

**Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B**  
**June 22, 2015 Regular Public Meeting**  
**Approved October 6, 2015**

*PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public will not be recorded in detail in the minutes. For a full record of everything that was said at the meeting, please go to [www.anc4b.org](http://www.anc4b.org) and click on the “Meetings” link to hear an audio recording of the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, Commissioner Ronald Austin, Chair (and ANC 4B06) presiding. It was held at the MPD’s 4<sup>th</sup> District Community Room, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW. Also present were Commissioners 4B01 Andre Carley, 4B02 Frank Jones III, 4B03 Fred Grant, 4B05 Brenda Speaks, 4B07 Judi Jones, and 4B08 Barbara Rogers. A quorum was present for all votes.

**1) Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda as presented was amended. Commissioner Austin moved that agenda #6, a presentation by Mr. Jerry Lyle, DDOT, be removed from the agenda. There was no objection. Commissioner Judi Jones moved to add a resolution supporting a voluntary agreement between residents and management of 121 Tuckerman Street NW. There was no objection. Commissioner Austin moved to remove agenda #14 regarding parking meters in the Takoma Business District. There was no objection. Commissioner Judi Jones moved to remove agenda #13, resolution opposing a dog park in ANC 4B. There was no objection. Commissioner Judi Jones moved that the agenda as amended be approved. Commissioner Speaks seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, 6 yes, 0 no.

**2) Vote: Resolution Supporting a Voluntary Agreement Between Residents of Tuckerman Street NW and Management of 121 Tuckerman Street NW**

Following discussion, the matter was deferred to a later date pending receipt of an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the legality of such voluntary agreements.

**3) Vote: 4Ever Emery Grant Application**

Mr. Lonnie Mack, 4Ever Emery, presented their application for a \$1,000 grant. The funds would allow them to rent a large tent for their annual community picnic on August 8, 2015. The tent will provide shelter from the sun for the elderly and children. Commissioner Carley moved that the Commission approve the grant application.

Commissioner Speaks seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.

**4) Vote R15-0601, BZA 19405, Application for Special Exception, 6812 Laurel Avenue N.W.**

Commissioner Judi Jones moved that the Commission adopt a resolution supporting the application of Mr. Wayne Lin and Ms. Christina Balch to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a special exception from the zoning regulations to permit nonconforming construction of a rear porch. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.

*The adopted resolution:*

- *Mr. Wayne Lin and Ms. Christina Balch (applicants) propose to renovate their residence at 6812 Laurel Street N.W., which is located in the Takoma Park Historic District, including an addition to the rear of the house.*
- *Due to the irregularly shaped lot on which the house is built, the proposal does not meet rear setback regulations.*
- *The applicants have submitted an application for a special exception from the zoning regulations (BZA 19045) to allow this nonconforming construction.*
- *The Commission has reviewed the plans and drawings for the proposed renovation, the application for a special exception and the many letters of support from neighboring residents.*

**RESOLVED:**

*That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports the application for a special exception and recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve it.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

*That Commissioner Judi Jones, ANC 4B07, is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

*That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out her representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chairperson to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this resolution.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

*Consistent with DC Code §1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.*

**5) Resolution 15-0604 Approving Other Expense – Rental of Public Address System-\$400.00**

Commissioner Grant moved that the Commission adopt a resolution retroactively approving the expenditure of \$400.00 to rent a public address system for the Fourth Street block party on June 13, 2015. Commissioner Speaks seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Commissioner Speaks moved to postpone consideration of the resolution to the September 28 public meeting. Commissioner Judi Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Speaks then withdrew her motion.

The Commission adopted Commissioner Grant’s main motion by roll call vote, 6 yes, 1 no.

The roll call vote:

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
4B01 Carley	4B07 J. Jones	
4B02 F. Jones		
4B03 Grant		
4B05 Speaks		
4B06 Austin		
4B08 Rogers		

The adopted resolution:

*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (the Commission) takes note of the following:*

- *The 4<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party is an idea originated by ANC 4B01 and ANC 4B02 Commissioners André Carley & Frank Jones in an effort to:*
  - *foster community involvement with MPD 4D*
  - *foster community pride and to;*
  - *showcase the business strip along the 6900 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.*
- *This project was supported by the 4<sup>th</sup> District Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), the 4<sup>th</sup> District, individual business operators, specifically David Boyd of Takoma*

*Station Tavern, and Mr. Singh of S & S Liquors and the Old Takoma Business Alliance (OTBA).*

- *The 4<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party occurred on Saturday, June 13, 2015.*
- *A public address system was needed to provide amplification for speeches to the public given by the Ward 4 Councilmember, representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and other community leaders. These speeches encouraged community involvement with and support for MPD 4<sup>th</sup> District, fostered community pride, and encouraged community support for the Washington DC Takoma business community.*

**RESOLVED:**

- *Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B approves the expenditure of \$400.00 for the rental of a public address sound system.*

**6) Resolution 15-0605 – Application for Public Space Occupancy Permit**

Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission adopt a resolution supporting an application for a public space occupancy permit at various addresses in the 6900 blocks of Maple and Willow Streets N.W. Commissioner Speaks seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, 7 yes, 0 no.

The adopted resolution:

**RESOLVED:**

*That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports and recommends approval of the application of Douglas Development Corporation for a public space occupancy permit to construct new curb cuts, curbs and gutters, sidewalk at new driveway and parking lot entrances at 6916 and 6918 Willow Street N.W. and 6921, 6923, and 6925 Maple Street N.W.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

*That Commissioner Judi Jones, ANC 4B07, is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

*That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out her representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chairperson to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this resolution.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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7) Commissioner Grant moved that the Commission approve the FY 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report. Commissioner Carley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.

**Community Concerns**

*For a full record of community concerns expressed at the meeting, please go to [www.anc4b.org](http://www.anc4b.org) and click on the "Meetings" link to hear an audio recording of persons expressing community concerns, beginning at 5 minutes, 0 seconds.*

: The following people addressed the Commission with concerns:

- 1) Ms. Wanda Oates, ANC 4B05, commended the Commission for its excellent work over the past year, Commissioners, Austin, Grant, Jones, Rogers, and Speaks for perfect attendance, and the Commission for a very nice 4<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party on June 13.
- 2) Ms. Sarah Polon, owner of Soupergirl on Carroll Street N.W., asked the Commission to support removing the rush hour parking restrictions in front of 314 Carroll Street and other storefronts on that block.
- 3) Ms. Judy Paez, owner of Big Bad Woof, asked the Commission to support making parking meters on Maple and Carroll Streets two hours and stricter parking enforcement
- 4) Ms. Mary Ellis Blair spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 5) Ms. Phillipa Smith Tyler, 528 Quackenbos Street NW, speaking on behalf of her 90-year-old mother who lives with her, complained that she had received an erroneous citation for trash in her backyard.
- 6) Mr. David Donaldson, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Underwood Streets NW, spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.

- 7) Ms. Nicole Tepala (?), 47 Madison Street NW, spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 8) Mr. Matthew Haskins, 6302 7<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 9) Ms. Ann Thiele, 612 Tuckerman Street NW, spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 10) Ms. Gail Hart, President, Barlee Tenant Association, 909 Longfellow Street N.W. asked the Commission for a letter of support addressed to Mi Casa for their right of first refusal as tenants to purchase their building.
- 11) Mr. Bill Brower spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 12) Ms. Penny Jones [inaudible], co-owner of Big Bad Woof, said that the parking enforcement system and the parking meters were antiquated and unable to cope with the increasing parking and congestion.
- 13) Ms. Shelly Wilson spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 14) Mr. Eric Johnson, 6900 block. Maple Street NW, said he was concerned that the parking needs of residents of Maple Street NW be addressed as well as those of commercial businesses.
- 15) Ms. Gina Douglas, Friends of Takoma Recreation Center, said that their Board of Directors opposes a dog park at the Takoma Recreation Center.
- 16) Mr. Michael Cohen, Northern Ward 4 Dog Park Association, spoke in favor of a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 17) Mr. Joe Mattox, 4B08, spoke in opposition to Resolution 15-0602, which stated opposition to a dog park in ANC 4B.
- 18) Mr. Adibissi Ogunyala, Blair Road and Sheridan Streets NW, said he was opposed to a dog park at the Takoma Recreation Center.
- 19) Mr. Michael Sindram, ANC 4B02, deprecated the dismissal of John Thompson, Director of the Department of Aging and [inaudible] Director of Veterans Affairs.

### **Presentations and Reports**

Chief Medical Examiner, District of Columbia, Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr.

- 1) Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., Chief Medical Examiner, District of Columbia, presented information on the work of his office.

- 2) Mr. Anthony Abileno, 117 Tuckerman Street NW, discussed residents' request for the Commission's support for a voluntary agreement with the management of the group home at 121 Tuckerman Street N.W.
  
- 3) Representatives of DC Water presented information about storm water control and water purification.
  
- 4) Mr. Stephen M. Horne, Vice President, Elm Street Development, presented information on the development at 7200 Georgia Avenue NW.
  
- 5) Mr. Naeem Wynn presented information about alternative solar power..
  
- 6) Commissioner Carley moved that the minutes of the May 18, 2015 regular public meeting and the May 27, 2015 special public meeting be approved. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.
  
- 6) Commissioner Grant, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer' Report:

As of May 29, 2015 the Industrial Bank checking account balance was \$6,917.53.

Balance – 4/30/15	\$ 2,646.03
Income – 5/1/15-5/29/15	
Interest	\$ 0.13
Transfer from Savings	\$ 7,000.00
Expenditures – 5/1/15-5/29/15	\$ 2,728.63
Ending balance – 5/29/15	\$ 6,917.53

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.