

Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
November 4, 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 7:04 pm. A quorum was present, and included the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01 (Chair)
- Christian Hara, 4A03 (Secretary)
- Patience Singleton, 4A04 (Treasurer)
- Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of the November Agenda – Add Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School presentation and approval of the quarterly report. Moved by Commr. Holliday, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- b. Approval of the October Minutes – Moved by Commr. Holliday, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- c. Annual Report: Discussed during the executive meeting and Commr. Hara will put the minutes together in a summary page to be submitted by December 1. Commr. Holliday, seconded by Commr. Hara, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
- d. Fourth Quarter Quarterly Financial Report: Commr. Singleton presented the report. Commr. Singleton moved to approve the report, Commr. Holliday seconded, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

2. Government Agencies

- a. Yamileth Escobar, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs provided an update. Ms. Escobar shared an update on leaf collection. Leaf collection started on November 3 through February 7, and she asked us to keep tabs on how collection is going to submit a 311 request if collection has not occurred. Commr. Edwards asked about the juvenile curfew expiring tomorrow and they it may be extended by the City Council.
- b. Barbara Rogers, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's office, provided an update and reminded neighbors about the final three pop-ups with the Councilmember's office. Ms.

Rogers reminded neighbors that we are still in the Federal shutdown and to note that the Councilmember has developed a list of resources for those impacted. Ms. Rogers also noted that the Councilmember submitted a letter in support of Merry Pin's request to reclassify the sidewalk. Finally, please join the team at the Lamond-Riggs Community Center for their annual turkey giveaway. Commr. Edwards asked if the city will be making up the difference in SNAP benefits and Ms. Rogers mentioned that yes, the mayor did cover November's payments. Commr. Edwards asked if there was a vote for the juvenile curfew to extend it again temporarily and Ms. Rogers affirmed that yes, there was a vote and it passed for another 90 days.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Merry Pin outdoor space discussion. Madeline Odendahl presented on their request for a letter of support that DDOT fix the inconsistent classification of the outside space and the sidewalk. Commr. Edwards asked about a previous zoning change and Ms. Odendahl stated that change is not for their property. Ms. Escobar also volunteered to help with DDOT. Commr. Hara moved to work with for Merry Pin and MOCR on this matter, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention.
- b. 1415 Tuckerman St, NW (BZA Case 21385). The applicant (Gregory Curley), the owner (Cameron Webb), and the architect (Eric Gronning) presented on the project. Asking to infill some garages in an internal courtyard to add an additional seven units to the building. They are asking for a special exemption for the additional seven units, and they are not asking for any variance on parking. The hearing is December 10. Commr. Singleton asked about parking, requested additional trash pickup, and noted the need for rat abatement with the construction. There will be a net gain of parking spots. Commr. Edwards asked about the rental cost of the new units. The Commission agreed to vote on the request at the December meeting.
- c. Qatenga Lounge, 1207 Tuckerman St, NW (ABCA License ABRA-119899). The Commission has a settlement agreement from 2021 with the establishment, which the owners are not following regarding the trash pick-up. Additionally, their new license request extends the hours. The deadline for submitting a protest letter is December 1. Moved by Commr. Singleton moved to protest the license until we can resolve these issues, and she will be the representative of the Commission, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED
- d. 1325 Sheridan Street, NW (BZA Special Exception Request). The homeowner gave a short presentation about their request. They are replacing their deck and would like to increase the size. Commr. Holliday did speak with many of the neighbors and they are supportive. Commr. Holliday moved to file the form in support of the request and to testify on their behalf. Commr. Singleton seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.

- e. Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School. Duncan Miller, head of security at the school, Vinita Ahuja, and Margaret O'Connor presented. They have not presented to the Commission since 2021 so they wanted to have an opportunity to update the community. They are hoping to have more visibility in the community, and they are actively looking for volunteer opportunities for the students. They also have an upcoming construction project where they will be razing a building on their campus. Commr. Holliday thanked them for joining us and mentioned a few issues that they have been working on together, including parking issues. Commr. Edwards asked if the building is historic and it is not. The school will come back to present once they get the raze permit.

4. Community Concerns

- a. Special SMD Meeting on the Howard Urgent Care/ER on Thursday, November 6.
- b. Active Shooter Training on November 13 in the community.

Commr. Edwards thanked the Commissioners. Commr. Holliday moved to adjourn the meeting and Commr. Hara seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

/s/:

Prepared by: Christian Hara

Approved on: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Attested by: /s/ Christian Hara