



MINUTES Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Draft) Public Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Chair Lisa Colbert **called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL: Present: 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D02 Renee Bowser; 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton. Absent: 4D06 Bill Quirk. A quorum was present for all votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Chair Colbert moved to accept the agenda as amended. Comm. Bowser seconded. Motion unanimously approved by acclamation.**

MINUTES: **September Minutes were presented. Comm. Bowser requested one edit. Chair Colbert moved to accept minutes with amendment suggested. Comm. Bowser seconded. Passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Comm. Branton read the September Treasurer's Report. At the end of August ANC 4D had \$9,106.26 in the ANC Treasury of which \$1,685.21 were spent in September 2016. An allotment from the city government added \$10,459.54 to the Treasury. Minus \$2.00 in bank fees, ANC 4D had \$17,880.59 by the end of September, closing FY 2016 with a surplus. Comm. Branton moved to accept the report as read, Comm. Roth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Colbert read aloud the FY 2017 budget (attached). Comm. Sheon commended ANC 4D for its financial discipline in the previous year and noted it would be able to fund more community activities. Comm. Branton asked if the grant program could be expanded from \$2,500 to \$3,200. Comm. Roth noted that the ANC budget might need to be reallocated if DC Council passed the ANC Omnibus bill.

Mr. Cherokee, an attendee, asked what kinds of organizations could receive grants. **Comm. Bowser said they need to be nonprofit and the granted funds must have substantial benefit for ANC 4D.**

Another attendee asked if funds could go to put up dog waste signs on blocks that don't have them, such as hers, the 5200 block of Kansas Ave. **Comm. Bowser said those were funded by the city, based on number of complaints from the residents.**

Chair Colbert moved to accept the 2017 budget with Comm. Branton's amendment. Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Re ANC 4D resolution on Martin Luther King Library renovation plans: **Comm. Bowser said the Library Board of Trustees has now scheduled public meetings: one at 901 G St NW Nov. 9 at 6:30 pm; another Dec. 1 at the Juniata E. Thornton branch library in Shepherd Park.**

Re ANC 4D letter to DDOT about unfulfilled safety recommendations: **Comm. Sheon noted flashing lights were to be installed at 5100 Georgia Ave. as promised.**

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Re vacant homes legislation: **Comm. Sheon reported legislation has been marked up by DC Council and is set to be voted on.**

Re ANC 4D recommendation on ANC Omnibus legislation asking that ANCs be exempt from permit fees: **Comm. Bowser gave testimony at the hearing chaired by CM Bonds, and reported that** CM Bonds said DPR makes its money through its permitting fees. Comm. Bowser reported three key issues at hearing: (1) payment for commissioners mostly opposed, possible compromise is that money could be donated to commission, or kept by commissioners to use for childcare, other expenses. (2) Provision exempting ANCs from FOIA regulations was withdrawn. (3) ABRA petitions should be more widely accessible to citizens including those beyond next-door neighbors, and not restricted to ANCs.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Comm. Sheon reported that two residents in his SMD were ticketed (\$75) without any warning for leaving their rolling trashcans in the alley after trash pickup. One never got the ticket, it doubled and she then learned she had missed a hearing she hadn't known about. **Comm. Sheon asked if anyone had received literature or information about putting trash cans away.** No one had. An attendee complained about use of personal trashcans by public and said a sign or notice about it should go out. **Comm. Sheon said illegal dumping in public trashcan must be witnessed.** Attendee said message that trash should be taken out of alley after trash pickup must be disseminated more widely.

Mr. Elias, proprietor of Elias Injera Market and Restaurant at 5427 Georgia Ave. NW, requested a letter from ANC 4D supporting his application for an interim liquor license, letting him serve while awaiting the permanent license hearing by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. **Comm. Roth said she had visited the restaurant and found it in good order,** and had questioned constituents and heard no objections. She asked if anyone present had concerns; no one did. **Comm. Roth moved the ANC produce a letter of support. Comm. Sheon seconded. ANC voted unanimously in favor.**

Whitley O'Neal from CM Todd's office spoke about the CM's activities in the coming weeks.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Council Member Brandon Todd updated on DC Council and government activities:

--On Oct. 21 Mayor Bowser is to "kickoff of Kennedy St. revitalization" a \$10 million infrastructure upgrade on Kennedy St. In July CM Todd introduced a bill to establish a Kennedy St. revitalization advisory committee. The bill had passed its second vote, needs a third vote.

--Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Administration: Oversight of DCRA is now divided among four Council subcommittees. CM Todd now chairs newly formed Subcommittee on Boards & Commissions.

--The Walter Reed campus will be conveyed to DC from the Fed. Government on Oct. 31. CM Todd said "It will be the greatest economic development opportunity we will ever see," noting the DC International School is to be built there in time for 2017-2018 school year for 700 students.

--Statehood Referendum will be on ballot in Nov. New state is to keep the familiar name, Washington DC, but "DC" will stand for "Douglass Commonwealth" named for Frederick Douglass.

--CM Todd would hold a Ward 4 "State of the Senior" event on Oct. 20.

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Comm. Roth asked about incidents where mothers on way to daycare were harassed by groups of school-aged kids. CM Todd said MPD Chief Diane Grooms heads truancy unit, and said to report spots where many school-aged kids are gathering. Truancy unit puts them in touch with numerous services.

Attendee asked about popups and popbacks. CM Todd said Council has no authority over that, but zoning commission does. People should be allowed to make changes within reason. Recent ruling lowers permissible height of building to 35 feet (from 40).

Attendee asked about how Kennedy St. upgrade would affect traffic where it intersects with Kansas and Missouri Avenues. **Comm. Bowser said original plan to close down the street had been rejected.**

Attendee asked about family leave legislation. CM Todd said family leave had been cut from 16 weeks to 12 weeks. Next step: DC Council Chair Mendelson must bring to the Committee of the Whole.

Attendee asked what does Kennedy St. revitalization committee do? CM Todd said committee would ensure everyone in DC government would focus on improving the street. The infrastructure project will send strong signal to the investment community.

Comm. Bowser asked if CM Todd would provide information to ANC about programs for youth. She said there was high unemployment for neighborhood youth of color. CM Todd said he would like to coordinate Dept. of Employment visit in a mobile van.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Bowser introduced resolution to DDOT asking them to abandon proposal to issue resident-only parking throughout an ANC instead of block by block. Instead DDOT should take into account the situation of neighboring blocks when issuing residential parking. **Comm. Bowser moved ANC support the resolution. Comm. Sheon seconded.** ANC voted unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Litter cleanup event will be playing movement to clean up litter on blocks. Sat. Nov. 19 6-12

GUEST SPEAKERS

Comm. Roth introduced Nikolas Nartowicz to explain state constitution drafting process.

Comm. Bowser introduced David Schwartzman of DC Statehood/Green Party to discuss flaws in constitution drafting process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Colbert: ANC is giving out Thanksgiving dinners to those in need.

Chair Colbert: ANC would hold holiday party on Dec. 11. She asked attendees about preference among three locations. Attendees expressed need for adequate parking.

Comm. Bowser: Office of Planning holding public meetings on city's Comprehensive Plan on Oct, 19 at Columbia Heights EC and at Wilson High School Oct. 25.

Comm. Sheon: community public safety meeting to be held Oct. 20.

ADJOURNMENT: **There being no further business, Comm. Bowser adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.**