



MINUTES Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Public Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, July 19, 2016. **Chair Lisa Colbert called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL: Present: 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D02 Renee Bowser; 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton. 4D06 Bill Quirk arrived 7:14. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Comm. Bowser added 3 items: update of Andrene's sidewalk café permit application; introduction of Peter Anderson, new Washington Latin head of school; request motion urging DDOT to extend comment period 60 days for new regulations on parking for disabled people. Comm. Bowser moved to accept the agenda as amended. Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion unanimously approved by acclamation. Final agenda has been amended.**

Chair Colbert cited several accomplishments of ANC 4D in 2015-16 and asked meeting attendees to fill out the survey rating ANC 4D's performance.

MINUTES: **Comm. Sheon added to discussion in June 2016 minutes about Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) plans for improving the triangle park at Hamilton, 9th St., and Illinois Ave. New sentences pertained to process giving community a chance to comment about DPR plans. Comm. Sheon read the sentences aloud and moved to edit. Comm. Roth seconded. Comm. Bowser asked if Mr. Singleton had been responded to; Comm. Sheon noted that Mr. Singleton had never passed along his petition. Commission voted unanimously to accept minutes with edit.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Comm. Branton read the June Treasurer's Report aloud. June spending totaled \$890.32 leaving \$10,573.90 of funds in account. Comm. Branton moved to accept Treasurer's Report as read. Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Roth introduced Daniel Lewis, whom Commission had hired to construct new website. Chair Colbert noted that website would be completed by September. Chair Colbert and Mr. Lewis signed the contract.

Comm. Sheon explained that meeting was being recorded and comments must be spoken into a microphone. Comm. Sheon also said Dunkin Donuts had chosen Chair Colbert to receive community service award.

Comm. Sheon noted that the Brightwood-Petworth Community Alliance plans for a community potluck to get to know neighbors, had been combined with 800 block of Jefferson block party on July 30.

Comm. Roth introduced Melissa Lindsjo and Tiffani Nichole Johnson, who delivered a summary of how Kennedy St. Development Corp. had used the ANC grant to support Kennedy St. Festival.

Comm. Bowser recapped June's vote in favor of Andrene Finn's application to add outdoor tables at Andrene's Restaurant on 300 block of Kennedy St. Color pictures and plans produced for the

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application to DDOT were passed around that showed the sidewalk is wide enough to accommodate the 2 tables. **Comm. Bowser said proposed hearing date was in Sept.** and asked if anyone had any comments on the illustrations. No comments. **Comm. Bowser moved that commission support the application and send to DDOT asking to expedite hearing to Aug. 25. Comm. Quirk seconded. Commission voted in support of motion unanimously by acclamation.**

NEW BUSINESS

Calvin Coolidge Alumni Assn. had submitted a grant application requesting \$1,000 to support printing of booklet for Coolidge Alumni Association fundraising event. Comm. Ron Austin of ANC and Comm. Frank Jones explained that the alumni association provides scholarships including for students in ANC. 4D. **Comm. Bowser asked how many,** Comm. Austin said 4-5/year. **Comm. Branton asked what criteria are used** to award scholarship. Comm. Austin said he didn't devise the criteria but they would be provided to ANC 4D. **Comm. Sheon asked if ANC money could be used directly to fund scholarships for ANC 4D students.** Comm. Austin said money couldn't be used that way to benefit individual constituents. He added that by defraying costs of alumni events let alumni devote more of the money raised to scholarships. ANC 4D deferred vote to study criteria.

Comm. Roth introduced Camille Peters to speak about why she had circulated a petition to greatly extend the parking restrictions on 5300 block of Illinois Ave. **Comm. Roth asked for comments.** No comments or objections

Comm. Branton proposed that the ANC rotate public meeting sites in all Single Member Districts of ANC 4D. A number of other facilities are available in the community, including the Hattie Holmes Senior Center. The intention is to rotate to a different site each two-year term. Also the start time would change to 6:30. **Comm. Branton asked for comments.** No comments.

Comm. Bowser noted that DDOT recently changed its regulations for parking for disabled people, with the intention of foiling scofflaws, but changes may be too restrictive for people with physical disabilities. DDOT only had a 30-day comment period and did not hold public meetings that included stakeholders. **Comm. Bowser proposed that ANC 4D resolve to urge DDOT to extend the comment period by 60 days. Comm. Bowser moved to send a resolution requesting the extension to DDOT. Comm. Sheon seconded. ANC 4D unanimously supported resolution.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Comm. Bowser introduced Peter Anderson, new head of Washington Latin PCS. Mr. Anderson said the school is beginning its second decade, and has been at Second St NW for three years.

Jordan Rummel of Ward 4 CM Brandon Todd's staff noted that neighborhood assessment teams had been walking the neighborhoods to look for needed improvements. Also CM Todd would hold "pop-up" office hours by the Dunkin Donuts at Quincy St. and Georgia Ave. starting 8:30 am.

Adrian Merceron, at 4902 Kansas Ave. said he had put up a banner about a house attached to his, at 4904 Kansas Ave He said it has been in foreclosure for seven years and that it posed a danger to him and his family due to its unsound condition. He had complained to numerous government officials since 2010 but was not getting response from Mayor or Councilmember. Banner went up out of desperation. Roof was open to rain, and pieces of metal were blowing off the roof, endangering children and others. Comm. Sheon said Office of Attorney General will take over when DCRA will

not. **Comm. Sheon moved to write a letter to support homeowner and urging DCRA director Melinda Bolling to make needed repairs and charge to property owner. Comm. Quirk seconded.** Letter to be to OAG, with copies to DCRA, Metro Police, Councilmember Todd. **ANC unanimously voted in favor.**

GUEST SPEAKERS

Donna Cooper of Pepco spoke about the proposed rate increase, which was the first since 2013. She attributed it to the action taken to improve service and reliability. “Our infrastructure is massive” said Ms. Cooper, and it is taking a long time to upgrade it. The rate adjustment is based on expenditures to improve infrastructure. Public Service Commission will analyze the filing.

Reverend Francis Coates Executive Director of Fusion Community Development Center brought a young student who played a trumpet. He added that unlike on sports team, every child will participate and every child will start. Website takes donations: Fusioncc.com.

Michelle Cleveland of Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) a local nonprofit that promotes bicycling. DC Office of Planning had recently given WABA a generous grant to hold a community event in October on a state avenue. They are looking for community input for an event that will “bring people together.” Community meeting is to be held at the Petworth Library on Aug. 16. Comm. Bowser expressed concern about safety on angled streets. Ms. Cleveland said they might not be closing streets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comm. Sheon announced PSA 403 meeting Wednesday June 22, 7 pm.

Comm. Sheon also noted that DC Council had held oversight hearings on DCRA, and many are hoping to see complete overhaul of how vacant buildings are handled by the city.

Comm. Bowser noted she had testified at DCRA oversight hearings about agency’s failure to inspect apartment buildings.

Chair Colbert announce the August speaker Thomye Cave on eldercare.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, **Comm. Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.**