

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
January 15, 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 Hoyte called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present, including the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02
- Christian Hara, 4A03
- Patience Singleton, 4A04

1. Election of Officers

The first order of business of the new calendar year is the election of the ANC Officers. OANC Director Kent Boese conducted the election. Commissioner Edwards was nominated as Chair, Commissioner Hoyte was nominated as Vice Chair, Commissioner Singleton was nominated as Treasurer, and Commissioner Hara was nominated as Secretary. The results of the voting were:

- Chair Commissioner Edwards: 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention
- Vice Chair Hoyte: 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions
- Secretary Hara: 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions
- Treasurer Singleton: 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention

2. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of Agenda – Remove security fund issue and the Mayor’s representative from the agenda and add Councilmember Lewis-George and Solar Solution presentation (Mr. Rodrigo Ventiades) to the agenda. Moved by Commr. Edwards, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- b. Commr. Singleton noted that the 2025 ANC Meeting calendar will be posted to the ANC website. The dates for calendar 2025 are February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 8, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2. Moved by Commr. Singleton, seconded by Commr. Hoyte, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED

2. Government Agencies

- a. Councilmember Lewis-George, Councilmember's Office, thanked the Commission for their service and provided an update. The Councilmember shared information about her office's listening sessions to be held in January and February. She also reminded the community that oversight hearings are starting and encouraged the community to participate in these hearings. The Councilmember has been assigned the leadership of the Committee on Facilities, which includes DGS, DPR, MPD, Office of Disability Rights, and the Mayor's Office on Caribbean Affairs. Lastly, she will be hosting one-on-one meetings with new Commissioners and will eventually hold meetings with returning Commissioners. The Councilmember's office will also be meeting monthly with all ANC Chairs across the Ward.

Commr. Hoyte asked about improving the appearance of the MPD Fourth District building. Councilmember Lewis-George mentioned that she did fund a remodel of the community room which is currently taking place. Commr. Hoyte also asked about help with protesting ABCA applications in the community. The Councilmember mentioned that she is also focused on revitalizing Georgia Avenue this term and she is putting together a task force to focus on this work. Commr. Edwards asked about the status of the schools that have working HVAC and those that do not and the status of the emergency legislation for those schools that do not. The Councilmember shared that they have an HVAC 'watch list' in place to monitor the progress of any repairs. It was noted that parents need to also play a role in advocating for their children and their schools.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Kush Embassy Update, Commr. Edwards – Commr. Edwards and Commr. Hoyte participated in a mediation session with Kush Embassy because of a protest that was filed by the ANC. The parties discussed the options available to reach a settlement agreement with Kush. Commr. Edwards noted that this cannabis facility will be like Takoma Wellness in that it will be highly regulated by ABCA.
- b. Solar Solutions Presentation, Rodrigo Ventiades gave a presentation on his firm's commercial and residential solutions. They are in the Ward on 14th Street near the bus barn. Mr. Ventiades also offered a discount to the community for participating in their program. It was agreed to host a community meeting specifically on this topic at a later date to go into more detail about the process.

4. Community Concerns

- a. Comprehensive Plan Meeting (Commr. Singleton) coming up at the end of January. She will share the details of the meeting on the listserv.

- b. Snow Removal City Services (Commr. Edwards) – Stephanie Advincula from the Mayor’s Office (Ward 1 MOCR) provided an update. She was filling in for the Ward 4 MOCRs who were unable to attend the meeting. Commr. Edwards noted that the hilly streets were of concern to the community and she wanted to pass along appreciation to the Ward 4 MOCRs for their responsiveness.
- c. Commissioner Doug Payton. Commr. Payton voiced 4B’s support of 4A in the settlement with Kush Embassy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Prepared by: Christian Hara

Approved on: March 4, 2025

Attested by:

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