Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
***September 2, 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)
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02 (Vice Chair)
- Christian Hara, 4A03 (Secretary)
- Patience Singleton, 4A04 (Treasurer)
- Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05

1. **Approval of Administrative Matters**
    a. Approval of the September Agenda – Remove budget, add approval of amended FY 2025 1st QFC, and, if time, add a discussion about the special resolution regarding the takeover of DC. Moved by Commr. Edwards seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
    b. Approval of the June Minutes – Moved by Commr. Hara, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
    c. Approval of the July Special Meeting Minutes – Moved by Commr. Hara, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
    d. Approval of Amended QFRs for FY 2025 1st/2nd/3rd/4th quarters. Moved by Commr. Singleton, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention PASSED. Commr. Singleton noted that we would like to spend the money we have accrued by giving grants to the community.
    e. Approval of the FY2026 meeting calendar. The dates are October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 9. Moved by Commr. Hara, seconded by Commr. Holliday, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.
    f. Close out of Community Grants. Both grantees will present at the October meeting.

2. Government Agencies

a. Leticia Acosta and Yamileth Escobar, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs provided an update. Ms. Acosta thanked the community for coming out to both the roll off and the Art All Night. She encouraged the community to continue to use 311 for requests. Commr. Singleton asked about the non-responsiveness of DPW in the community. Commr. Edwards asked about alley repairs. Commr. Singleton also asked about garbage super can replacement. A member asked about the latest Executive Order from the Mayor.

b. Councilmember Janeese Lewis George joined to provide an update and shared a presentation about the FY26 budget, federal threats, and legislative priorities. The CM did not vote in favor of the budget because of the cuts. DGS is looking for other locations for the cancelled pool at Walter Reed. She held a Ward 4 Town Hall to share information about the Federal occupation and the ICE incidents. She also mentioned the RFK Campus Redevelopment Plan, the RENTAL Act, and the ongoing transportation issues for students. Commr. Edwards asked about DC statehood and the public pool.

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

a. Howard University Urgent Care Center. Dr. Joe Leonard, Rex Halloway, Derrek Niec-Williams, Teresa Edmondson, and Kathy Brown gave a presentation on the proposed project at Building 6 on the Walter Reed Campus. Due to the time limitations, they did not take questions from the audience. They also presented at the Brightwood Community Association and the Shepherd Park Citizens Association. They asked for a letter of support from the ANC and said they would share the presentation.

b. Deset Restaurant Revised Settlement Agreement. Mr. Desta Araya presented their request to extend their opening hours. Officer Hammrick gave testimony in favor of the extended hours. The Commission agreed to postpone a vote on the settlement agreement until October.

c. Bottle Bill Resolution. Commr. Edwards reported that she did some research and concluded that the Commission should not support the current resolution. Commr. Holliday proposed amending the resolution to include working with Maryland. Moved by Commr. Holliday, seconded by Commr. Singleton, VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions PASSED.

d. Trash Can Replacement WMATA/DPW. The law needs to be changed to return trash cans where the bus stops were eliminated. A public information campaign would be helpful for the community.

e. Speed Bumps on 12th Street, NW. Commr. Holliday shared information about requesting speed bumps with DC DOT. Requests have to be submitted through 311 and then DC DOT does an analysis on the need through their TSI platform.
f. Signage at Champion Kitchen. Commr. Hoyte gave an update on the use of new signage at Champion Kitchen that has been given to the community through the settlement agreement. She will reach out to the community for their input.

3. Community Concerns

a. Alleys in 4A. Community member Cathy Doughty shared her experience with getting their alley fixed and volunteered to work with Commr. Edwards.

Commr. Edwards thanked the Commissioners. Commr. Hoyte moved to adjourn the meeting and Commr. Hara seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Electronic Signature inserted with permission of Secretary Christian Hara who transcribed these minutes.

