



Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2025
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners present:

- Commissioner Jones (4E01)
- Commissioner Micone (4E02)
- Commissioner Barry (4E03)
- Commissioner Gonen (4E06)

Commissioners absent:

- Commissioner Zmuda (4E04)
- Commissioner McAdams (4E05)

With four commissioners present, quorum was established.

Administrative Actions

The agenda was adopted. It was noted that Councilmember Lewis George would be in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Gonen moved that the commission approve the May 27, 2005 meeting minutes; commissioner Jones provided a second. Approved 4-0.

Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 4E pay the current invoice due to the ANC Office for hybrid meeting support, for which we will be reimbursed. Commissioner Micone provided a second. Approved 4-0.

Regulatory Items

ABCA Application, Stipulated License – Tree House, 4722 14th St, NW (4E04)

The establishment has been open for 1.5 years and is seeking to extend its liquor license. Commissioner Micone moved to adopt a resolution of support; Commissioner Barry provided a second. Approved 4-0.



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ABCA Application, Tavern License – Three Whistles, 5832 Georgia Avenue, NW (4E01)

Last month the Commission voted in favor of a temporary license; this is now the application for a full license. No action needed by the Commission.

Public Space Application – Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School - South Campus, 4715 16th St, NW (4E04)

Vinita Ahuja, Chief Strategy and Operations Officer, Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School, provided an update on the conclusion of the school's negotiations with DDOT regarding parking and drop-off and pick-up locations at the school. They will continue to do bus drop-offs on 16th St. so as not to add to neighborhood traffic. Ms. Ahuja invited neighbors to sign up for the school's forthcoming quarterly newsletter to stay informed regarding school activities.

Public Space Application – Bus Stop Seating (4E02)

WMATA is considering changing the configuration of some bus stops for greater efficiency. The agency was invited to the meeting to provide some explanation but declined. Commissioner Micone moved to oppose the public space committee application until the public has been given greater notice. Commissioner Barry noted that WMATA has been very responsive in the past on such matters. The changes at issue are in 4E01 and 4E02. Commissioner Jones provided a second to the motion, noting that she has also reached out and was told only way to get further information was to challenge the permit. The motion carried 3-1.

Request for Temporary Suspension on RPP on 14th Street, NW (4E04)

Commissioner Micone moved to adopt the resolution requested by local business owners for a temporary suspension of residential parking restrictions due to extensive construction that has eliminated parking on 14th street in front of these businesses. Second was provided by Commissioner Gonen. Carried 4-0.

Request for Temporary Suspension of RPP and Street Cleaning (4E05)

The request is due to the construction of permeable surfaces in certain alleys that will temporarily eliminate available parking. Commissioner Micone moved to adopt the resolution, with a second provided by Commissioner Jones. Carried 4-0.



Community Matters

July 4th MPD Planning Update

Captain Dustin Bellavance, MPD:

July 4th is a busy time for the city and the 4th District; concerns center on large gatherings and fireworks. MPD supports FEMS in addressing illegal fireworks. MPD has done community outreach about illegal fireworks and will stand up dedicated units to respond to known areas for fireworks.

Community members noted significant property damage and injury risks from fireworks in recent years with little response from emergency vehicles. While certain locations are known to have significant fireworks activity, MPD cannot devote a unit to specific locations due to widespread need. Residents may call the fire marshal at 202-673-2776, or call MPD or 911.

Tennis Tournament Planning Update

Agencies invited

- NPS: Did not attend
- MPD: Captain Bellavance
- MOCR, DDOT, DPW: Leticia Acosta, Yami Escobar, Kornelius Anderson
- W4 Councilmember Lewis George: Barbara Rogers

Commissioner Micone noted community concerns about future uses of Rock Creek Park Tennis Center and stated that the commission is not taking that up today.

MOCR Yami Escobar reminded participants of the forthcoming special meeting Thursday at 6 pm for all agencies involved in Citi Open (MPD, DDOT, DPW, Vehicles for Hire). The Mayor's office is in charge of the distribution of parking passes and will canvas a week before the tournament (this year the packets will include the phone number for parking enforcement, which is faster than 311). Commissioner Micone asked that next year, the city integrate a special ANC meeting into the planning process.

Councilmember Lewis George noted that her office has worked with MOCRs in the past and will do so this year as well. She has reached out to DDOT given concerns around all of the construction currently happening and then the tournament layered on top; a higher level of coordination has to happen. While she asked about pausing construction, they didn't want to delay projects further. She is seeking to have a succinct plan for issues that arise during tournament, rather than multiple email chains; the plan should include ANC commissioners, MOCRs, her office, relevant agencies.

Commissioner Micone noted that it was disappointing that the National Park Service was not in attendance at today's meeting.



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Resident Taalib-Din Uqdah indicated that neighbors have asked for years that we have a debriefing right afterwards to talk about how to improve the following year. Such a debriefing should include a representative from the tournament. Commissioner Micone committed to convening such a meeting this year.

Resident Corey Larrea inquired about a pending request to expand the current footprint of the residential parking map. Ms. Escobar indicated that they are reviewing it now and will have answers Thursday.

Resident Binta Robinson noted that the tournament's expansion might be having adverse environmental impact and that discussions should go beyond parking. Commissioner Micone invited her to raise these concerns at the promised post-tournament debriefing.

Commissioner Micone moved that the commission request additional parking restrictions during the tournament. Commissioner Jones provided a second. Carried 4-0.

Mayor's Budget Presentation (Rachel Joseph, Director of Safe Urban Infrastructure for the City Administrator)

Ms. Joseph explained that DPW, DDOT, and DOE fall under her and that she has noted many of the concerns raised so far this evening.

The Mayor's FY26 Grow DC budget may be found at budget.dc.gov. The Mayor saw 2024 as a comeback year. Congress has created a billion-dollar budget problem, and with federal government job losses the city could lose billions more dollars over the next four years. To create a sound budget for a strong future DC will be leaning on sports, entertainment and tech.

Richard Fried asked about the \$3 million for a study of a swimming pool at Carter Barron. Ms. Joseph acknowledge the budget item and stated that conversations are ongoing, in conjunction with U.S. Department of the Interior. Ms. Escobar said the Mayor will make sure that the community is included in the process. Binta Robinson questioned the value of spending money on a pool study when other services are being cut. Ms. Joseph noted that need to provide facilities to allow DC athletes to train within the city rather than going elsewhere. She added that expenditures and tax breaks are all public and in the budget.

Corey Larrea inquired about the Mayor seeking to purchase six properties. Ms. Escobar noted that this went through the emergency legislative process because the properties were in foreclosure and this was not part of the Mayor's new budget.

Taalib-Din Uqdah questioned whether crime is actually lower and whether DC public schools have truly improved. The city should address the needs of its youth in other



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ways rather than spending money on a new pool when schools already have pools but students are not learning to swim.

Eleonore Shaw, on behalf of U.S. Representative Oye Owolewa, also questioned how a pool contributes economically to DC, and does not believe that's why people leave DC. Ms. Joseph responded that while people don't necessarily move out of DC because of the lack of a pool like this, it takes people out of DC for swimming and associated activities (e.g. going out to dinner). The city could host events that require an Olympic-sized pool. The intent of the \$3m study is to assess economic implications.

Gabriela Mossi of Uptown Main Street offered that she is open to the idea of more and improved venues because they do increase foot traffic and bring new customers. But the key is to keep in mind everyone. While neighbors have expressed skepticism, she is open to seeing the results of the study. She noted that crossing 16th street is not pedestrian friendly and can be a barrier.

DDOT Bike Path / Missouri Ave & Military Road (Valentina Facuse)

Community outreach was done for a feasibility study in the past. The project is in the early stages, and DDOT is seeking feedback on the conditions of the corridor. We need a new roadway safety strategy as population increases; we cannot just prioritize vehicles. Nearly 20% of Ward 4 residents don't have access to a car. The Capital Trails Network is a regional initiative. During a 2022 feasibility study the agency got feedback that people wanted it expanded to 14th Street. They are currently working on Segment 2 and have a federal grant for construction.

Commissioner Micone noted the need to balance the needs of residents who only have on-street parking in front of their homes. Charlie Daniel indicated that residents need sidewalks fixed; currently people have to go into the street in some areas.

D.C. Government Updates

Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

The Council is in the thick of the budget right now. It was delayed 7.5 weeks so there is a tight deadline to get it to Congress. The first vote will be July 14, then July 28. Committees are finalizing budgets this week, then the chair will assemble the final budget. Projected revenue is down, and the Council is hamstrung by Congress around spending powers.

The Better Bus Network starts June 29. It has been in process for over a year and a half. She attempted to get changes based on community input. Members of the community who want to better understand the route changes can use [WMATA's Route](#)



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[Comparison Tool](#) and consult the [Route Profiles](#) and [Better Bus Network Redesign FAQ](#).
Line names are changing, and there will be more frequent service in some places.

At the July 2 Ward 4 public safety meeting MPD Chief Smith will be in attendance. It will take place at Emory Heights community center from 6:30-8:30; they are also hoping to have a virtual option. The Department of Buildings will also attend.

Ward 4 popups will resume in the fall. The goal is to take up space in problems areas and bring resources.

The councilmember has been talking to DDOT about the Kennedy Street construction. She shares the community's frustration at having multiple projects occurring at once. As of June 6 the Kennedy Street project is substantially complete.

She will make sure that the community has input and will be informed about plans for Rock Creek Park Tennis Center. She has communicated this to all parties; the Mayor, Mark Ein, Mubadala, etc. She plans to be in lockstep with 4E.

The Council will be holding hearings on the development of the RFK stadium site in coming weeks. Neighbors can sign up to testify; nonadjacent wards' feedback loop will be through the hearing process. The project was taken out of the budget to be considered separately.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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Attested by:

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