



MINUTES Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting

TUESDAY, June 16, 2015
7:00 PM, Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham St., NW

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, May 21, 2015. **Chairwoman Colbert called the meeting to order** at 7:08 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 arrived 9 minutes into the meeting, and Commissioner Sheon left at 8:15 pm. A quorum was present for all votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Chairwoman Colbert asked if the agenda was acceptable as submitted. Commissioner Branton asked to introduce Dolly Turner, constituent services staff for CM Brandon Todd. Commissioner Sheon asked the commission to vote immediately on the letter in support of the Jefferson Homestead Tenants Association's partnership with Hampstead and UrbanMatters so Commissioner Sheon could be present. Commissioner Bowser asked that announcements occur after Old Business instead of at the end of the meeting. The commissioners accepted the requests and unanimously approved the amended agenda by acclamation.**

MAY MINUTES: **Chairwoman Colbert moved to accept the May minutes as written and was seconded by Commissioner Branton. The motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Commissioner Branton read the monthly report aloud indicating that \$1000.73 had been spent on normal expenses such as rent. Commissioner Branton moved to accept the report. Commissioner Quirk seconded. The motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

SPECIAL GUESTS

Cynthia White, president of the Jefferson Homestead Peoples United Tenants Association and Ray Nix, president of UrbanMatters Development Partners. Ms. White reported that with the help of local advocacy groups the tenants association was able to block the designated buyer's purchase of 812 Jefferson St. NW and solicit offers from other developers who would partner with tenants. Of the 5 offers received the proposal from Hampstead and UrbanMatters prevailed. Tenants wanted upgrades in the apartments and better security. Association represents 40 out of 55 units. Mr. Nix said the developer would devote \$60-75K per unit rehab and install energy-efficient system and plan to use historic preservation tax credits. **Commissioner Sheon moved to approve a letter in favor of the tenant association's actions, Commissioner Bowser seconded, and motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

Washington Teachers Union bargaining committee **Signe Nelson** of Brightwood EC, **Alicia Hudson** of Brightwood ED, and **Chris Bergfaulk** of Truesdell EC described what they are requesting in new contract with DCPS. They have been without a contract since 2012. The teachers said contract will ensure that every teacher has supplies needed to do the job (paper, pencils, textbooks). Contract would add more interactive and digital devices (computers achievement gap has doubled in 7 years), and would reduce class size in formula that would place more attention on at-risk children.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sheon provided update on Castello's Restaurant and Lounge. Case will go to hearing; neighbors will be ready to counteroffer the owner's proposal on hours, noise. Owner may sell property.

Commissioner Sheon described emergency community meeting in 4D04 regarding daylight assault when a man forced a woman into her vehicle. Commissioner Sheon emphasized that residents introduce themselves to neighbors to enhance neighborhood safety.

Commission Chair Colbert provided update on ANC 4D Fun Day, asking for new volunteers signup sheet. The fundraiser raised \$50.

Commissioner Bowser introduced resolution opposing weakening regulations confining large digital signs to downtown areas. Commissioner Sheon seconded and the motion passed 5-1 (Commissioner Quirk abstained).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bowser announced Roosevelt rehab meeting.

Commissioner Bowser announced David Grosso's Ward 4 Townhall Education Meeting and the DCHD's Housing Expo Saturday June 27.

Commissioner Bowser announced an SMD 4D02 meeting with a tenant advocate and Shane Lamond to talk about crime

Commissioner Branton announced a skate jam at Barnard ES, including a Fun Wagon.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS,

Dolly Turner, on CM Brandon Todd's staff for constituent services., noted that Cheryl Newman is chief of staff, Jackson Carnes is director of Constituent services, and Matt Senturo manages communications. CM Todd was holding a Family Fun day on June 28 at Kingsbury School on 14th St.

Jasmin Benab, Ward 4 liaison to Mayor's office, announced an AARP shredding event.

Ooooohs and Aaahhs restaurant's Karen Abbott introduced her son, who brought samples potato salad and fried chicken for public to try.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Branton introduced a letter to local business owners to have doggies clean up bags for the community. Signs are available for free.

Commissioner Roth moved that ANC 4D allocate \$225 for ANC items such as a folding table and letterhead. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Branton. The motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Colbert announced the next meeting of ANC 4D would be on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at the June 16, 2015 meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.