

Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
May 6, 2025 Regular Public Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: *In compliance with Robert's 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 7:02 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)
- Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of the June Agenda – Amend letter of support for Maleda Café to letter of protest, add the BZA application for special exemption for 1311 Floral Street, NW, add the request for an ANC grant from East Rock Creek Village, and remove the Bottle Bill discussion under Commissioner/Community Discussions. Moved by Commr. Hara, seconded by Commr. Edwards, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- b. Approval of the Consent Agenda – Remove the approval of the minutes from March 18 and April 9 special meetings. Commr. Edwards, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- c. Approval of the FY 2025 2nd Quarterly Report. As of January 2025, the balance was \$100,007.28 and the ANC ended the 2nd Quarter with the same amount. Moved by Commr. Singleton, seconded by Commr. Hoyte, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- d. Approval of the Zeok Contract. Commr. Edwards moved to approve the contract if the changes made by the OANC are agreed by Zeok, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.

2. Government Agencies

- a. Leticia Acosta from the Mayor's Office provided an update. They held an MPD walk through last week. There also was a fire on Juniper last week and the team responded and assisted the affected families. The 2025 Spring Cleaning Initiative was announced, and ANC Maria Berry is the point of contact if any neighbors want to have a clean-up. The FY26 budget will include the Pre-Keep funding. Federal funding may affect DC's Medicaid funding and Ms. Acosta shared a link to sign a petition to protest these cuts. Commr. Hoyte asked about overgrown properties and who to contact. Ms. Acosta said she would work with the ANC to handle these issues. Commr. Edwards also thanked Ms. Acosta for all of her hard work.
- b. Barbara Rogers, Constituent Services Director for the Councilmember's Office, provided an update. Ms. Rogers touched on the FY26 Budget and the ongoing Congressional action on the continuing resolution that eliminated \$1 billion from the FY25 budget. She also highlighted that the mayor has kept in the new budget many of the Councilmember's initiatives and priorities. Ms. Rogers also reminded the ANC of the Ward 4 Small Business Summit on Thursday, May 8. She encouraged everyone to attend. Additionally, Ms. Rogers shared the RECharge DPR Plan that is the Councilmembers new initiative to reinvigorate DPR and they are looking for feedback from the community. Lastly, she voiced support for federal workers and reminded everyone of the resources available from both the Councilmember and the mayor's office. Commr. Hoyte asked about the Small Business Summit and if there would be anyone there who could speak to non-profits. Commr. Edwards asked about the schedule for the budget hearings and any resources available for the immigrant community. Finally, Ms. Rogers welcomed Commissioner Holliday.
- c. Dr. Michelle Colson, Ward 4 SBOE Representative. Highlights from April include school safety and the School Board also formed a task force around graduation and graduation requirements. Representative Colson is not in favor of this reduction in graduation requirements. Representative Colson addressed the Commanders coming back to DC and how the team can work with the students to get them engaged in the opportunities to be created by their return. She is also working on some issues around vaping. The main topic for the SBOE this month is student homelessness. Commr. Hoyte asked about what the SBOE is doing for impacted students whose parents are deported. They are working with the schools and the community to be supportive. Commr. Edwards also expressed interest in the vaping and immigration issues.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Approval of Letter to BZA to End Special Exception for 6400 Georgia Avenue Parking Lot: Commr. Singleton shared that about 50 years ago the owner got a special exception to use the property as a parking lot though it is zoned for residential. In 2015, a new owner bought the property, and the community went to the BZA to revoke the special exception, and they reached an agreement to keep the property clean to keep the special exception. In the past few months, the property started to accumulate trash and so Commr. Singleton reached out to the property owner, and she recently sold the property. Commr. Singleton then reached out to the new owners, and they have not responded. Commr. Singleton will present a motion at next month's meeting to revoke the special exception. Commr. Edwards suggested that DPW also be notified about the issue.
- b. Letter of Protest for Maleda Ethiopian Café. Commr. Holliday has been working with the café regarding their liquor license renewal and due to some scheduling conflicts representatives from the café were not able to attend this evening. Commr. Holliday noted that we do not have any issues with the café, but we need to put a settlement in place. The deadline for the letter of protest is May 25 and once we have a settlement agreement in place we will remove the protest. Commr. Holliday moved to submit a letter of protest to be removed once a settlement agreement has been put in place and that Commr. Edwards and Holliday are able to speak on behalf of the ANC. Commr. Hara seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED
- c. New Capital Bikeshare Station at 14th and Rock Creek Ford Drive Presentation. Commr. Holliday shared information about the new bikeshare that will be placed in this location on the northwest side of 14th Street, NW, which is not an RPP. Installation is planned for this summer.
- d. BZA Application for Special Exemption for 1311 Floral Street, NW. This is a request for a renovation of an existing garage. Mr. Dominic Ju, Ms. Dana Ju, and Mr. Patrick Welsh presented the project. They have shared a letter with their neighbors and have received positive support. Commr. Hoyte asked what the original reasoning was for the 25' setback requirement. Construction would begin about two months after the BZA hearing on June 11 and would last about four weeks. Commr. Hoyte moved to send a letter of support from ANC 4A for the special exemption. Commr. Holliday seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED
- e. East Rock Creek Village Request for ANC Grant. Mr. David Mackoff (Board Chair), Mr. Roger Glass (POC for the jazz event and Board member), and Ms. Shelley Moskowitz presented their request for a grant to support their jazz concert on June 8 at the Parks at Walter Reed Marketplace. East Rock Creek Village is nine

years old and supports neighbors helping neighbors. They are requesting \$2,000 to support the free concert. Members of ERCV can request a ride to the event. Commr. Hoyte moved to approve the grant request pending OANC grant approval. Commr. Hara seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Commr. Edwards because she is a member). PASSED

3. Community Concerns

- a. Residential Permit Parking (RPP). Discussion about a question from a community member. Commr. Holliday shared some information in the chat. Additionally, it was shared that getting RPP for streets within the Walter Reed campus is not available. However, the community member was looking for advice on getting RPP on the streets outside of the campus for residents on the campus. Mr. Finkel is interested in getting his street incorporated into an RPP zone via a petition. The ANC recommended that he communicate with Kornelius Anderson, the Ward 4 DDOT representative. The next Walter Reed LRA CAC meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2025.

Commr. Hoyte moved to adjourn the meeting and Commr. Hara seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Prepared by: Christian Hara, ANC 4A03, Secretary

Approved on: June 3, 2025

Attested by: /s/ Christian Hara, ANC 4A03, Secretary