



## **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

### **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6:30 PM**

#### **a. Call to order (Kauffman)**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

#### **b. Roll call (Abel)**

- All commissioners PRESENT

#### **c. Determination of quorum (Kauffman)**

- With all eight (8) commissioners present, there is a quorum.

#### **d. Consent Agenda (Kauffman)**

- Approval of the meeting agenda
- Approval of [February meeting minutes](#)
  - Consent Agenda ADOPTED by unanimous consent

#### **e. City Official Comments (Kauffman)**

- Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
  - The performance oversight hearings were held, and the Councilmember's office is grateful to all the residents who testified on the importance of agency issues that impact Ward 4 communities. Will keep residents updated on the timing of the budget oversight hearings, which will be scheduled once the Mayor's budget is submitted to the Council.
  - Last month, CM Lewis George hosted two budget forums to hear neighbors' priorities for the upcoming FY27 budget and has also shared [her letter to the Mayor](#) reflecting community needs and identifying priorities for our ward, and district-wide investments in the upcoming budget.
  - The District's CFO announced that tax filing season will continue uninterrupted despite Congress' attempt to overturn local legislation decoupling the district federal tax charges
  - Reminder that Ward 4 office hours are held every Wednesday at Fort Stevens Recreation Center from noon to 1, and then at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center from 1:30 to 2:30pm. The newsletter comes every Friday afternoon. If you don't get the newsletter, you can go to [ward4news.com](http://ward4news.com). You can also text 202-286-5268
  - Thanks to Commissioner Bluitt for attending a walkthrough on the 5400 block of Georgia Avenue.
- Mayor's Office of Community Relations

- Earth Day (Apr 22) is approaching. This year, the Mayor's cleanup event in Ward 4 will be just right outside of 4D at 14th and Colorado. Residents invited to come out and help the 4E side, do some cleaning up for the community. Also, the mayor's roll-offs are starting. This year, our first roll-off will be, at Emory Rec Center on the side street on Madison. All residents can bring bulk trash.

#### **f. Treasurer's Report (Marencic)**

- Gained access to the bank account and got new treasurer's name on the bank account. Addressing anything that's outstanding for the Commission, including the quarterly financial reports to the Office of ANC
- There is a request about getting a debit card further down in this agenda

#### **g. Committee Reports**

- Grants Committee (Cava)
  - The current quarterly grants round (which started on March 1<sup>st</sup>), the second under our new community grants process, had 3 applications. One has since been withdrawn. The Grants Committee, which is chaired by resident Angela Page with I, as the grants officer, as the vice chair, is working on reviewing the other two applications alongside the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions for eligibility. We may ask one of the applicants to make some tweaks to ensure that they're eligible. Everything is on timeline, and we expect to bring at least one, hopefully two, completed eligible applications to the next commission meeting on April 22nd for votes. After that, the next grants round will be open June 1st for projects that start after the July ANC meeting.
  - The Grants Committee has 3 active and a couple other participants. We continue to get interest and invite anybody else who is interested in bringing your talents to the 4D Grants Committee to help publicize availability of grants and in reviewing applications.
  - Later in the agenda, there will be a presentation from Petworth Peanuts project, which was funded by the Commission last year.

#### **h. Commissioners' Comments (Kauffman)**

- Cmr. Dimitrov shared continued concerns of loose dogs in the neighborhood including a recent incident with a dog discussed in previous meeting. Raised issue Department of Health, copying CM Lewis George's office, seeking to escalate the matter. In response to suggestion by Chair Kauffman, Cmr. Dimitrov agreed to testify at the budget oversight hearing to raise the issue of animal control contractor. Residents near Lorenzo "Larry" Allen Memorial Park also shared issues with loose dogs.
- Cmr. Abel announced that the Board of Elections has agreed to present at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and will bring a voting machine for residents to try and see how ranked choice voting works. Will confer with Truesdale Elementary to see if we could have more time. Will also work on flyers.
- Cmr. Koskenrouta commented about positive experience recently with DPW's bulk trash pickup. Attended a community meeting at Emory Heights Rec Center regarding a housing developer, Petra, including at 5500 Georgia Avenue. This is a developer who has a history of developing and then neglecting properties that has racked up fines to the tune of \$700,000, and yet the city keeps giving

them building permits. Delighted to see the community coming together to try to address the situation. Follow-up meeting with Councilmember White was unfortunately canceled due to the inclement weather. Waiting for rescheduling and will try to publicize.

- Chair Kauffman reminded residents it is never too early to start thinking about serving on the ANC. Can start gathering signatures this August and, if interested, invite anyone to email Commissioner.

**i. Old Business**

| MATTER | COMMISSIONER |
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| N/A    | N/A          |

**j. New Business**

| MATTER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | COMMISSIONER |
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| <p>Department of Public Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorenzo Allen Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cmr. Cava and residents shared issues around Lorenzo Allen Park and some of our other parks that have a dumping problem, where people are dropping trash. This has led to a rats problem, residents, including senior residents nearby having the wires in their cars get chewed by rats. Another issue is illegal parking by out-of-state vehicles with out-of-state tags, including some commercial vehicles that appear to have some sort of sewage dripping onto the streets. What can we do as a community and as a commission? What can DPW do?</li> <li>○ Eddie Sanders from DPW indicated that a survey may be conducted to see if the trash cans can be moved further into the park. Recent meeting in Georgetown, where they're doing a pilot of the enclosed trash cans. Now the question is before the DPW director who likes the idea of the enclosed trash and the remaining question is budgetary.</li> <li>○ For Clean Cities Community Clean up coordination please contact Mr. John Johnson at <a href="mailto:John.johnson@dc.gov">John.johnson@dc.gov</a>. DPW Helping Hands Program assist with Saturday Community Cleanups. For more information please visit this link: <a href="https://dpw.dc.gov/page/dpw-helping-hand-neighborhood-cleanup-0">https://dpw.dc.gov/page/dpw-helping-hand-neighborhood-cleanup-0</a>. tiffanyi.smith@dc.gov 202-576-5233. Bulk Collection information <a href="https://dpw.dc.gov/service/bulk-trash-collection-0">https://dpw.dc.gov/service/bulk-trash-collection-0</a>. DPW Community Relations Specialist Randi Thorpe email <a href="mailto:Randi.thorpe@dc.gov">Randi.thorpe@dc.gov</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parking Enforcement</li> </ul> | Cava         |
| <p>Motion to approve request for ANC 4D debit card from Industrial Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Antti Koskenrouta – AYE</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Marencic     |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Abel Amene - AYE</li> <li>• Vice Chair Brendi E. Bluit - AYE</li> <li>• Commissioner Eliza Cava - AYE</li> <li>• Commissioner Stephen Marencic Jr. - AYE</li> <li>• Commissioner Stoyan Dimitrov - AYE</li> <li>• Commissioner Kayla D. Baker - YES</li> <li>• Chair Jenn Kauffman – AYE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion is adopted unanimously (8-0-0)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| Petworth Peanuts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report Back on Spooktacular Grant</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cava     |
| Pollinator Pathways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Abel     |
| HISP Safety Improvement at New Hampshire Avenue and Missouri Avenue NW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community feedback on proposed safety improvement plan</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Kauffman |
| Resolution: Utility Access and Affordability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Resolution urging District leaders to address utility affordability</a></li> <li>• Motion from Cmr. Marencic to approve, seconded by Cmr. Abel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioner Antti Koskenrouta - AYE</li> <li>○ Commissioner Abel Amene - AYE</li> <li>○ Vice Chair Brendi E. Bluit - AYE</li> <li>○ Commissioner Eliza Cava - AYE</li> <li>○ Commissioner Stephen Marencic Jr. - AYE</li> <li>○ Commissioner Stoyan Dimitrov - AYE</li> <li>○ Commissioner Kayla D. Baker – Not present</li> <li>○ Chair Jenn Kauffman – AYE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion is adopted unanimously (7-0-0)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Kauffman |

**k. Community Comments** [limited to 1 min each, please] **(Kauffman)**

**l. Adjournment (Kauffman)**

- **Meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm.**

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### Recent Applications & Notices Received

- [NOI 26-04-MSED](#)
  - HSIP Safety Improvement at New Hampshire Avenue and Missouri Avenue NW
    - No Turn on Red restriction at New Hampshire Avenue and Missouri Avenue NW (all approaches)
    - Lane reconfiguration at New Hampshire Avenue NW
    - Parking changes on New Hampshire Avenue NW
  - Comments deadline: March 20, 2026



Figure 1: Proposed Improvements at New Hampshire Avenue and Missouri Avenue NW

- [SY25-26 Charter Review Notice](#) - Public Charter School Board (PCSB)
  - Washington Latin PCS is up for its 20-year charter review.
  - [Public comment](#) accepted until March 23, 2026.
  - PCSB will discuss and vote on Washington Latin on March 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

#### 2025 – 2026 ANC 4D COMMISSIONERS

| Single Member District (SMD) | Commissioner                             | Email                                                | Phone          |
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| 4D08                         | Jenn Kauffman<br><i>Chair</i>            | <a href="mailto:4D08@anc.dc.gov">4D08@anc.dc.gov</a> | (202) 375-4834 |

Approved on: April 22, 2026

Attested by:

ANC 4D Chair  
Jenn Kauffman



ANC 4D Secretary  
Abel Amene

