

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
February 4, 2025 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 virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. A quorum was present, and included the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01 (Chair)
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02 (Vice Chair)
- Christian Hara, 4A03 (Secretary)
- Patience Singleton, 4A04 (Treasurer)

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of Agenda – Remove approval of the minutes for December and January (for approval in March), approval of the business card to the March meeting, and remove Director Christopher Dyer from the agenda. moved by Commr. Edwards, seconded by Commr. Hoyte, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- b. Approval of the FY 2025 1st Quarter Financial Report – moved by Commr. Singleton, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention PASSED
- c. Approval of the Annual Report – Commissioner Edwards moved to submit the Annual Report, which is a compilation of the Commission’s monthly meeting minutes, Commr. Hoyte seconded, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED Commissioner Hoyte would like to add some input so the report may be amended.

2. Government Agencies

- a. Yamileth Escobar from the Mayor’s Office provided an update. As of January 28, the DSLBD office will host Art All Night 2025 in September as well the Main Streets grantees were awarded the Parks at Main Street and the Upper Georgia Avenue Main Streets. As of January 27, EOM launched the Marion Barry Summer Youth Program application. The Mayor’s Office of the Clean City is hosting a roll off event in Ward 4 on February 22 at MacFarland Middle School. Finally, the summer camp application is also open.

- b. Barbara Rogers, Councilmember's Office, provided an update. As a reminder, our Ward 4 constituent services office hours take place every Wednesday at Fort Stevens Rec Center from 12 to 1 pm, followed by office hours at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Listen as We Climb listening sessions have also started. This Friday, February 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Shepherd Elementary School will be 4A's session. Please think about testifying at the oversight hearings. There is information on the Councilmember's website. Please fill out our survey about Georgia Avenue and share your thoughts by visiting www.janeeseward4.com/georgia. The Councilmember is also developing a Volunteer Corp, please email teamjaneese@dccouncil.gov if you are interested in volunteering.
- c. Dr. Michelle Colson, Ward 4 State Board of Education Representative, provided an update. *Standing Ovation Awards* were given to several recipients in Ward 4. Mr. Thompson of Whitter, Ms. At Ida B Wells, Dr. Colson reviewed the mission of the SBOE. Coming up this year is the review of the high school graduation requirements, which OSSE has lowered, and the SBOE's recommendations to OSSE. Also on the docket is a cell-phone ban in DCPS and health and physical education standards. The next meeting is February 19 at xx pm.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Office of Campaign Finance, Belinda Perry and Deloris Ramsey – The program was designed to level the playing field and is a unique program in Washington DC. For every \$1 raised, the program matches \$5 and there are also base payments for certain offices. There are requirements of the program. The funds are capped based on a yearly calculation and thresholds must be met. Training will be hosted at local libraries later this year and the schedule will be updated soon. Please check the website. Currently, the funding is not available for ANC Commissioners.
- b. Office of Unified Communications, Director Heather McGaffin – She gave a presentation about the operation of the 311 system. Requests through this system are closed by the Department that handles them, not the Office of Unified Communications. Sometimes a department will automatically close the request as soon as they receive it even if they have not completed the work yet. She will share the presentation. Director McGaffin also shared the dashboard and the website that is very user friendly. They are open 24/7.

3. Community Concerns

- a. Request for recordings and meeting minutes – Jackie Eiswerth. Chair Edwards noted that the ANC had some technical difficulties and that moving forward the ANC would be posting the recording and the minutes.
- b. Barbara Rogers shared the immigration defense hotline. Virigina Immigration Rapid Response Hotline is 855-298-3271.

Commr. Singleton moved to adjourn the meeting and Commr. Hoyte seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Prepared by: Christian Hara

Approved on: March 4, 2025

Attested by:

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