community. Requesting waste bags from the Commission.

3. Community Concerns

- a. Commr. Edwards notifying that Shepherd Park blood drive will need to be rescheduled. New bottle bill being considered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.