Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
April 7, 2026 Regular Public Meeting

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The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A quorum was present, and included the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01 (Chair)
- Christian Hara, 4A03
- Patience Singleton, 4A04 (Treasurer)
- Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05 (Secretary)
- Alex Akalu, 4A06 (Second Vice Chair)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (10 minutes)

1. Approval of the Agenda
    a. Holliday Moves to Approve
    b. Akalu Seconds
    c. No discussion
    d. Vote: 5-0-0, Agenda ACCEPTED
2. Approval of the Consent Agenda
    a. Holliday moves to approve
    b. Hara Seconds
    c. No discussion
    d. Vote: 5-0-0, Consent Agenda Adopted

REPORTS (15 minutes)

1. Mayor's Office of Community Relations (5 minutes)
    a. Yamileth Escobar (MOCR for Ward 4) presents:
        i. Updates:
            1. April 1st – Earth Month kickoff – spring cleanups. Ward 4 Cleanup at Emery Rec on April 25
                a. Helping Hands can provide supplies for local cleanups
            2. DPW getting facilities updated for summer
                a. Repaving, graffiti removal

3. DCPS Spring Break upcoming
4. Juvenile Curfew expired and council did not renew
5. Rodent Abatement – DC Health launching pilot to heighten response in targeted areas
6. Emancipation Day Parade on April 19 at Franklin Park 1PM, concert at 2PM

ii. Commr. Questions:

1. Chair Edward would love to talk to someone from Rat Abatement about success in her neighborhood
2. From Chat: Rat Abatement on private property? Yes, with permission of the property owner, but beneficial to get the entire block to sign-off to do comprehensive area treatment

2. Councilmember Lewis-George staff (5 minutes)
   a. Barbara Rogers Presenting:
      i. Updates:
         1. FY27 Budget delayed – council still waiting for draft budget, expected next week. Invites community to provide feedback and advocate for W4 priorities
         2. Fighting PEPCO rate increase – emergency legislation to temp pause electricity shut-offs while council responds to increasing rates
         3. DC2050 – Office of Planning shared their plans last month, W4 members can provide feedback
         4. DCI Ft. Stevens Development – councilmember involved and wants to make sure community voice is centered in process
         5. W4 Community Engagement office hours every Wednesday
         6. Newsletter
      ii. Commr. and Community Questions
         1. From Chat: Has JLG taken a position on the DCI proposal? Not yet – still learning more as the presentation is circulated through the community
         2. Rat Abatement on Private Property – on council's radar
         3. Follow-up meeting specifically on the DCI proposal to be
3. Dr. T. Michelle Colson – SBOE
   a. Updates:
      i. Chronic Absenteeism

1. High rates continue to be alarming – first resolution being proposed this month – early alerts, communicating across schools, to maintain continuity when students change schools
    a. Requesting a letter of support

ii. Dr. Colson has a newsletter

b. Questions:

i. Chair Edwards very eager to work with Dr. Colson – hoping to target a resolution for our May 2026 meeting

ii. Have parents been interviewed as part of the process? Yes, Dr. Colson has been widely circulating the resolution, which is currently in draft status, and is actively soliciting feedback from schools, PTAs, etc. Please reach out to her with comment, questions, or concerns

COMMISSIONER/COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

1. Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School: Raze Application for 6017 16th Street NW
   Presenter: Duncan Miller, MGJDS (Commr Edwards (in lieu of vacant Commr from SMD 4A07) 5 minutes
    a. Short presentation on demolition. Late May or early June, to last about two weeks
    b. Commr. Questions:
        i. From Chat: Will trees be removed?
            1. No trees to be removed
        ii. From Chat: Zoning? Will it change with the razing?
            1. No – to change from residential at current time.
        iii. From Chat: Dr. Cress property?
            1. No that was the one at 6025 – property status in probate
        iv. Hours and Access:
            1. All would take place during legal hours and would all take place on private property
        v. Request: Letter of Support Acknowledging the Request and Supporting the Permit
            1. Jeffrey Motions to write letter
            2. Hara Seconds
            3. No additional discussion
            4. Vote: 3-0-2; Motion Passes

2. Petition to remove female Ginkgo tree in the 1400 block of Rittenhouse St NW (Commr Holliday) 5 minutes
    a. Jeffrey Moves to Support the Petition
    b. Commr. Singleton Seconds

c. Discussion: Commr. Singleton echoes the concerns of the homeowners
d. Vote: 4-0-1; Motion Passes

3. Update on Aspen St NW Residents Parking / RPP Concerns (Commr Hara) - 5 min
    a. Follow-up SMD specific meeting to be scheduled, pending availability by DDOT (several requests for availability sent)
        i. Still waiting for responses from DDOT regarding when they will make the appropriate people from their agency available (RPP, Aspen St Engineering)
        ii. Ty Abilla Community Engagement from DDOT for Wards 1 and 4 – meeting is not forgotten

4. DC International School Presentation on Application to Develop Athletic Facilities on DPR Property at Fort Stevens Recreation Center, Presenter: Aryan Bocquet, DCI (Commr Hara) 10 minutes
    a. Follow-up SMD specific meeting to be scheduled by the end of April

5. DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan Changes Presentation – Presenter: Emma Estes, DC Office of Planning (Commr Edwards) 10 minutes
    a. Presented and fielded questions
    b. Survey soliciting feedback
    c. Follow-up meeting to be scheduled with just folks from DC2050

6. Home Rule Festival Community Grant Application – Presenter: Charvis Campbell (Commr Hara) 10 minutes
    a. Jeffrey Holliday Moves to support the grant
    b. Hara Seconds
    c. Discussion: Reiterate the grant management priorities, read what she said very carefully
    d. Vote: 4-0-1; passes

7. Petworth Peanuts Mother's Day Grant Application – Presenter: Megan McCune (Commr Edwards / Commr Akalu) 10 minutes
    a. Commr Akalu Motions to Support
    b. Holliday Seconds
    c. No Discussion
    d. Vote: 5-0-0; passes

8. Hive Impact Grant Presentation / Closeout Report – Presenter: Danielle Wright (Commr Hara) 5 minutes

COMMUNITY CONCERNS (other than issues already on the agenda) (15 minutes)

1. Laura Gonzalez – Office of Human Rights
    a. ANCs can be reimbursed for language interpretation
        i. https://ohr.dc.gov/page/resources-advisory-neighborhood-commissions-ancs
    b. Language Access Office Hours
        i. Wednesday April 22 at Cleveland Park Library; 10 – 12PM

ADJOURN

1. Holliday motions to Adjourn
2. Akalu seconds
3. No discussion
4. 5-0-0; Passed

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16 PM

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Comm. Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05, Secretary

s/ JEFFREY HOLLIDAY 5/29/2026

Approved at the May 2026 Meeting