



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting: [Registration Link](#)

a. Call to order (Kauffman)

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

b. Roll call (Kauffman)

- a. Commissioner Kostenrouta: Present
- b. Commissioner Abel: Present
- c. Commissioner Bluitt: Present
- d. Commissioner Cava: Present
- e. Commissioner Marencic: Present
- f. Commissioner Dimitrov: Present
- g. Commissioner Baker: Present
- h. Commissioner Kauffman: Present

c. Determination of quorum (Kauffman)

- a. Quorum was established

d. Approval of meeting agenda (Kauffman)

- a. The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent

e. Consent Agenda (Kauffman)

- a. Motion to adopt the consent agenda (Baker)
 - a. **Approval of the** [May 7, 2025 special meeting minutes](#)
 - b. [Hybrid Support Reimbursement from OANC, ANC 4D Payment to Vendor](#)
- c. The consent agenda was adopted by unanimous consent

f. Treasurer's Report (Baker)

- a. [April Monthly Report](#)
 - Payment of \$1,059.45 from DC government (income)
 - Two transactions totaling \$72 from Michael's and Amazon from recent 4D08 community block party (expenses)
 - Remaining balance of \$987.45
- b. [Budget-to-Actuals](#)
- c. Recommendations
 - There are funds available in support of our community and residents

d. Questions

- Cava: In terms of setting up a formal grant round, do we want to set up a grant proposal process for our neighbors, or mainly focus on the ideas we've discussed internally?
 1. Baker: We historically have budgeted for grants but have underspent, want to ensure we are equitably spending
 2. Abel: We do have an application that should still be good that's linked on our old website, available [here](#)
 3. Kauffman: Let's clarify the process for applicants before we launch anything. I don't think we should move forward until we establish a committee that has community residents. Know there is limited capacity of some of the commission, let's bring others in.
 4. Baker: May have something to present at the June or July meeting
 5. Koskenrouta: Talked with OANC, the statute says the funds are primarily given to the commission to run business
 6. Baker: There's recognition that the previous commission approved this budget, so this is what the allowable uses are at this moment. Want to be more strategic with how we're using funds, and more transparent. To that end, a report-out from Petworth Peanuts:
 - a. Sherman Circle Halloween Spooktacular took place in October 2024, great example of an ideal use of ANC funds. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, was completely free for the event complete with dancers, entertainment, theater performances, etc. MPD and DCFD also participated.
 - b. Requested \$3,500 from ANC and actually spent \$3,692.69 -- this is a great example of a community collaboration, we're proud to be a part of that legacy and look forward to 2025.

e. Approval of QFR Q1 FY2025 (Baker)

- Commissioner Kostenrouta: Aye
- Commissioner Abel: Aye
- Commissioner Bluit: Aye
- Commissioner Cava: Aye
- Commissioner Marencic: Aye
- Commissioner Dimitrov: Aye
- Commissioner Baker: Aye
- Commissioner Kauffman: Aye

g. Election of Secretary (Kauffman)

- Motion to table to the next public meeting (Marencic)

h. City Official Comments (Kauffman)

- a. Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's Office
 - Sign up to testify at the upcoming budget hearing here: www.dccouncil.gov/hearings

- Better Bus Network (begins June 29): <https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/index.cfm>
- Wednesday community office hours on Wednesdays at Hattie Holmes and Fort Stevens:
- Sign up for email updates at: <https://janeeseward4.com/>
- Support for federal workers here: www.fedsupport.dc.gov
- Resources for undocumented neighbors here: <https://janeeseward4.com/immigration-resources/>

b. Ward 4 Mayor's Office of Community Relations

- Protecting PKEEP
- More information the budget here: www.budget.dc.gov
- World Pride begins this weekend: text WORLDPRIDEDC to 888777 for updates on traffic, events, etc: <https://worldpridedc.org/events/>
- RENTAL Act hearing happening on May 28 at 9:30am: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings/hearings/827>
- Vacant properties in 4D being addressed with DOB (8th and Kennedy)

i. DC Agencies (Kauffman)

a. Dept. of Energy and Environment (DOEE) - RiverSmart Homes

- No representative was present, item was moved to the end of the agenda

j. Old Business

MATTER	COMMISSIONER
<p>ABRA-129639, Epic Lounge, 4809 Georgia Avenue (4D04)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial change to existing license: request to hours of operation, live entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current hours of operation: Sunday through Thursday 8am – 2am, Friday and Saturday 7am – 3am ○ Current hours of live entertainment: Sunday through Thursday 10am – 2am, Friday and Saturday 10am – 3am ○ Proposed hours of operation and live entertainment: Sunday through Saturday 8am – 6am • Petition deadline: May 19 	Cava
Letter endorsing drone structural analysis of 914 Kennedy Street (4D03)	Kauffman

k. New Business (45 min)

MATTER	COMMISSIONER
<p>BZA Application No. 21302, 4921 1st Street (4D05)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Exception under the new residential development standards of Subtitle U § 421.1 (pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2) • To construct two additional dwelling units, to an existing, semi-detached, two story with basement, four-unit apartment building in the RA-1 Zone. • Hearing date: June 18 	Marencic
<p>ABRA-112634, Abegaz & Choma, 4913 Georgia Ave (4D04)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License renewal • Petition deadline: May 27 	Cava
<p>ABRA-130386, Ethio Japanese Market, 705 Kennedy St (4D03)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of endorsement for stipulated license • Would enable business to sell alcohol during 45-day placard period 	Bluitt
<p>ABRA-122495, Mariachi Lounge, 5217 Georgia Ave (4D03)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License renewal • Endorsement: dancing entertainment • Petition deadline: June 16 	Bluitt
Proposal for marketing ANC meetings	Cava
Proposal for movie night at Lorenzo Allen Park	Cava
<p>Dog Park Proposal for Emery Heights Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey Larrea, President of the Carter Barron East Neighborhood Association (CBENA) 	Koskenrouta
<p>Proposed change to ANC 4D Standing Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring Commissioners to give notice when they will not be in attendance at public 4D meeting 	Kauffman

I. Motions and votes on business before the Commission (Kauffman)

a. Motion to approve [letter endorsing drone structural analysis of 914 Kennedy St.](#)

- Commissioner Kostenrouta: Aye
- Commissioner Abel: Aye
- Commissioner Bluitt: Aye
- Commissioner Cava: Aye
- Commissioner Marencic: Aye
- Commissioner Dimitrov: Aye

- Commissioner Baker: Aye
- Commissioner Kauffman: Aye

b. [Settlement agreement with Epic Restaurant and Lounge](#)

- Commissioner Kostenrouta: Aye
- Commissioner Abel: Aye
- Commissioner Bluitt: Aye
- Commissioner Cava: Aye
- Commissioner Marencic: Aye
- Commissioner Dimitrov: Aye
- Commissioner Baker: Aye
- Commissioner Kauffman: Aye

c. [Letter of endorsement for stipulated license for Ethio Japanese Market](#)

- Commissioner Kostenrouta: Aye
- Commissioner Abel: Aye
- Commissioner Bluitt: Aye
- Commissioner Cava: Aye
- Commissioner Marencic: Aye
- Commissioner Dimitrov: Aye
- Commissioner Baker: Aye
- Commissioner Kauffman: Aye

m. Adjournment (Kauffman)

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Recent Applications & Notices Received

ABRA-090806, Centeno's, 827 Kennedy Street (4D01)

- Renewal of alcohol license
- Petition deadline: May 19

ABRA-130386, Ethio Japanese Market, 705 Kennedy Street NW (4D03)

- Letter of endorsement for stipulated license

ABRA-129639, Epic Lounge, 4809 Georgia Avenue (4D04)

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TOPS Application #462055, Barnard Elementary, 430 Decatur Street (4D06)

ABRA-129323, District Dispensary, 213 Upshur Street

- New medical cannabis license
- Petition deadline: May 5

ABRA-083931, The Highlands, 4706 14th Street

- License renewal
- Petition deadline: May 12

ABRA-112634, Abegaz & Choma, 4913 Georgia Ave (4D04)

- License renewal
- Petition deadline: May 27

ABRA-122495, Mariachi Lounge, 5217 Georgia Ave (4D03)

- License renewal
- Endorsement: dancing entertainment
- Petition deadline: June 16

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4D08	Jenn Kauffman	4D08@anc.dc.gov	(202) 375-4834

Approved on: June 18, 2025

Attested by Chair Jenn Kauffman (as Acting Secretary):

Jennifer Audrey Kauffman
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