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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting

TUESDAY, May 19, 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 7:05 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 not present. A quorum was present for all votes.

APRIL MINUTES: **Commission Chair Colbert moved to accept the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Roth. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Commissioner Colbert moved to accept agenda, Commissioner Roth seconded. The commissioners unanimously approved the corrected agenda by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Commissioner Branton read the report aloud. Commissioner Branton moved to accept the report. Commissioner Bowser seconded. The motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

SPECIAL GUESTS

DC Water sent Seth Charde, Green Infrastructure Planning Coordinator and **Bethany Bezak, Manager of Green Infrastructure program,** to describe the utility's plans for water conservation and cleansing. Plans focus on installing infrastructure to soak up storm water, such as rain gardens, pervious pavement, etc. to limit runoff and prevent sewage overflows into local rivers. Two new projects are in ANC 4D: Kansas Ave. triangle parks and Kennedy St. streetscape will have water-saving technologies and amenities installed. They announced a meeting on May 28 at Roots PCS at 15 Kennedy St. Project is to be constructed in tandem with DDOT's Kennedy Street improvement project beginning in October.

Mary Ann Stinson, principal of Truesdell Educational Campus, was introduced by Commissioner Sheon. Principal Stinson described Truesdell's programs for children and parents, including two advanced educational initiatives underway for next year, one in cooperation with Lockheed Martain and another with Facebook engineers. **Commissioner Bowser** asked about need for playground improvement. Principal Stinson said the student body was rapidly expanding and that the playground was not adequate for the growing cohort. A member of public asked about lighting on playground and about trash left on ground after each weekend. Principal Stinson noted that lighting had been installed 5 years ago on parking lot, and more lighting had been requested.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sheon provided update on Castello's Restaurant and Lounge. The proprietor produced a draft voluntary settlement only in the past week, not allowing adequate time for review. The proprietor and his representative refused to extend the deadline 72 hours as requested. Ten residents of Hamilton St. have now signed a petition opposing the tavern liquor license unless a settlement agreement is reached with neighbors. ANC is in negotiation over settlement agreement.

Commissioner Sheon discussed status of renewal of liquor license of Colony Liquors at Emerson and Georgia. Neighbors had expressed concern about a cohort who loiter and drink in front of Industrial Bank. Owner of Colony Liquor said he would stop selling to the loiterers, and the bank plans to heighten wall to not provide sitting place. Loiterers seem to have gone away after liquor was made unavailable to them.

Commission Chair Colbert provided update on ANC 4D Day fundraiser. September 19. Gethseme Church offered donation and Brightwood Church offered choir to sing and food donation. Also coming is a dog groomer. It was agreed that volunteers from the community would form a committee to help with the event.

Commissioner Branton moved to approve expenditures above those previously allocated by ANC: cost of ANC tablecloth/banner is $40 more than allocated, and moving services to bring ANC office items to Colony House cost $50 more than was allocated. **Commissioner Bowser seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Commissioner Roth introduced Danielle Parsons, of Kennedy St. Development Association, to discuss Kennedy St. Festival, June 20. Street will not be blocked, and all activities are free. Agency representatives will be present.

Jasmin Benab, Ward 4 liaison to Mayor's office, announced she was available to help residents resolve problems.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowser proposed a resolution on "pop-up" additions to houses, which have become common in the community. The resolution asked the Zoning Commission to reconsider its ruling to allow pop-ups to continue, and to make a better decision for the neighborhoods. **The commissioners tabled the motion in order to study the issue further.**

Commissioner Bowser announced that there was an initiative to allow bright, big moving billboards similar to those in downtown commercial areas to be used in more residential areas.

Commissioner Roth moved that ANC allocate $25 to obtain a table at the Kennedy St. Festival. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bowser announced a meeting by Dept. of Housing and Community Development to discuss housing in Ward 4 at Coolidge High School on May 28, 6:30 pm. A second housing event, the DC Housing Expo, was to take place in June at the DC Convention Center.

Commissioner Colbert announced the next meeting of ANC 4D would be on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at the May 19, 2015 meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.