

2020 ANNUAL REPORT FOR ANC 4A

ANC 4A submits this Annual Report for the period November 1, 2019 to November 4, 2020.

ANC 4A covers the following neighborhoods: Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, Brightwood, Crestwood and Crestwood North, and a portion of 16th Street Heights. ANC 4A covers approximately 16,000 residents and has 8 ANC single member districts. For all of this year, we had a vacancy in single-member district 4A05, with the resignation of Commissioner Deborah Pope in 2019.

The ANC 4A Officers for 2020 were: Gale Black 4A08, Chair; Phyllis Green 4A01, Vice-Chair, Stephen Whatley 4A03, Secretary and Candace Nelson 4A06, Treasurer.

For the year 2020, the ANC 4A Commissioners in numerical order were: Single Member District (SMD) 4A01 Phyllis Green (Vice Chair); 4A02, Stacey Lincoln; 4A03, Stephen Whatley (Secretary); 4A04, Patience Singleton; 4A05 (formerly Deborah Pope and vacant since May of 2019); 4A06, Candace Nelson (Treasurer); 4A07, Marlene Moss, and 4A08, Gale Black (Chair).

Consistent with the requirements for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the ANC 4A has held eight regular public meetings and will hold the ninth meeting in December. Those meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January, when the meeting was postponed until January 16, 2020 due to inclement weather and June 3rd, due to Tuesday being a voting day. The January meeting was held at the Milton School. All other meetings were held at the Police Station at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, until March, when the COVID-19 Pandemic stopped the in-person meetings. We did not hold a meeting in April. We resumed meetings, virtually, starting in May. We met in June. We did not meet in July or August. We resumed our meetings in September, October and November, via Webex. We are planning to meet on December 1, 2020.

Notices of the meetings are sent via the List Serves and announced on the ANC 4A website.

We have operated with a quorum of Commissioners. The ANC 4A operates under its current bylaws, that were adopted in May of 2015. In accordance with the bylaws, the ANC 4A Commission operates as a Committee of the Whole. No single commissioner, including the Chair or Vice-Chair has more authority than any other commissioners. The only actions that count as official ANC 4A actions are those actions that are considered and voted on at an official, regularly scheduled, ANC 4A meeting, for which there has been public notice.

The ANC 4A provided an opportunity for the community to offer comments and to raise concerns regarding matters not already on the agenda, at each ANC 4A public meeting. We also provided

an opportunity at each of the meetings for the community to hear from the Mayor's staff, the Ward 4 Council Member's representative, the Police, and the elected Education Representative, Frazier O'Leary.

Of special significance to this annual report, we note that ANC 4A had presentations by the DC Department of Transportation, the DC Department of Public Works, and the Director of the DC Department of Motor Vehicles.

The major development projects included the ongoing Walter Reed Project. We supported the request of the Children's National Research and Innovation Campus for a zoning modification at the Walter Reed site.

The ANC 4A also considered (and the Chair participated on behalf of the ANC (as requested) at the hearing and meetings for the ABRA liquor license renewal request for Betty's GoJo. The ANC's actions on behalf of the residents was successful. Other issues during the past year, were:

Business Applications

- 1.) ANC 4A was a party to the ABRA license request for Betty's GoJo. There were ongoing hearings in 2020 in which Chair Gale Black had to represent the ANC 4A. At the May 7, 2019, the ABRA License request for Betty's GoJo. ANC 4A voted to oppose the request for the license renewal. (ANC 4A acting as a Whole). ANC 4A Chair participated in the ABRA hearing. ANC 4A and the residents who protested the license renewal were successful in its opposition. ABRA voted in favor of the ANC 4A position;
- 2.) ABRA License Serengheti – (Commissioner Singleton);
- 3.) ABRA License for Deset Ethiopian Restaurant – ANC 4A voted to oppose., as recommended by Commissioner Nelson.

The following is a monthly overview of the Commission's actions from November 2019 to November 2020.

At the November 2019 meeting, we voted to submit comments to the Director of the Office of Planning regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan changes. (Commission as a Whole). At the Commission's December 2019 meeting, the draft Comments were presented for consideration and voted on and approved.

We voted to approve, and provided, one community enhancement project – providing bags for the safe removal of dog waste for the six dispensers in SMD 4A08. (Commissioner Black)

We adopted a budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 and are operating in conformance with our budget. We sorted through the finances for ANC 4A and have made some changes to insure that we safeguard the dollars that we are allocated and do not lose any dollars in the future. We recognize and thank Treasurer Candace Nelson for her efforts.

December 3, 2019

ANC 4A considered the DC Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Black moved that ANC 4A submit the comments discussed at the December meeting and that ANC 4A be authorized to provide the comments to the Office of Planning. Motion 4A-12-03-19-03 passed.

Commissioner Singleton moved that ANC 4A submit a letter opposing the Dockless Bike notification. 4A-11-05-19-04. The Motion passed.

Wayne Wilson of DDOT spoke on the Broad Branch reconstruction.

We heard a presentation from a resident for the construction of her owner-occupied home, to add a two story addition at 4315 Argyle Terrace, NW.

A presentation was made regarding 7551 17th Street, NW (Resolution 4A-12-03-19-01. Commissioner Green moved that ANC 4A support the request . Motion passed.

A presentation was made regarding 7407 16th Street NW. Commissioner Green moved that ANC 4A oppose the request pertaining to 7551 16th Street NW. ANC 4A voted to oppose

January - held on January 16, 2020

January 7, 2020 Agenda (note: the meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather). We met on January 16th - and used the January 7, 2020 resolutions and documents for the January 16, 2020 ANC 4A meeting, which was held at Milton School

4A Resolution 4A-2—01-16 (changed from 1/7/2020 date), authorizing ANC 4A Schedule of Meetings for 2020

Resolution 4A-2—0107-02 authorizing ANC 4A to participate in the ANC Security Fund

Resolution 4A-20-0107-3, Authorizing 4A to Release its Office Space

Resolution 4A-20-0107 Authorizing the ANC 4A to Submit its Annual Report to the OANC and the Council Secretary

Note: the Election of Officers was done by voice vote. Sherrill Newman of Council Member Todd's office conducted the election. Gale Black was elected Chair. Stephen Whatley was elected Secretary and Candace Nelson was elected Treasurer.

We considered the following resolutions:

Resolution 4A-2020-16-05 Appointing Commissioner Moss as the designated representative for ANC 4A for the Kennedy Street rehabilitation project. (oral motion) passed unanimously.

Resolution 4A-2020-16-03 Notification to the church of ANC 4A's intent to release the office. Passed with 5 ayes, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

Resolution 4A-2020-16-06 – Requesting Red RPP signs for the 5800 block of Colorado Avenue. Moved by Commissioner Nelson – Seconded Commissioner Single Passed 6 to 0

Resolution 4A-2020- in support of the request from Children's National Medical Center to place signage at Walter Reed. Passed.

4A Annual Report was formally adopted.

February 4, 2020

February 4, 2020 4A Resolution in Support of Speed Humps and Camera on the 1600 Block of Juniper Street, NW

February 4, 2020 ANC Resolution in Support of DC Census 2020

Resolution Concerning Support for Providence Health Services Establishing a Diagnostic Imaging Center

March 3, 2020

March 3, 2020 Regular Public ANC 4A Meeting Agenda included the ANC 4A Resolution 4A-03-03-20-01 Opposing Cuts to Metro-Bus Service and Fare Increases

Budget FY 2021 Engagement Work Sheet that was provided to residents at the meeting / We conducted a survey of 4A residents regarding the DC Budget priorities and sought their opinion as to how the DC funds should be spent at the March 2020 meeting. (Commissioner Black)

Statement of DCRA's involvement with the construction of 1604 Upshur Street, NW (and stop work order was issued)

Consent Agenda item for March 3, 2020. ANC 4A provided a list of needed street repairs and repaving and sidewalk repairs

We heard from the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

April

(There was no April meeting due to COVID)

May5, 2020

May 5, 2020 Agenda

We used a Consent calendar (but some discussion held) regarding ANC 4A's resolution to support the Notice of Intent regarding the installation of a sidewalk on Blagden Avenue, NW.

Resolution to Support Office of the People's Counsel (OPC)'s opposition to the PEPCO \$81 million dollar rate and request to halt processing until the pandemic is over.

June 3, 2020

June 3, 2020 Agenda (Virtual) (Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, because the first Tuesday in June was a voting day

We heard an update on the DC Department of Transportation Plans for Aspen Street.

We heard a presentation by the Executive Office of the Mayor regarding the current state of the DC budget and implications for DC residents

We added to the Agenda an emergency resolution to support the efforts by the NAACP to ban the use of knee holds, like those that resulted in the death of George Floyd. Resolution passed unanimously.

We heard a presentation by Alexander Davis, Community Partnership Association with SPIN regarding electric bike rentals.

No Meetings were held in July or August.

September 1, 2020

We incorporate by reference the minutes for the September 1, 2020 meeting. At this meeting, we voted on a number of Quarterly Reports, the ANC Fiscal Year 2021 budget, a Resolution for a Traffic Study and Speed Bumps for the 1100 to 1300 blocks of Tewesbury Place, discussed traffic calming at the 1700 block of Juniper Street and the Sixteenth Street Circle and we approved the request for Neighborhood Slow Zone Signs. (Add link to September ANC 4A minutes).

Our former office location was 7720 Alaska Avenue, NW, in the basement office, Room 106, of the North Minister Church. We shared an office with ANC 4B, which vacated the office in June. ANC 4 relinquish its office space in early 2020.

October

We approved the Resolution on the Libyan Chancery's Request

Resolution 4A-10-6-20-2 Opposing the Relocation of Emergency Shelter for Persons Experiencing Acute Mental Illness from Connecticut Avenue to 6420 13th Street NW in Brightwood. The motion introduced by Commissioner Singleton, 4A04 passed, with no objections.

We heard from the DC Public Service Commission

November 2020

Walter Reed (add)

We considered a proposed resolution regarding the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road.

We considered the Annual Report draft.

We heard from the Police regarding the recent death of Karon Hylton.

We considered a resolution that had been passed by several ANCs in Ward 2 regarding the termination of the Principal of the School Without Walls.