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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 7:00 PM, Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham St., NW

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham Street, NW.

Commissioners Present: 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton.
A quorum was present for all votes.

Call to Order: **Chairwoman Colbert called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

Agenda: **Agenda was unanimously adopted as written by acclamation.**

January 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of January 20, 2015 were corrected by Secretary Roth, noting that Vann-Di Galloway was Chair of ANC 4C, not Drew Schneider as was asserted. **The minutes with the correction were approved unanimously by acclamation.**

Treasurer's Report: **Chairwoman Colbert delivered the Treasurer's Report for the period of Dec. 26, 2014-Jan. 26, 2015.** The following points were made:

- Last cash on hand: \$9,709.20, on December 26, 2014.
- Total receipts during the period: \$0.00.
- Total expenditures during the period: \$12.95 (bank charge).
- Cash on hand as of January 26: \$9,696.95.

Chairwoman Colbert moved that the minutes be accepted and Commissioner Sheon seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Special Guests

Captain Brian Bray of Metropolitan Police Department reported on 300-person street fight that occurred outside of the Club House on January 19, 2015, at 5321 Georgia Ave. NW. The Club House is a private club run by the Trinidad and Tobago Association. He estimated that 80-100 people were injured and said one person went to the hospital. The fight started inside but spilled out into the street when the club security force used pepper spray on the crowd. The police found many underage patrons had been served alcohol, that 500-600 people were in the club, about two times its legal capacity, with inadequate security. Some 30 officers were called to break up the fight. Several residents of the 900 block of Hamilton St. NW spoke of noise, loitering, and trash, thrown on the street after Club events. The police subsequently pulled the liquor license of the Club House and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration suspended the license.

Commissioner Sheon urged the Commission to pass a resolution urging the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to refuse to grant another liquor license unless:

- The Club House develops a clear security plan for containing crowds and enforcing capacity limits;
- The ABC Board sends inspectors for unannounced and random inspections at least twice yearly to ensure establishment's adherence to regulations; and
- Before reinstating the license the ABC Board holds a public hearing for community members to present their concerns to the Board about the deleterious effects of the Club House on the neighborhood.

Commissioner Sheon suggested that the vote on the resolution be postponed until after other guests had spoken. Chairwoman Colbert accepted his suggestion to postpone the vote.

Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Advisor for ABRA, urged residents to call the ABRA Complaint Hotline at 202-329-6347, at the time the violations are in progress, because the inspectors need to witness the act in order to respond. ABRA's hotline is staffed until clubs close. But she noted that there are only 11 inspectors for the whole city, with 5 or 6 on duty.

Commissioner Roth asked why the Club House had been given a liquor license although it had not assembled an adequate security plan, as was required at other establishments. Ms. Fashbaugh said nightclubs were required to have security plans but private clubs, such as the Club House, did not. Ms. Fashbaugh said all liquor licenses are coming up for renewal on March 31.

Chairwoman Colbert asked what kind of impact an ANC resolution has on ABC Board decisions. Ms. Fashbaugh said the Board accords "great weight" to ANC resolutions and statements, but does not have to abide by all the ANC's wishes, such as requiring a licensee to attend ANC meetings.

Juju Harris, Culinary Educator at the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture, spoke about the nonprofit's program of sending out buses bringing affordable fresh produce to DC residents who cannot easily acquire it in their own neighborhoods. Arcadia seeks a letter of support from the ANC for its application for a Farmers Market Public Space Permit so it can serve the Hattie Holmes Senior Center on Kennedy St. NW on Friday mornings.

Commissioner Roth moved that ANC 4D write a letter supporting Arcadia's application and Commissioner Sheon seconded. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Old Business

Commissioner Sheon noted that the Protest Hearing would be held before the ABC Board on March 25 regarding the liquor license renewal application of the Georgia Line Convenience Store.

Commissioner Sheon also said the DC Department of Transportation had already put some measures in place to monitor traffic at Illinois Ave. between Jefferson and Decatur Streets, and also at the corner of Georgia and Farragut St. near the Colony House where seniors have difficulty crossing the street.

Commissioner Roth welcomed Yosef Endale, a proprietor of the Lucky Corner Convenience Store, who had put the store's liquor license renewal process back on track. Commissioner Roth said the ANC would work with the brothers on a settlement agreement before the ABC Board hearing.

Community Comments: **Commissioner Roth welcomed the proprietors, Mr. Z and his wife, of the Aboil Café, which had opened in January at 5505 Georgia Ave. Crepes are a specialty.**

Petworth News blogger Drew Schneider announced that his nonpartisan website for Ward 4 candidates website, www.ward4candidatesinfo.com was posting questions from residents and the candidates' answers.

New Business: **Chairwoman Colbert announced Commissioner Bowser would hold a meeting for SMD 02 at Gethsemane Baptist Church March 10 at 6:30 pm.**

Commissioner Sheon moved that the ANC vote on the resolution to the ABC Board regarding the Club House. Commissioner Roth seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted unanimously in support of the resolution by a show of hands.

There being no further business, the February 24 meeting of ANC 4D was adjourned at 8:30 pm.