



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4E
Government of the District of Columbia**

Crestwood and Sixteenth Street Heights NW
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

Via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioners present:

- Vince Micone
- Julianna Gonen
- Randy Zmuda
- Maria Barry

Commissioners absent:

- Camsie McAdams
- Nikki Jones

Administrative Actions

- Consideration of the Agenda
Approved unanimously
- Consideration of the September 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Approved unanimously
- Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Procedures

Chair Micone is working with Treasurer Jones and Commissioner McAdams to establish procedures for grants from ANC 4E to community initiatives. The proposed process will be voted on at the next Commission meeting. Grants will range from \$100 - \$1,000 and must comply with DC law and OANC requirements.

Regulatory Items

- Request for the Renewal of an ABC License, Three Whistles, 5832 Georgia Ave. NW (4E01)



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Owner Ramzy Azar was present and explained that the business received its initial license in February. They are undertaking updates to the space and are looking to launch by the end of the year. There was no action taken by the Commission.

- Request for the Renewal of an ABC License, Johana's Restaurant, 4728 14th St. NW (4E04)

No one from the restaurant was present. No concerns were expressed from the community. There was no action taken by the Commission.

- Request for the Renewal of an ABC License, Treehouse, 4722 14th St. NW (4E04)

Owner Nessar Jahanbin explained that the business received its license a few months ago and must immediately re-apply as it is the beginning of a new cycle. No concerns were expressed from the community. There was no action taken by the Commission.

- Request for an Expedited BZA Lot Occupancy Special Exception, 5104 13th St. NW (4E03)

No one from the property was present. No case notification has been received yet. The matter will be carried over to a future meeting.

- Text Amendment to Update the Residential Apartment (RA-1) Zone (ZC Case 25-08)

The changes proposed by the Office of Planning and under consideration by the Zoning Commission are fairly technical and also significant. They would modify zoning requirements so that some provisions would happen by right rather than special exception. ANC 4E doesn't currently have any proposals regarding these proposed changes. The Zoning Commission hearings were postponed so there is still an opportunity to take a position if the Commission wants to do so.

- Text Amendment to Regulations Governing Alley Lots (ZC Case 25-06)

These changes would create additional opportunity within alleyways for uses of residential properties. Sixty-eight lots within 4E could see use changes under this. The case hearing will take place on January 12, 2026.



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Community Matters

- Update on Construction Projects on 14th St. NW (Kornelius Anderson & Peyton Manning)

DC Plug is substantially complete, having wrapped ahead of schedule. Only punch list items remain. The next phase is electrical, in which PEPCO will come back out to run wire through the manholes. This should not be very impactful. Eventually PEPCO will switch power from above ground to the underground wires. There will be brief outages and customers will be notified in advance. This phase is approximately a year away.

An update was provided on the Kennedy Street reconstruction project. Updates may be found at <https://kennedystnw-reconstruction.ddot.dc.gov/>. Work should be completed on 14th St. by the end of November. Several community members voiced concerns that the plaza was not built as originally planned and has few trees. Concerns were also noted about the bioretention spaces along Kennedy Street, which have no barriers to prevent pedestrians from falling in and debris from collecting.

There was a brief discussion of the forthcoming bike path along Missouri Avenue and the potential for the loss of needed parking spaces. Mr. Anderson will follow up with Commissioner Micone.

- Introductions of Recently Elected SSHCA and CBENA Leadership

Commissioners welcomed the newly elected officers of the Carter Barron East Neighborhood Association (CBENA). Their goals for 2026 include a new website and newsletter.

D.C. Government Updates

- Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser / MOCR

Yamileth Escobar noted that leaf collection starts November 3. Residents will get notice 2 weeks prior to their section's scheduled date.

The temporary streateries program expires soon; businesses can get help removing structures.

Charity Beam is the new faith community liaison for Wards 1-4.



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- Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (Barbara Rogers)

Fall constituent services pop-ups began this month, aimed at bringing agency resources to Ward 4 neighborhoods to help residents get support from DC government. On Wednesday, November 5th, they will be at 18th and Argyle Terrace to support 16th Street Heights and Crestwood neighbors with constituent services issues.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has notified DC that 140,000 residents will lose SNAP benefits due to the federal government shutdown. Anyone affected can visit <https://linkudmv.org/>, run by the DC Department of Health, for resources.

There was a brief discussion of holding Petra accountable for conditions in their properties. Ms. Rogers noted the recent settlement between DC's Attorney General and Petra.

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. Community members can stop by and speak one-on-one with a member of their team about city resources, constituent services concerns, or their work in the Ward 4 community.

Their annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway with the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association will take place on Saturday, November 22nd from 11am-1pm at Riggs LaSalle Rec Center. The event will be first come, first serve while supplies last, and residents will be asked to bring proof of Ward 4 residency. To ensure we help as many Ward 4 families as possible, each family will be limited to one turkey.

Residents may sign up for the weekly Ward 4 Newsletter to receive updates on the Council and Ward 4: www.ward4news.com. There is also the option to text 202-286-5268 to be added to the text list.

Public Comment

Umi Umi noted that the area around the Bus Barn is dangerous on Sundays.

Frazier O'Leary questioned the DDOT plan to make Farragut Street one way between 13th and 14th Streets, stating that neighbors had no say in the decision and many don't support it. Commissioner Zmuda noted that there was a community meeting that he and Commissioner Barry both attended, that there has been community engagement, and that DDOT has



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determined that this is the best course of action to address safety issues. Commissioner Barry said that there is still a process for community comment that is open through November 11th.

Taalib-din Uqdah voiced a general complaint about DC agencies, that they don't respond to constituents or even ANC commissioners. He further noted that the WASA process to dispute a bill is designed to discourage disputes.

Commissioner Micone noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 25 but that it might be canceled if there is no pressing business.

Adjournment

Prepared by: Julianna Gonen

Approved on: December 16, 2025

Attested by:

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