



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 [FINAL APPROVED]

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. **Chair Lisa Colbert called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL: Present: 4D01-Nancy Roth; 4D02-Renee Bowser; 4D03-Lisa Colbert; 4D04-David Sheon; 4D05-Krystal Branton; 4D06-Amy Hemingway. Quorum was present for all votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Approved with one minor modification:**

1) Removal of "Introduction of ANC 4D Commissioners, Election of Officers" as that was completed at the January meeting.

Comm. Roth moved to approve as amended. Comm. Sheon seconded. The commission unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Following up on ANC 4D's support of the protest of the Class C license application by the Library Tavern LLC, which is trying to open at Third and Kennedy St NW, Comm. Bowser invited proprietor Mr. Siyamak Sadamak to address the public. He expressed that he "is committed to a peaceful neighborhood place," and stated his desire for a restaurant where you "know people by name." He addressed questions related to noise, parking, traffic, carry-out practices, sample menus/renderings, hours of operation, and entertainment. Comm. Sheon raised Mr. Sadamak's approach to settlement agreements with his other restaurants, demonstrating there is "room to create an agreement that has an enforcement mechanism."

Comm. Roth announced a meeting on the DHCD affordable-housing project, vacant lot 809-813 Kennedy Street. Emery Heights Recreation Center, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6-8:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Hemingway shared information about the Sherman Circle Bench Initiative including NPS's request for a letter asking NPS to explore the possibility of installing benches in Sherman Circle. She addressed questions concerning maintenance, funding mechanisms, cost, bench type, and surrounding streets/jurisdictions, as well as the potential negative impacts of benches including potential increased trash, homeless people sleeping, and other questionable activity. **Comm. Hemingway moved to sign the letter to NPS. Comm. Sheon seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved the resolution.**

Comm. Hemingway shared information about the 14th Street Express Bus Campaign and the proposed "limited stop bus service" to alleviate bus commuter issues. She addressed questions concerning the bus stop locations and the community served, i.e., not Maryland residents. Comm. Bowser requested that ANC 4D support with one modification – to add that this funding would not be at the expense of existing bus service serving those in ANC 4D.

Comm. Hemingway moved that ANC 4D sign the campaign's petition to the Mayor and DDOT Director Dormsjo to include the necessary funding for the 14th Street express bus in the District's 2017 budget but not at the expense of other bus services. Comm. Roth seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved the resolution.

Comm. Branton requested that ANC 4D provide an \$800 grant to Chess Girls DC, which seeks to enroll 20 girls for 9 weeks of chess lessons in ANC 4D/4B with priority given to 4D applicants. Program lead Robin Floyd-Ramson shared background information and addressed a question concerning who trains the girls – Ms. Floyd-Ramson noted 3 expert chess players at the 2000 level or above are trainers. Comm. Branton moved to approve the \$800 grant request for Chess Girls DC. Comm. Bowser seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved.

Comm. Sheon decided not to review the sign at 812 Jefferson Street this month and may revisit next month.

GUEST SPEAKERS

April Bingham, of the DC Water project management office, shared information about the current Automated Meter Reading (AMR) project to replace 90,000 water meters that have reached their useful end of life. Note that this information has been in water bills since December. With contractor, Smart Grid Solutions, it will take 18 months to complete (5000 replacements/month). Contractors have a red badge and DC Water decals and the contracting company they work for. Goal is to restore homes the way they found them. Process is to knock on every door they approach and spend 15 minutes start to finish. Ms. Bingham addressed questions concerning time of service (M-F, 7-7), bilingual provisions (English speaking only; handouts are English and Spanish), condominium outreach, excavation needs, and water flushing instructions.

DDOT representatives Paul Hoffman and Kyle Ruef (of EBA Engineering), both working on Kennedy Street, shared updates on the project including construction milestones and the status of 3 project phases. Kim Manning, public outreach coordinator for the Kennedy Street project, spoke about the upcoming event on Tuesday, March 8 concerning branding. Residents are invited to provide input on the preferred "identity" for Kennedy Street. They addressed questions concerning: alleys, trash cans turned upside down; bump outs-maintain curb lines on the project; black asphalt; bus stops; lighting and matching provisions at 3rd & N. Capitol Streets. They will follow up on all concerns including managing trash and trash cans, requesting a lighting survey to improve lighting, and never closing both sides of street access to bus stops.

Stephanie Tansey, Ingraham St. resident and organizer of the Brightwood Community Dialogue Center, introduced Rozina Kanchwala, outreach manager from GRID Alternative Mid-Atlantic, a non-profit solar installer, which strives to make solar technology accessible to all communities, especially low-medium income households, as well as create job opportunities with training for this fast-growing industry. She noted that participants would still be connected to and billed by Pepco but it would be lower because they would be generating their own power; and through net metering participants would be compensated for unused electricity. Regarding non-homeowners, she said the group is working with renters and multifamily spaces on this initiative as well. They have been in the District for two years.

Jeremiah Lowery, Petworth resident, is a climate justice organizer who spoke about his work to develop systems that move the District toward cleaner energy. One campaign is to create a carbon fee and rebate program that would return money to DC residents – especially those most impacted by high energy costs such as seniors, low income households, and small businesses – by taxing big polluters. This has been done in other cities and in Canada. Early stages of the campaign – he seeks feedback to ensure they “do it right.” Ultimately, he will work on legislation with Councilmembers Grosso, Cheh, Mendelson, others. He will follow up with a draft bill for ANC commissioners to review/comment on in the fall.

Comm. Sheon urged attendees to be welcoming to immigrants in our community. He suggested we make an effort to get to know our Hispanic and Latino neighbors in the event that something tragic happens during this time when threats of deportation for undocumented people have increased. For example, can you help with translation? A resident asked about resources and **Comm. Bowser offered her view/help on ICE as a lawyer familiar with this issue.** Bowser also noted that there is an active ACLU in the neighborhood and the National Lawyers Guild is a resource. She will bring materials next month.

MINUTES: Comm. Bowser recommended two edits. Comm. Sheon moved to approve the minutes as amended. Comm. Roth seconded. The commission unanimously approved with one abstention (Comm. Hemingway).

TREASURER’S REPORT: Comm. Bowser read aloud the Jan. 2017 Treasurer’s Report: total funds available \$15,383.84. Total disbursements came to \$166.29 with no deposits (our District allotment to come soon). **Comm. Bowser moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Comm. Hemingway seconded. The commission unanimously approved.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: The following were raised:

- Illegal trash dumping and trash not being picked up in various areas (submit 311 requests).
- The beer garden at 3rd and Kansas Ave. (not happening).
- KSDC secretary of board shared: 1) Spread the Love event on Feb 27, 6:30-8:30 pm at Brightwood Park United Methodist Church – will be quarterly; 2) Community Alliance for Upper 14th Street hosting District Soup on March 26, 2-4 pm.
- Scoop the poop signs – Dept. of Environment needs to receive your calls to get signs.
- Brightwood-Petworth Community Association next meeting March 27, 7 pm.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Comm. Roth: Love March for immigrant support, Sat., March 11, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.
- Comm. Branton: 5000 block of 1st street got residential permit parking; signs on March 3.
- Comm. Branton: MOCR walk-through, Sun., Feb. 26, 2 pm.
- Comm. Colbert: By end of February, ANC 4D will make the final decision on meeting at WLPCS - check the website.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, **Chair Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.**