



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 [FINAL APPROVED]

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. **Vice Chair Renee Bowser called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm as Chair Colbert was delayed en route.**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Two minor modifications: addition of announcement, change of email address. Comm. Sheon moved to approve, Comm. Roth seconded. Motion unanimously approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

Move & Groove: **Comm. Sheon announced he had hammered out an agreement with Move & Groove store owner, Maurice, to take action to stem activity and violence behind store.**

Vacant buildings legislation: **Comm. Sheon commented that legislation related to vacant buildings had passed but some provisions would not go into effect until Feb 28, 2017.** Residents can report vacant buildings to vacantbuildings@DC.gov.

Moving bus stop at Kennedy and Georgia: **Comm. Roth reported that DOT team had not received all information and had needed to perform study all over again.** Skeptical attendees said the move of the bus stop would make it harder for people transferring bus lines at that corner.

GUEST SPEAKER (held out of order of agenda to accommodate schedule of one speaker)

Gary Lockhart, resident, 800 block of Jefferson St., on of board of directors of new local nonprofit DC Community Carrot, noted that a lot of young people selling drugs on street are not going back to school. "They are in the wrong industry but they are entrepreneurs." The young men have fewer role models and less capital so new organization will aim to take 20 aspiring men & women aged 18-24 and help them to start their own business. They will be paid a low wage while taking the 29-week program. Skeptical attendee asked if paying them \$8.25/hour would turn them away from drugs. Another asked whether the program would stop any shootings. Comm. Sheon said that mentors would be needed for program.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Branton described Man Cave event for men only, to be held Sat. June 17 at Emery Heights Recreation Center. All-male planning committee includes Cherokee, Rashawn Williams, Ben Collins. Attendee asked: will there be a structured mentoring program? **Comm. Branton said yes.**

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Comm. Bowser announced ANC 4D would change its meeting venue to Washington Latin Public Charter School, 5200 2nd St NW, starting with Feb. 2017 public meeting. The new host will not charge for the use of the hall.

Comm. Bowser asked ANC 4D to support protest of residents of a Class C license application by the Library Tavern LLC, which is trying to open at Third and Kennedy St NW. The neighbors want tavern owners to mitigate noise. Filing a protest would force owner to negotiate settlement agreement with neighbors. Attendee expressed concern that liquor would be served in morning. Another said area lacked parking. Melvin Scott said: "Please file the protest." **Comm. Bowser moved that the ANC support the protest. Comm. Sheon seconded. Vote: unanimous in favor.**

Comm. Bowser moved that ANC allow her to represent it at Feb. 27th ABC Board roll call hearing and at protest hearing April 26. Comm. Sheon seconded. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Chair Colbert asked attendees to vote on events they would like ANC 4D to provide in 2017.

Health Fair: 7 raised hands. Fun Day: 14 raised hands. Senior event: 15 raised hands. Thanksgiving baskets: 15 raised hands. Attendee commented that baskets "sub par" last year, not enough for 4 kids and noted she had to buy extra food. Holiday Party and Coat Drive: 14-15 raised hands

GUEST SPEAKERS

Councilmember Brandon Todd reported that in 2016 overall crime is down. He said every police district would undergo a new management model, "sector" model enabling management to be present 24 hours/day. Police chief states new organization will allow for more accountability. CM Todd noted he is now Chair of Council Committee on Govt. Operations, including Office of the Chief of Technology Officer. Also serves on Human Services Committee and Health and Environmental Committee. A new bill would authorize a task force to make policy recommendations to offer free wifi in the homes of qualified residents.

A new school chancellor will take office in February. On Jan. 26 CM Todd will hold office hours 7:45-9 am in Starbucks in Takoma. CM Todd urged attendees to call his staff member, Malcolm Jolly, at 330-3033, to report issues. He noted the city administrator would be holding agencies accountable to be sure we have appropriate resources.

Comm. Bowser asked if he would hold the city administration accountable. For example, at 220 Hamilton St., tenants suffered infestations of rodents, insects, and no heat in winter. Similar conditions exist at apartment buildings on Sheridan St. and Somerset Pl. **Comm. Bowser said DCRA is not enforcing the law** and noted the Attorney Gen'l had filed against an owner in Congress Heights that had similar violations. **"Conditions are egregious," said Comm. Bowser.** The owner of 220 Hamilton is pursuing "eviction by neglect." CM Todd asked for list of buildings and said DCRA must enforce the law. He would organize a meeting of tenants with social service agencies.

Attendee complained that buses have been parking all day on 3rd St. between Ingraham and Hamilton, and people have been dumping furniture and trash at curb that is only visible when buses

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leave. CM Todd said DPW should bring inspector to watch area for those doing the dumping.

Brett Greene of American Management Corp. was seeking waiver on new liquor-license moratorium in Ward 4 for Class B liquor licenses, which applies to full grocery stores. His consulting firm works with real estate developers and retailers, and has seen that business in Ward 4 is not expanding as it has in Wards 5, 3, 2, 1, and 6, as a result of moratorium. He plans to ask for an exemption for full service grocery stores. **Comm. Sheon suggested a carve out** for each location as done in ANC 4C for the Safeway. That would be very complex, said the speaker, because “we don’t know where the retailers are looking.” Developers must deliver sites that have Class B liquor licenses in place. **Comm. Bowser asked what you would want from ANC 4D. Comm. Roth asked what do you want to do about the situation.** Mr. Greene indicated he was educating public about the how moratorium has affected growth in Ward 4.

MINUTES: Comm. Branton requested a correction of the date of the Man Cave event to June 17, 2017. Chair Colbert moved to accept as edited. Commission unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Comm. Branton read aloud the Dec. 2016 Treasurer’s Report: total funds available 15,550.13. Total disbursements came to \$2330.46. **Comm. Branton moved to accept Treasurer’s report. Unanimous approval by commission.**

Chair Colbert moved that the commission participate in the establishment of a security fund for \$25 as required of ANCs. Comm. Sheon seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominated for Secretary: Comm. Amy Hemingway. Chair Colbert moved to accept nomination for 2017. Bowser seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Nominated for Treasurer: Comm. Renee Bowser. Chair Colbert moved. Comm. Branton seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Nominated for Vice Chair: Comm. David Shoen. Comm. Colbert moved. Comm. Roth seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Nominated for Chair: Chair Lisa Colbert. Comm. Bowser moved. Comm. Branton seconded. Unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bowser announced PSA 403 is meeting Jan 25.

Gethsemane Baptist Church announced plans to honor Comm. Bowser as community partner at its 105th anniversary ceremony on Sept 15th at 3 pm.

Bob Tansey announced Brightwood-Petworth Community Association would meet Monday Jan 23, 7 pm at Culture Coffee. Stephanie Tansey announced initiative to meet with developer of Riverpark Homes in early February to explore option of making solar panels available to residents.

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Comm. Bowser reminded attendees the next public meeting was to be held at Washington Latin Public Charter School on Feb. 21st. Enter at front door.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, **Chair Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.**

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