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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. **Chair Lisa Colbert called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL: Present: 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton; 4D06 Bill Quirk. Absent: 4D01 Renee Bowser. Quorum was present for all votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Comm. Quirk added to New Business a letter of support for school nursing program. Comm. Colbert added an item requesting additional funds for Wellness Expo and for a digital recorder to record meetings. Comm. Colbert moved to accept as amended, Quirk seconded; motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

MINUTES: **Comm. Colbert moved to accept the March 2016 minutes as written. Quirk seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Comm. Branton read the April report aloud. March spending totaled \$27 (including \$2 in bank fees), leaving \$13,798.08 in funds. Comm. Branton moved that the commission accept the report. Comm. Quirk seconded. Motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

Second quarterly Treasurer's report read aloud by Comm. Branton, who then moved to accept the report. Comm. Quirk seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Comm. Colbert announced there would be exercise 8-9 am for free at Howard U. Hospital.

Comm. Colbert requested that the ANC approve additional Wellness Expo funding of \$1000.00, plus \$150 for a digital recorder to record meetings in compliance with new requirement. Comm. Colbert moved to fund, Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Colbert announced that 4B05 Commissioner Brenda Speaks is partnering with ANC 4D on the Petworth Area Wellness Expo on May 21 at Emery Recreation Center on May 21, 10:30-3:30. Several local institutions have agreed to participate including WHUR and Mary's Center.

Comm. Colbert also announced that the DC Board of Elections would attend the next ANC meeting to demonstrate how to use new voting equipment.

Comm. Sheon described a special community meeting at the Brightwood Park UMC on April 5 to discuss what is driving crime in Kennedy St. area. MPD officers, CM Todd, Chris Dyer (head of security camera rebate program) discussed issues from their perspective. The attendees indicated they were interested in pursuing more proactive methods of deterring crime and a second meeting has been set on May 31 at 6:30, at same place. One attendee, Nicole Porter, has suggested setting up a seminar on expunging criminal records to help returning residents get employment.

Comm. Roth summarized status of three properties on Kennedy Street: 929-931 Kennedy, vacant lots at 809-813, and 608 Kennedy (Horton project). Attendee asked about proposed transitional residence for homeless families. **Comm. Roth announced onsite meeting at facility on April 26.**

Comm. Quirk introduced a proposed letter of support of Children’s Hospital role in supplying health personnel and services in DC Public Schools. Comm. Roth asked why letter was needed now and Comm. Quirk replied that the renewal of the city contract for these services was coming soon. Comm. Quirk moved to approve a letter of support he had drafted. Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Sheon introduced owner, Mr. Diaz, and staff of local restaurant, El Camino Real, whose liquor license is up for renewal this year. Comm. Sheon indicated that neighbors are not opposed to the renewal of license and he would not oppose it.

Comm. Sheon reported that Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has taken down the Online Building Permit Application Tracking (OBPAT) database for tracking progress of permit applications. DCRA said database was prone to error. Through Freedom Of Information Act request ANC 6C had found out why database had suddenly disappeared. This triggered an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General, which found DCRA “woefully out of compliance” in removing website and that its removal was of aid to developers doing shady things. **Comm. Sheon introduced a letter opposing the removal of the database and moved to adopt letter. Comm. Quirk seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor’s Ward 4 liaison Jasmin Benab announced a community meeting on Ward 4 transitional housing for homeless facility at proposed site, 5505 Fifth St., on April 26, 6:30 pm.

Stacey Lincoln of At-Large CM Orange’s office, announced that legislation tightening enforcement of vacant and blighted buildings had still not been scheduled for a hearing although 10 Council Members had signed it at the beginning of 2016. He said CM Orange’s legislative staff were “working on details” including scheduling a roundtable discussion of DCRA to be held.

Jordan Rummel of Ward 4 CM Todd’s office noted that CM Todd is concerned about the development of the old Hebrew Home at 1125 Spring Rd in Park View. A Request For Proposal (RFP) public workshop was held on April 9, and drew feedback on how to frame the development RFP to accommodate need for affordable or senior housing plus needs of neighborhood.

GUEST SPEAKERS

DC Scores, Katrina Owens, Charles Robinson: DC Scores is an afterschool program for 3rd to 8th grade students, including soccer, poetry and community service and has an active presence at Truesdell EC, where it will host a 5-week summer camp. Mr. Robinson has been with the program for years. It goes Mon.-Fri., they encourage families to support the 120 students involved. Girls’ game at 4, boys’ at 5 pm. Need Truesdell field restored, funds have been taken away.

Green Neighbors DC, Basav Sen described the Citizens’ Fair Election Act of 2015, a system of matching public funds to candidates for office who pledge not to take massive donations from a few sources. Objective is to rid electoral process of to get public money. **Comm. Roth moved to pass a resolution in support of the Act. Comm. Sheon seconded. Passed unanimously by acclamation.**

DC Water, Lilia Ledezma updated the Commission on green infrastructure project and described the Clean Rivers Project economic and environmental benefits. The RFP development period will continue through mid 2016, with procurement process going from mid-2016 to early 2017.

Neighbor Roger Green described how he found lead in his family's water at twenty times what EPA standard permitted. He paid to have his service line replaced. DC Water told nobody that there were lead lines. But DC Water will test water at request.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Comm. Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.