



## MINUTES

### Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

7:00 PM, Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham St., NW

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham Street, NW.

**Commissioners Present:** 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D02 Renee Bowser; 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton; 4D06 Bill Quirk.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Colbert said a quorum was present and called meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Roll Call Of Commissioners:** All commissioners were present throughout the evening.

**Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Colbert suggested that the election of officers occur later in meeting, to which the other Commissioners agreed. Motion to accept agenda was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Approval of the January 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of December 16, 2014 were read. No comments or additions were made. A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Commission Treasurer Lisa Colbert delivered the Treasurer's Report for the period of Nov. 26-Dec. 26, 2014. As of Dec. 26 cash on hand was \$9,709.20. Expenditures of \$762.56 were made since Nov. 26, mostly on framed certificates of thanks given to citizens at Dec. meeting. A motion to approve the budget was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Special Guests and Presentations

Paul Hoffman, program manager at District Department of Transportation Infrastructure Management Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on planned improvements on Kennedy St. NW. PSI Precision Associates and Sigma Associates representatives were also present. The presentation included a new proposal, labeled "Alternative 1A" that removed an earlier plan's closure of Kennedy Street where it crosses Missouri and Kansas Ave. Mr. Hoffman stated that the new proposal would be part of the "65% design" presentation to the public in February. He also indicated that the team was "looking for more" funds in the DDOT budget for Kennedy Street improvements.

Myles Smith, an organizer of the Kennedy Street Development Association, described its accomplishments over the past year, including Kennedy St. sidewalk festival in June 2014; supporting Andrene's Caribbean restaurant's decision to add seating and remove the plate glass at the counter; adding bus shelters at Kennedy and Georgia; funding a mural on the wall at that same intersection; and promoting Kennedy Street to small business owners.

Polina Bakhtearov, executive director of the Great Streets Program of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, said four businesses in ANC 4D had received grants of up to \$85,000 in last fall's round of Great Streets grants: Lofft Construction, Aboil Café, Culture Coffee, and Three Little Pigs. An attendee urged Ms. Bakhtearov to reach out to older as well as newer businesses in the next round.

A presentation was delivered on behalf of Song Quan Liu, owner of Kenny's Carry Out at 5427 5th St. NW, but the object of the presentation was not clear. The owner seemed to need a zoning exception but Commissioner Bowser asked the Commission to hold off for further investigation, and no vote was cast.

Khalil Thompson, Ward 4 Liaison to the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, announced that he would be working on Ward 4 issues until a new Ward 4 City Council representative was elected in April. Attendees spoke to him afterwards about city services needed on their blocks.

Tom Pipkin, a neighbor from ANC 4C, announced that the second Celebrate Petworth festival would take place on June 6, 12 noon-6 pm on the 800 block of Upshur St., which would be closed to traffic. This will include chef demonstrations, children's stage, music stage, murals, interactive displays, and a history section. Website is [celebratepetworth.com](http://celebratepetworth.com).

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Roth reported that the Lucky Corner Store at Kennedy and Georgia Ave. had not appeared at the ABC Board hearing on the renewal of its liquor license, and had not appealed the Board's decision to dismiss the renewal request.

Commissioner Sheon reported that Georgia Line Convenience Store had failed to reach a settlement with the neighbors at Mediation, and the protest of the renewal of its liquor license would go to a Protest Trial. He also announced that ABRA has a hotline for citizens who see violations of the law in the sale of alcohol: 202.329.6347. ABRA will send out an inspector to investigate.

### **Community Comments**

Drew Schneider, blogger of Petworth News on Facebook, announced a nonpartisan website was going up on candidates in the Ward 4 Council race.

Rachel Leunitas of Paul Public Charter School announced the school was expanding to high school grades and open house events were scheduled. Dates and times are on the school website.

Mary and Pat Strauss, who recently purchased the two apartment buildings at 906 Gallatin and 5024 9th St. NW, are taking steps to deal with problems of trash and rodent infestation onsite.

### **Commission Official Business**

The Commission voted to elect the following Commissioners to office: Lisa Colbert, Chair; Renee Bowser, Vice Chair; Nancy Roth, Secretary; Krystal Branton, Treasurer. Vote was unanimous in all cases.

The Commission unanimously authorized ANC 4D to pay \$25 to participate in the ANC Security Fund.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Sheon brought up two new traffic safety initiatives in ANC 4D04. In separate letters to Dr. Katherine Jefferson at DDOT he requested:

- a traffic calming study on Illinois Ave. between Jefferson and Decatur Streets, NW; and
- a special lighted walkway across Georgia Ave. at Farragut St. allowing seniors at Colony House on the east side of Georgia to safely cross to catch buses downtown on the west side.

A motion to approve both measures was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business at the January 20 meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.