



## MINUTES

### **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting TUESDAY, September 15, 2015 7:00 PM, Truesdell Education Campus, 800 Ingraham St., NW**

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. **Chairwoman Colbert called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 4D01 Nancy Roth; 4D02 Renee Bowser, 4D03 Lisa Colbert; 4D04 David Sheon; 4D05 Krystal Branton. Not present: 4D06, Bill Quirk. A quorum was present for all votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Comm. Bowser asked to amend the community comments. Comm. Branton moved to accept amended agenda and Comm. Bowser seconded. The amended agenda was unanimously approved by acclamation as written.**

MINUTES: **Comm. Branton moved to accept the Aug. 2015 minutes as written and was seconded by Comm. Sheon. The motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Comm. Branton read the monthly report aloud indicating that \$913.95 on printing, phone and other expenses. Total in treasury: \$10,244.13. Comm. Branton moved to accept the report. Comm. Roth seconded. Motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

SPECIAL GUESTS: **Sarah Scruggs** (Manna Inc.), **Harry Gough** (as representative of Randolph Horton), and **Regina Clark** (architect) presented plans for Horton Village, a rental apartment building planned on parking lot at 608 Kennedy St. NW (owned by Mr. Horton, who also owns Horton Funeral Home at 600 Kennedy St.). It will have 42 one-bedroom affordable units for seniors 65+ with income of up to 50% of area's median income. Mr. Gough said building would be the "first facelift on Kennedy Street since 1950." Regina Clark said street level would have open space with wifi café, laundry facilities, meeting space. **Comm. Bowser asked about monthly rent**, Scruggs answered \$500-\$800 per month. **Comm. Roth** asked if outside community would have access to facility; Clark said facility is for residents only. Attendee asked how much funding Manna needed from city; Scruggs said figure not known yet. Some units will be built for physically disabled but additional units can be adapted as needed. Team requested letter supporting the project to meet criteria of DHCD funding for project. **Comm. Roth moved to send letter of support of the project, Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

**Khalil Thompson** presented on Mayor's Six-Month Progress Report. Key initiatives include ending homelessness in DC and addressing increased crime. The safety initiative has tax incentives for homeowners, churches, and businesses to buy security cameras. In reference to homelessness problem **Comm. Roth and Comm. Bowser** asked about prospects for converting vacant/ blighted houses to housing for homeless families. **Comm. Bowser** asked about neighbors' attempts to obtain city help in closing 5406 Kansas Ave. A resident asked for help with 5112 9th St. NW, an apparently vacant house where vagrants hold parties at night.

**Comm. Bowser introduced Andrea Rosen of Ward 4 Thrives** to discuss issues with city's Comprehensive Plan revisions, which do not reflect concerning changes the DC Office of Planning (OP) has made in its Zoning Regulation Review (ZRR). Changes to the Comprehensive Plan have been made through "tremendous community input" but the "OP has done little outreach" in making changes to the zoning code. Key problem is that the zoning changes "triple" the size of downtown, expanding dense residential development exempt from inclusionary zoning, which requires developers of apartment buildings larger

than 10 units make 10% of them more affordable than market rates. Ward 4 Thrives asks ANC 4D to oppose the secretive ZRR changes. **Comm. Bowser moved that ANC 4D accept a resolution to reject ZRR until it shows it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and transparent so that residents can see what has changed. Comm. Sheon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

**Comm. Bowser introduced Sam Jordan of Health Care Now.** He described CareFirst/Blue Cross-Blue Shield attempts to sidestep DC laws that require it to redistribute \$268 million excessive reserve of funds collected from subscribers throughout DC, MD and VA. DC's share of that would be \$56 million. Instead of addressing concerns of DC commission, CareFirst instead has appealed to MD and VA commissions to prohibit BCBS from complying with DC commission requirement.

OLD BUSINESS: **Commissioner Sheon described neighborhood opposition to hours of operation of Castello's Restaurant and Lounge at 931 Hamilton St. NW.** Castello's proposes operating hours of Sun.-Thurs. 10am-2 am, Fri.- Sat. 10am-3am to ABRA in seeking liquor license. **Comm. Sheon** had collected 15 signatures on petition of neighbors opposing the hours. **Comm. Sheon moved that ANC 4D send a letter to ABRA opposing to those hours, and designating him to represent ANC at public hearing. Comm. Bowser seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

**Comm. Sheon described efforts to change DC law** on vacant houses by putting burden of proof on owners that houses are no longer vacant instead of requiring DCRA to send inspectors every 6 months.

**Comm. Roth described new developments in DDOT infrastructure improvement project on Kennedy St.** According to Program Manager Paul Hoffman, DDOT is bidding the work, and all bids are due by Sept. 29. Notice to Proceed to successful contractor will follow in a couple of months.

**Commission Chair Colbert called for volunteers for ANC 4D Fun Day,** including donations of aluminum foil, paper plates, and drinks.

NEW BUSINESS: **Comm. Branton moved that ANC 4D send a letter of support of renewal of zoning exception needed by Christian Family Montessori School** to utilize entry to a cemetery to access school at St. Paul's Church. **Comm. Roth seconded.** Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

**Chair Colbert moved that ANC 4D allocate \$317.00** for additional repairs on photocopy machine from city for ANC use. **Bowser seconded. Motion passed, 4 votes in favor, one abstention by Comm. Sheon.**

**Comm. Roth moved to allocate \$200** for ANC table, tent, chairs for outside events. **Comm. Sheon seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Dolly Turner from CM Brandon Todd's staff, reported that he had started a new block captain program, with 80 people attending a training session. CM Todd's public safety meeting drew 200 attendees. Legislative period to start on Oct. 16; CM Todd plans to introduce an ANC commissioners initiative, a PTA initiative, and propose an Elder Law clinic via UDC. **Comm Bowser asked her to look into longstanding road problem at Raymond Elementary.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Comm. Branton announced** job opportunity for seniors helping children in Jumpstart Community Corps.

**Comm. Branton announced Golden Gallery art show** at Hattie Holmes Sr. Center on Oct. 3.

**Comm. Bowser announced ACLU forum on effective policing** Sept. 17 at First Baptist Church, 712 Randolph St. NW.

**Comm. Colbert announced next meeting of ANC 4D would be on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Sept. 15 meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.