



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – FINAL APPROVED ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D Tuesday, July 18, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. **Chair Lisa Colbert called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Comm. Roth moved to approve the agenda as written. Comm. Hemingway seconded the motion. **The commission unanimously approved the agenda.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Comm. Sheon offered an update on DDOT sidewalk repair. At a previous 4D public meeting ago DDOT representatives committed to address sidewalk concerns and they followed up on several situations but several issues remain.

Comm. Roth asked about the Jefferson Street sidewalk and Comm. Sheon raised that 7th place was also still a concern. Comm. Sheon will persist in following up again with the head of sidewalk repairs again.

Comm. Hemingway offered an update Sherman Circle Initiatives/Benches. NPS has confirmed that they will install four refurbished benches in Sherman Circle in July. These come at no cost to the residents of the District of Columbia. We are also working with NPS and Casey Trees on a tree planting on Saturday, November 11.

Community questions pertained to the cost of Sherman Circle and traffic calming/pedestrian. **Comm. Hemingway informed the community that DDOT did a site visit of Sherman Circle in mid-May and will host a community meeting on July 26 to offer their next steps for Sherman Circle.**

Chair Colbert offered an update on the short-term family housing project at 5505 5th Street, NW. On July 6, Comms. Sheon, Bowser, Roth and Colbert attended a ceremony with Mayor Bowser and agencies to conduct a groundbreaking and welcome 45-49 families into the Petworth community.

A community question pertained to when the housing would open. Comm. Colbert said Fall 2018.

Comm. Roth introduced Melissa Lindsjo and Danielle Parsons to follow-up on the grant ANC 4D gave to the Kennedy Street Festival. Melissa and Danielle provided a positive recap of the successful event and shared with us the materials that featured ANC 4D (flyers, brochure).

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

Comm. Roth introduced a resolution on Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie's bill on short-term rental as it pertains to Airbnb and other online rental platforms Councilmember McDuffie's Legislative Director Barbara Mitchell participated in the discussion. Comm. Roth introduced a resolution opposing the bill because it restricts to 15 the number of days a resident homeowner of the District could rent an entire personal residence via a short-term rental platform such as Airbnb. However, it puts no limit on homeowners who only want to rent a part of their home. The resolution seeks to point out the unfair differential treatment between

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homeowners who wish to lease out their whole homes and those who would only rent a portion of their homes, via these online platforms.

In all cases the homeowners have to abide by the law: get a license, maintain safe quarters, pay taxes on the income, etc. But the bill offers no rationale for privileging the partial-home rental over the full-home rental. No benefit accrues to the rental-housing inventory, or to the District, and it unreasonably impinges on the property rights of law-abiding homeowners.

The legislation, in essence, oversteps its objective, which is to curtail the abuse of Airbnb etc. by absentee owners of multiple rental units. The practice of renting solely to temporary occupants takes some affordable housing units away from permanent residents of the District.

This resolution includes a provision to reconsider ANC 4D's opposition of the bill if Council takes out the language providing for differential treatment of homeowners participating in short-term rental programs.

A notable resident question pertained to the cost of the business license, which under this bill makes it harder to participate in the Airbnb program at all.

Chair Colbert tabled this resolution in order to end discussion and proceed with the meeting.

Comm. Roth introduced a letter in support of the KSDC and CAUFS joint application for DC Main Streets. Comm. Roth moved that ANC 4D approve the letter of support and the motion was seconded by Comm. Hemingway. Unanimously approved (5-0).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: (Timed 2 min.)

1. Dolly Turner, CM Todd's office
 - a. She summarized Ward 4 FY 18 Budget wins:
 - i. Ten million dollars for Shepherd Elementary's rec center, cafeteria and gym
 - ii. Expedited West Education Campus Modernization (elementary school)
 - iii. Held onto money for Coolidge (confirmed to be both a middle and high school)
 - iv. Two million dollars for Petworth Rec Center spray park and playground
 - v. \$200,000 funding for main street link between 14th Street to Kennedy Street
 - vi. Clean Team for Upper Georgia Avenue
 - vii. Mayor increased infrastructure improvement budgets; each Ward gets \$4.5M
 - b. Kennedy Street – the streetscape is on schedule; Kennedy Street Economic Revitalization Committee kickoff to come soon.
 - c. New legislation CM Todd is working on: Wifi task force, digital literacy, senior tax credit (raising income level for eligibility), dental support for seniors.
 - d. Council is on recess now – call with neighborhood issues!
2. Jerrell Johnson, Community Outreach for DDOT – Kennedy Street development update: spent five of ten million dollars on Kennedy Street. Paved Georgia/Illinois area to 4th Street. In the 100 block now – collaborating on green infrastructure. Kennedy Street from 2nd to 1st Place to North Capitol going east will be one way. Working now at Missouri and Kennedy – island is being moved; moving curb; working on signal. Hattie Holmes was not being touched; but it's not ADA compliant so they are re-doing the area as part of this project. May have to extend 60 days due to building extra walls they hadn't planned on.

3. Melissa Lindsjo, KSDC Board Member, announced open houses to discuss their DC Main Street application on Monday, July 24, from 7:30-9:30am at 518 Kennedy Street, and Wednesday, July 26, from 5:30-7:30pm at WMATA Community Room 4729 14th Street
4. Stephanie Tansey, Brightwood Community Dialogue Center – community invitation to a health walking trail “soft launch” on July 29th at 10AM

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Comm. Branton introduced Christopher Dyer, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, to discuss the city’s security camera program.

Once you show you’ve got your camera installed, it takes just a few weeks for you to receive your check. So far the citywide program has issued \$900,000 in rebates, with over 2,550 rebates issued. These cameras are valuable in assisting MPD with crimes from homicide to stolen packages. In addition, the Office of Aging has a Safe at Home Security Camera Program for seniors. Call 202-724-5626 for more information.

Resident Questions (answers in parens):

- How about offering motion lights? (Mr. Dyer will make that suggestion internally).
- Rebate on the installation? (Many residents do the installation themselves.)
- Any monthly fees? (They do not cover, but the cameras they offer rebates for have no monthly fees.)
- If I buy storage can I get it covered? No. There are plans offered that don’t incur costs.)

Additional tip/info: Don’t apply until you install the camera – the office comes out to check. Ensure your receipt actually shows that you paid. Mr. Dyer’s office line: 202-727-5124; cell phone at reasonable hours: 202-351-1867.

Comm. Sheon introduced Alan Etter from the Office of Unified Command (DC 911), to discuss the role of 911 service for residents. He is accompanied by Eric Hines, head of DC 311 office, which manages 1.8 million calls per year. OUC/911 is behind the scenes – they receive 3,500-4,200 911 calls every day. Half of the 911 calls around the country are not for real emergencies. Soon they will start a campaign to educate people on how to use 911.

When to Call Situations – we gave the audience scenarios and took votes on what people would do, then Mr. Etter offered his guidance on what people should actually do:

- Stop sign issue – if serious concern someone will get hurt – call 911
- Blocking alley for an hour, potential hazard for emergency vehicles to get through – call 311, call-taker would recognize this would require a quick turn around
- Found credit card and ID, could have been stolen – call 311
- Neighbor has dementia, living alone, acting erratic – call 911

Apply everything back to the safety and protection of life.

Comm Questions:

- Comm. Roth suggests police have suggested when in doubt call 911 as a default. Which guidance is accurate?

- As population increases in city, we have to provide relief. Loud noise is not life safety issue so use your judgment on what is a real life-threatening/high priority safety issue.
- Is 311 available 24/7?
 - Yes

Comm. Roth revisited the resolution on short-term rentals and ultimately withdrew it pending changes to the provisions on licensing and whole-home rentals.

MINUTES:

Comm. Sheon moved that ANC 4D approve the June 2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Comm. Branton. Unanimously approved (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Comm. Colbert reviewed the monthly treasurer's report in Comm. Bowser's absence. We began with a \$19,004.77 balance. We did not have any deposits and we wrote five checks last month totaling \$1,297.22. With our \$2 service charge, we had an ending balance of \$17,705.55.

Comm. Sheon moved that the Treasurer's report be approved as submitted by Comm. Colbert on behalf of Comm. Bowser. The motion was seconded by Comm. Branton. Unanimously approved (5-0).

Commissioner Announcements

1. Chair Colbert announced that ANC 4D Fun Day to be held on Saturday, October 14, 3-5pm, location TBD – Truesdell Elementary or last year's location at the Triangle Park on Illinois. We are open to volunteers and donations. [This has since been confirmed as Noon-4pm at Truesdell Field.]
2. Comm. Hemingway announced that DDOT will host a community meeting regarding traffic calming and pedestrian safety at Sherman and Grant Circles on Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8pm, at EL Haynes Public Charter School, 4501 Kansas Avenue, NW, Gymnasium.
3. Comm. Sheon announced his resignation as commissioner for ANC 4D04, effective July 31; and noted that Jamie Barden is running for the open position. He thanked his family, the commissioners and the neighbors for their support.

Chair Colbert announced that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, September 19. NOTE: there is no public meeting in August.

Chair Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.