



MINUTES
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. **Chairwoman Colbert called the meeting to order** at approximately 7:05 PM at Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham Street, NW.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton; 4D06 were present; Commissioners Bowser 4D02 and Quirk joined by 7:15 providing quorum. Commissioner Roth 4D01 joined at approximately 7:30.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairwoman Colbert moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bowser seconded the motion. The agenda was approved 5-0.

JUNE MINUTES: Chairwoman Colbert moved to accept the June minutes as written and was seconded by Commissioner Quirk. A minor edit was made (reflected in the minutes) and was passed unanimously by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Branton read the monthly report aloud indicating that \$9,234.43 had been spent on normal operating expenses, such as rent. Commissioner Branton moved to accept the report. Commissioner Sheon seconded. The motion unanimously passed by acclamation.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Charlena Hamilton, Program Director, Counseling Services for Housing Counseling Services (HCS). Commissioner Bowser introduced Ms. Hamilton. HCS provides numerous services including assistance for helping DC residents to age in place and single family rehabilitation program. They provide grants that can be used to address building code violations, provide improvements to accommodate disabled residents, roofing assistance and to overcome health/safety issues.

No grantee can be given more than \$75K, with no more than \$30K toward disability improvements and no more than \$15K for roofing help. HCS also provides assistance securing loans through the DHCD. Ms. Hamilton explained that some projects are awarded funds via DHCD while others are grants directly from HCS. Eligibility requirements include being a DC resident for at least three years; being current on DC and federal taxes; and residents must be current on their mortgage payments for the previous 12 months.

The program is designed as "the last resort when you can't pay by yourself." Ms. Hamilton also discussed the "Lead Safe Washington" program, through which DC residents with lead paint can get up to \$17,500 for abatement. Her agency can help residents with the paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Colbert discussed plans for ANC 4D Day, September 19th, 1- 4pm in the triangle park at Gallatin, Illinois, and 9th Streets. Volunteer assignments are being made.

Commissioner Sheon discussed outcomes of the DDOT traffic studies. Watch for new crosswalks and parking enforcement signs along Illinois, in addition to higher visibility for school crossings near Truesdell.

Commissioner Sheon shared that the ABRA application for Castello Restaurant and Lounge was dismissed. The owner failed to appear at a hearing. Community has complained about the application times that would allow the tavern to stay open until 3am on weekends and 2am Sunday through Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Branton announced an SMD 4D05 meeting scheduled for August 5.

Commissioner Branton announced August 18th as a movie night at Washington Latin School

Commissioner Bowser announced August 4th as National Night out for Crime event

Commissioner Branton announced October 3rd Seniors Art Gallery Night at Hattie Holmes

COMMUNITY COMMENTS,

16th Street Heights residents Ray Bryant raised concern over the illegal acquisition of title to a resident's home on 16th Street. He also raised concern over daytime break-ins at 2:30pm, when police shifts are changing.

Resident concerns were raised over the alley behind the 5100 block of 3rd Street; a trailer parked illegally at 1st and Ingraham Street; and for safer crossing of Georgia Ave., at Farragut Street. A resident requested that DDOT put stop signs on both sides of stop sign posts along Illinois Ave. **Commissioner Sheon asked that the resident share the comment with DDOT on the community comment form for the proposed signage changes to Illinois Ave.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sheon announced concerns over developers taken advantage of loopholes in the vacant building laws.

Commissioner Colbert announced the next meeting of ANC 4D would be on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at the July 21, 2015 meeting, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.