



MINUTES
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D took place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. **Chairwoman Colbert called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.**

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

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

MINUTES: **Comm. Branton moved to accept the Dec. and Nov. 2015 minutes as written and was seconded by Comm. Bowser. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: **Comm. Branton read the monthly report aloud.** Expenditures in December totaled \$482.99, all of which was spent on the 4D Holiday Party except \$120.56 (for newsletters) and \$14.25 (bank charges). Total remaining in Treasury: \$11,882.60. **Comm. Branton moved to accept the report. Comm. Bowser seconded. Motion unanimously passed by acclamation.**

Comm. Branton moved ANC allocate up to \$600.00 for permits for an ANC health fair at Emery Recreation Center in the spring. Comm. Bowser seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Comm. Quirk moved and Comm. Bowser seconded motion that all officers retain positions for calendar year 2016: Chair Lisa Colbert; Vice Chair Renee Bowser, Treasurer Krystal Branton; and Secretary Nancy Roth. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Comm. Colbert moved and Comm. Bowser seconded motion that ANC is to participate in Security Fund for a fee of \$25. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

On behalf of Comm. Sheon, Comm. Roth read a message about a Jan. 6 Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) protest hearing on Castello's Lounge. More than a dozen neighbors appeared, and three testified about concerns regarding the establishment, especially late hours to be allowed in the permit for which proprietor has applied. **Comm. Sheon** said records show that crime spikes at restaurants that are open late hours, and suggested that those interested in the issue email him for details. Transcripts of the hearing will be available on the website of ABRA.

Comm. Colbert announced the 4D Holiday Party/Coat Drive had collected 70 coats for local students.

NEW BUSINESS

ANC 4D has 13 businesses that must renew their liquor licenses by March. **Comm. Sheon is forming a committee of residents to pursue settlement agreements with each establishment and in a message called for volunteers to serve on this committee.**

Comm. Colbert is forming a committee of citizen volunteers to work on 2016 ANC events including a Health Fair this spring and ANC 4D Fun Day in the fall. **Comm. Colbert also announced that Howard University and ANC 4D are looking for 25 families in Wards 4 and 5 who want assistance in starting vegetable gardens, and asked that volunteers contact her.**

Comm. Roth is forming a committee of resident volunteers to work on addressing issues with nuisance properties, i.e. properties in which occupants are behaving in ways that are having bad effects on the neighborhood. She called on volunteers to contact her.

Comm. Bowser is forming a committee of residents to work on affordable housing issues in the community and called for volunteers.

Comm. Bowser described ANC 4D's new program of Community Grants. Grants are to be awarded on a quarterly cycle. ANC 4D is preparing a grant application that will be ready for review at March meeting. The funds must be used within 60 days after grant has been given, and must go towards activities that substantially benefit ANC 4D residents (even if they don't occur within 4D boundaries).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Dolly Turner from CM Brandon Todd's staff introduced Jordan Bailey who will serve as Constituent Services Coordinator under Jackson Carnes in CM Todd's office. Also CM Todd lead a Ward 4 Economic Development bus tour for businesses and developers. He also is starting a new block captain program, with 80 people attending a recent training session. In addition CM Todd passed anti-graffiti legislation.

Cherokee suggested as an alternative anti-graffiti approach: paying kids to remove it or put up murals.

Khalil Thompson introduced Michael Lewis as his replacement at the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, as Mr. Thompson is joining DDOT. Jasmin Benab will continue to serve as Ward 4 Liaison.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Dept. of Public Works Director of Snow Preparedness Christopher Shorter mentioned that DPW makes grants to local artists for painting murals across the District. One was recently finished at 15th and U. Artists can register at Commission of Arts and Humanities website to obtain information and grants.

In describing priorities for snow preparedness, Mr. Shorter said the city would no longer postpone trash collection in inclement weather but would pick up on the next day, in a way similar to delayed pickups after holidays. Previously the city waited until the next weekly collection day for the area, allowing trash to back up two and three weeks.

Comm. Roth asked how trucks would make it down snowbound alleys. Mr. Shorter said DPW had purchased equipment to allow trucks to spot clean alleys including spray-treating with brine to open them. Personnel also had cleated shoes to safely traverse slippery spots. **Comm. Quirk asked about**

Christmas tree collection opportunities. Mr. Shorter advised that collection had been prolonged and residents could put them out with their trash.

Mr. Shorter added that a law requiring residents and businesses to clear snow from sidewalks would come into effect this year. Residents and businesses may wait until daylight after snowfall ends and then must clear snow within 8 hours. That includes clearing the curb cut on the corner, or a 37" path from curb to sidewalk. Fine is \$25 for residents and \$150 for businesses. Exemptions are available for seniors and disabled people, but they must obtain a note from a doctor indicating that they cannot safely remove snow. The city had distributed 1500 snow shovels, he said.

Comm. Bowser said trash was often overflowing at 220 Hamilton St. apartment building, which had too-small collection bins. She also noted that bus-stop trash bins were frequently overwhelmed with illegally placed trash, and asked if DPW could put up signs banning dumping. Mr. Shorter said DPW could stake out an area where there was frequent illegal dumping. It's necessary to catch the dumper in action in order to issue a citation, however.

Cherokee said he helped many seniors and disabled neighbors with trash rollout. Mr. Shorter said DPW scope of services includes a hardship program to help disabled people and seniors manage their trash.

Comm. Colbert introduced Gregory Dean, Chief of DC Fire Emergency Medical Services to discuss the transport of citizens to the hospital. Mr. Dean said DC Fire Dept. would come to address for a 911 call but if the issue is not life-threatening a third-party transporter would now take patient to hospital because emergency units were often delayed at hospitals, making them unavailable for 911 emergencies.

Comm. Bowser asked why the Dept. did not hire more workers instead of contracting out to a third party. Mr. Dean said the delay at hospitals would still hold up units and interfere with emergency response, whereas the third-party transporters would free up Fire Dept. vehicles to respond to 911 calls.

Mr. Dean also announced that DC Fire Dept. EMS was offering free training of hands-only CPR. They are looking for volunteers who wish to be trained. It's a 20-minute lesson.

Comm. Bowser asked about the Fire Dept. Cadet program for students coming out of high school to replace those who retire. Mr. Dean noted that 3,700 people apply but there is only a class of 20. **Comm. Bowser asked how students find out about it** and Mr. Dean said recruiters go into high schools. Preference is given to DC residents and veterans.

Comm. Colbert announced the passing of Mr. Joseph Kelley, a frequent participant in ANC meetings and events. Comms. Roth and Quirk said he would be missed by both family and community.

Mr. John Capozzi of the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) announced Connect DC, a program to help people of limited means, especially seniors, obtain access to the Internet, computers, and Internet literacy. They have partnered with Byte Back to offer free education. Training can take place anywhere, including public libraries. They also have a big summer jobs program for youth.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Jan. 19 meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.