

## Monthly Meeting Minutes April 29, 2025

Via Zoom

### **Call To Order and Adoption of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Barry, ANC 4E Chair, at 6:32 pm. A roll call of commissioners was conducted.

#### Present:

4E01: Nikki Jones
4E02: Vince Micone
4E03: Maria Barry
4E04: Randy Zmuda
4E05: Camsie McAdams
4E06: Julianna Gonen

Absent: None

Quorum was thereby established.

Commissioner Micone moved to adopt the agenda, second was provided by Commissioner Zmuda. Approved 6-0.

### **Administrative Actions**

Correction to February Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jones, ANC 4E Treasurer, moved to amend the February 25, 2025 meeting minutes as follows:

Old language: The ANC 4E fiscal year 2025 budget was reviewed. The ANC 4E Fiscal 2025 Quarter 1 Budget Report (October 2024-December 2024) was approved 4-0.

New language: The Treasurer presented the FY 2025 Q1 Quarterly Financial report to the Commission and the public. The ANC 4E FY 2025 Quarter 1 Quarterly Financial Report (October 2024-December 2024) was approved 4-0.

Second was provided by Commissioner Gonen. Approved 6-0.

#### Approve March Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gonen, ANC 4E Secretary, moved to adopt the March 25, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Second was provided by Commissioner Micone. Approved 6-0.

#### Election of new chair

Commissioner Barry expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to serve as Chair since January 2025, and noted that due to her new position in the D.C. Government she would need to step down from the Chair role. She will remain in office as Commissioner for ANC 4E03.

Commissioner McAdams nominated Commissioner Micone for the role of Chair. Commissioner Jones provided a second. The vote was 6-0 for the election of Commissioner Micone as Chair.

Commissioner Micone congratulated Commissioner Barry on her new job and vowed to keep her engaged with ANC 4E.

### **Commission Business**

Further Consideration of BZA Case No. 21275 – 4401 16th Street, NW (Commissioner McAdams)

The commission resumed consideration of this case at the request of Commissioner McAdams to address some additional relief that the applicants need to seek with respect to parking. Commissioner McAdams noted that the Commission heard a full presentation on this case at its March 25, 2025 meeting and voted to approve a letter of support. Subsequently, the Zoning Administrator determined that additional measures would be required, specifically the addition of a fence between the parking lot and the alley and some additional related alterations. The potential required alterations were explained in detail by Alexandra Wilson of Sullivan & Barros, LLP. The owners of the property were also in attendance. Commissioner McAdams noted that the abutting property owners were in support of the relief sought, as they are not in favor of the additional fencing, which would make use of the alley more difficult.

Commissioner McAdams moved to adopt a resolution in support of the owners' amended appeal, said resolution having been circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting. Second was provided by Commissioner Zmuda. Approved 6-0.

Proposed Resolution Regarding the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Multimodal Safety and Operational Improvements Plan/Environmental Assessment (Commissioner Micone)

The National Park Service (NPS) is currently conducting an assessment related to Rock Creek Parkway, including potentially ending the reversible lanes during rush hour. Commissioner Micone noted that the assessment process does not presently appear to include sufficient consideration of the potential impact on adjacent communities. He presented a resolution asking NPS to work closely with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and affected communities throughout the process. Commissioners Gonen and McAdams voiced support and noted the importance and benefit of true community engagement for changes such as those being considered.

Commissioner Micone moved to adopt his proposed resolution; second was provided by Commissioner Gonen. Approved 6-0.

### **Budget and Financial Matters**

#### Q2 Expenditures

Commissioner Jones, ANC 4E Treasurer, presented the FY '25 second quarter (January-March 2025) expenditures, which were zero as she only recently obtained access to the Commission's bank account. She briefly reviewed the budget and current account balance.

The Treasurer presented the FY 2025 Q2 Quarterly Financial report to the Commission and the public. The ANC 4E FY 2025 Quarter 2 Quarterly Financial Report (January-March 2025) was approved 6-0.

#### Purchase of Computer

Commissioner Gonen, ANC 4E Secretary, proposed that the Commission purchase a dedicated laptop for 4E business, to be assigned to whomever is in the role of Secretary. This will protect ANC business from potential comingling with personal matters on an individual commissioner's own computer and ensure that the Secretary has a computer that is best suited to work with the various Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions systems.

Commissioner Gonen moved that the Commission approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the purchase of a laptop computer and that the expense be allocated to Office Supplies in the budget. Second was provided by Commissioner McAdams. Approved 6-0.



### **External / Agency Updates** [7:20-7:40]

Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (Barbara Rogers)

Congressional and budget update: We are waiting on Congress to take up DC Local Funds Act. Mayor Bowser Mayor has announced extraordinary measures to prepare for the loss of locally-generated taxpayer funds. The Mayor has also previewed what will be in FY 26 budget, which includes several priorities of Councilmember Lewis George, including the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program and the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund.

Better Bus Network ANC meeting: On May 10 from 10a-noon WMATA will be hosting a citywide meeting for ANC commissioners to discuss forthcoming changes. The event will take place at St. Colletta of Greater Washington (1901 Independence Ave SE).

The Ward 4 Small Business Summitt will be held May 8 at People's Congregation Church. The goal is to equip business owners with tools they need to thrive, and to help others start businesses.

On Monday, May 5 at 12pm, the Council Committee on Facilities, chaired by Councilmember Lewis George, will hold an oversight roundtable on Environmental and Safety Hazards on Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) properties, including lead, PFAS, and other contaminants at District parks, rec centers, and playgrounds.

Ward 4 constituent services office hours take place every Wednesday at Fort Stevens Rec Center from 12 to 1pm, followed by office hours at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center from 1:30 to 2:30.

Residents may sign up for the weekly Ward 4 Newsletter to receive updates on the Council and Ward 4: <a href="https://www.ward4news.com">www.ward4news.com</a>. There is also an option to receive the Ward 4 newsletter every week by text; text 202-286-5268 to be added to the text list.

Recently, Mayor Bowser rolled out fedsupport.dc.gov, sharing resources for federal workers who have been laid off or impacted by recent cuts. Councilmember Lewis George also has a website for federal workers impacted by recent actions: <a href="https://janeeseward4.com/resources-for-employees-impacted-by-recent-federal-actions/">https://janeeseward4.com/resources-for-employees-impacted-by-recent-federal-actions/</a>.



Mayor Muriel Bowser / MOCR (Leticia Acosta)

On April 14 Mayor Bowser announced that Commissioner Barry has been named as Director of the Mayor's Office of the Clean City (MOCC). Through this office residents can request supplies to clean areas in need.

Ms. Acosta acknowledged that recently some residents received tickets for parking in areas designated for street cleaning despite the Commission's recent resolution requesting a suspension of street cleaning in the areas affected by ongoing construction. She has conveyed this to DPW and requested that anyone else receiving such a ticket contact her. Community member Taalib-Din Uqdah commented that there has been no agency response to the resolution on street cleaning, and suggested that it should have been proposal rather than a resolution because then agency has to respond.

Ms. Acosta asked that residents flag pending 311 requests for her. She also offered to come walk the neighborhood to view concerns, which she can then flag for relevant agencies.

Caitlin Cocilova, Office of At-Large Councilmember Robert White

Ms. Cocilova stated that Councilmember White oversees the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC).

Councilmember Robert White's website and newsletter sign-up:

https://www.robertwhiteatlarge.com/

Office phone: 202-724-8174

Committee on Housing contact information: housing@dccouncil.gov; 202-727-8270

Dr. T. Michelle Colson, Ward 4 Member of the D.C. State Board of Education

Dr. Colson noted that she does not support the current proposal to change high school graduation requirements.



Sean Moore, DC Water's Lead Free DC Initiative

Mr. Moore provided an update on the program, the goal of which is to eliminate all lead service lines from the District of Columbia. He noted that some parts of the service lines are maintained by DC Water while others are maintained by homeowners. He then reviewed the various replacement programs underway, noting that 24 new blocks are eligible this year in ANC 4E. Residents can locate project information at the LFDC website which is updated regularly. <a href="https://www.dcwater.com/LFDCDashboard">https://www.dcwater.com/LFDCDashboard</a>

#### **Public Comment**

Taalib-Din Uqdah read a statement in opposition to the reinstatement of two MPD officers found guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Karon Hylton Brown, who was a local resident.

Gabriela Mossi, ED of Uptown Main Street, noted their upcoming events:

- Cinco de Mayo
- A "cash mob" from May 17-31 to assist businesses affected by the construction challenges along Colorado Avenue
- A jazz event May 7 in the 700 block of Kennedy St.

Peyton Manning, DDOT project manager, provided updates on the DC Plug and Kennedy St. Construction Projects. He noted that DC Water has scheduled night work in the corridor April 30 (in the farmers market area); they will be out within 2-3 weeks.

# Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Prepared by: Julianna Gonen

Approved on: May 27, 2025

Attested by:

Tulianna Gonen