



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4E
Government of the District of Columbia

Crestwood and Sixteenth Street Heights NW
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Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2025
Via Zoom

Call To Order

Commissioners present:

- Nikki Jones (4E01)
- Vince Micone (4E02)
- Randy Zmuda (4E04)
- Camsie McAdams (4E05)
- Julianna Gonen (4E06)

Commissioners absent:

- Maria Barry (4E03)

Quorum confirmed.

Administrative Actions

The proposed agenda was adopted 5-0.

Commissioner Gonen, ANC 4E Secretary, moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes be approved. Commissioner Zmuda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer presented the FY 2025 Q3 Quarterly Financial report to the Commission and the public. The ANC 4E FY 2025 Quarter 3 Quarterly Financial Report (April – June 2025) was approved 5-0.

Regulatory Items

ABCA Application Protest, Chimalli Mexican Cuisine, 4401 14th Street, NW (4E05)

Commissioner McAdams reported that nearby neighbors had approached her to address issues with the business (trash, loud noise at night). There was confusion over who was the responsible party; Uptown Main Street was helpful on this. No one from the business attended the hearing so the application was rescinded. After additional outreach from Commissioner McAdams, the business has reapplied. Efforts are still underway to arrange a meeting to work out an agreement on trash and noise. This is an illustration of why the hearing process exists; the person who files the ABC paperwork needs to check follow-up communications. It has been



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a cooperative process; Commissioner McAdams hopes to see the business address these issues and get approved.

Community Matters

Rock Creek Conservancy

Commissioner Micone introduced Dan Puskar, the new Executive Director of Rock Creek Conservancy.

Tennis Tournament Planning Update

Leticia Acosta and Yami Escobar, MOCR:

Their team canvassed and distributed parking passes for the restricted area on July 11. The restricted area was expanded this year (a link to the map was provided in the meeting chat). They are doing follow-up with some blocks that were missed. MPD can provide additional passes (1-2). Their team can assist those who need more than this amount.

Ms. Acosta informed attendees that they can contact her after the tournament starts with any issues/questions. Commissioner Micone offered that post-tournament feedback could be provided at the next ANC meeting following the tournament.

Construction projects will not be paused during the tournament. There are shuttle buses from Columbia Heights to the venue – they are working on the route to avoid congestion. Commissioner Micone reminded the MOCRs of the need to enforce rideshare pickup locations.

Mr. Uqdah inquired about residential parking enforcement relief near the 14th Street business corridor that is experiencing extensive construction, as requested in a recent ANC 4E resolution. Commissioner McAdams offered to bring the concern to an upcoming 4E meeting with DDOT.

Rock Creek Park Brightwood Area and Tennis Courts

Commissioners Micone and Gonen shared available information on the status of the planning for this area of Rock Creek Park, noting public reporting of potential development of a sportsplex and the appearance in the FY 2026 budget of funding to improve the tennis facility. While negotiations between city agencies and the National Park Service and others are ongoing, no final decisions have been made at this juncture.

Commissioner Micone read a proposed resolution noting community concerns and the need for community input if the project moves forward. Commissioner Micone moved that the Commission adopt the resolution; Commissioner Gonen seconded the motion.



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Leticia Acosta noted that the Mayor had put in a proposal for pool study that the Council rejected; the new proposal was not from the Mayor's office.

Richard Fried asked that the resolution include a request that the \$9M be taken out of the budget that we request hearings on the project. Commissioner Micone noted that the resolution was inclusive of both the land transfer and funding in Subtitle N of the FY 2026 Budget Support Act, entitled the "Rock Creek Tennis Center Transfer of Jurisdiction Funding Act of 2025."

Sebastian Weinmann, Councilmember Lewis George office: the Councilmember was not aware that the \$9M was going to be added during the committee of the whole process; she shares the community's frustration at the lack of engagement. She is generally supportive of improvements to existing tennis center and is looking for ways for that subtitle to only do what it needs to (needed repairs) given the lack of community engagement.

Binta Robinson stated that the resolution appears to assume a community stance regarding stadium improvements. She asked whether any of the tournament proceeds are being used for stadium maintenance. Those like her with homes in close proximity could be adversely affected if the proposals being discussed move forward. There is no transparency and this could harm a residential neighborhood.

Helen Schietinger stated that a world class tennis center is not good for the community; when it was first built, it was forced on the community because of the desires of a member of Congress. The environmental impact study done after the fact concluded that the facility exceeded the capacity for the neighborhood to handle, and there should only be one event per year. She queried whether this would still be the case if the proposed development moves forward or would there be big events throughout the year. If the latter, it would be a massive incursion on our residential neighborhood.

Commissioner Micone observed that we clearly have more questions than we have answers, and we all care deeply about the park. It is contrary to the spirit of home rule and the ANC Act to insert a provision in the budget bill on a Sunday night. While we might have different opinions on future uses, proceeding without community input is not the right approach.

Dan Puskar of Rock Creek Conservancy thanked commissioners for hosting this discussion and for the care and concern being expressed. The Conservancy also surprised by this. While we take the Mayor and the Department of the Interior at their word that they don't yet have a specific plan, the specificity in the budget is odd.

Following the discussion a vote was held and the resolution carried 5-0.

D.C. Government Updates

Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (Barbara Rogers)



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FY26 Budget: The Council took first of two votes on Monday and there are many hard-fought wins to celebrate. Over the next 2 weeks the Councilmember will be working to address remaining gaps in programs and services for Ward 4 residents. Ms. Rogers thanked ANC commissioners who have gotten involved, including by testifying in oversight hearings.

Pop-ups: these are aimed at taking up positive space in areas that have generated concerns from neighbors around harmful activities; they will bring agency resources and take note of constituent concerns. You can visit www.janeeseward4.com/popup to see the full schedule of pop-ups.

RFK community engagement: on Tuesday the 29th the Council will hold a hearing on the development act; this is an opportunity to make voices heard. Neighbors can sign up to testify by visiting the Council's hearing page at www.dccouncil.gov/hearings.

Supports for federal workers and immigrants: resources for federal workers impacted by recent actions can be found here: <https://janeeseward4.com/resources-for-employees-impacted-by-recent-federal-actions/>. There are also resources available for undocumented neighbors and those fearing being targeted by immigration enforcement: <https://janeeseward4.com/immigration-resources>.

Mayor Muriel Bowser / MOCR (Leticia Acosta)

Ms. Acosta thanked commissioners for helping publicize the roll-off this past weekend.

DPR will be holding Jazz at the Park: <https://jazzintheparkseries.splashthat.com/>.

Ms. Acosta is out in the field several days a week and can come and see issues in person.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Approved on: September 30, 2025

Attested by:

Julianna Gonen
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