

## Highlights & Comments about ANC 4C's June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Metropolitan Police Report: Officer Matt Morris and Sgt. Judith Mack spoke about neighborhood crime and public safety issues. They noted the increased patrols in the areas roughly border by Shepherd, Taylor, 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and Illinois Avenue NW and the area in the vicinity of Varnum, Webster and the 4300 block of 2nd Street NW. A homicide took place at 4313 2nd Street NW early last week. Mr. Kerry Lewis, of that address, was the victim. The funeral for Mr. Lewis was held yesterday in Rock Creek Cemetery where he also had worked. Some neighbors reported the sale of illegal drugs occurring possibly from the front porch of 4313 2nd Street NW at a meeting with Commander Hilton Burton, Assistant Chief of Police Peter Newsham and other MPD officials held two weeks before the murder. (Councilmember Adrian Fenty and Commissioner Joey Henson hosted that meeting.) Officer Morris also spoke of a recent murder at a home on Arkansas Avenue NW. That homicide resulted from a domestic dispute. There was some discussion of gunfire that occurred Sunday afternoon on Illinois Avenue near Taylor and Randolph. It appears that activity was gang-related. An extra note of appreciation to Commissioner Joey Henson (4C10) for his considerable work addressing public safety issues in his (and my) SMDs, 4C10 and 4C09.
- Commissioner Marc Yesberger (4C04) announced the new ANC 4C website. The internet address is: <http://www.anc4c.org> The website is a work-in-progress. Feel free to offer suggestions regarding content. The goal is to one day have it as a comprehensive source of information regarding neighborhood events, permits, development and public safety issues.
- The treasurer's report included a vote to accept the FY2006 First Quarterly Report. Commissioner Shanel Anthony (4C07) reported that ANC 4C has approximately \$146,000 in combined checking and saving accounts at the close of the FY2006 First Quarter (12/31/05).
- The majority of commissioners voted to increase the ceiling for grants to \$5,000 from the previous ceiling of \$1,000. Commissioner Timothy Jones (4C08) voted to oppose the grant ceiling increase.
- The Commission voted to provide the U.N.T.S. organization with a grant of up to \$5,000 for a pilot project of "Welcome to Petworth" banners that will appear on New Hampshire Avenue NW near Grant Circle. Commissioner Shanel Anthony sponsored the grant application. Thanks to neighborhood activist Carol Herwig for her months of prep work on this project.
- The Commission voted to support Domku's public space permit application (#19376) to create an outdoor café at the restaurant at 821 Upshur Street NW.
- Commissioner Ron Bland (4C03) announced that he had worked out a Voluntary, Cooperative Agreement with La Libertad restaurant on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW concerning their license renewal. For more information, contact Commissioner Bland at [Rpbland4@cs.com](mailto:Rpbland4@cs.com)

- Petworth Recreation Center: No-shows from the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation Director Kimberly Flowers or her designee failed to appear, as requested by Councilmember Fenty, to update the Commission and neighbors on plans for a new playground at the Petworth Recreation Center on the 800 block of Taylor Street NW. A private source provided funds some time ago. There appear to be bureaucratic hurdles somewhere between Parks and Recreation and the DCRA permitting agency. Please share your thoughts with Director Flowers: [kimberley.flowers@dc.gov](mailto:kimberley.flowers@dc.gov)
- Commission Peron Williams (4C06) spoke of his plans to move forward the planned renovations for the Raymond Recreation Center located in his SMD.
- No progress has been made on the plans for a new Voluntary Agreement with Sweet Mango Café on New Hampshire Avenue NW at Rock Creek Church Road NW. The two commissioners taking the lead on this issue are Commissioners Timothy Jones ([taj\\_reinv@juno.com](mailto:taj_reinv@juno.com)) and Peron Williams ([commissioner4c06@yahoo.com](mailto:commissioner4c06@yahoo.com)). The restaurant is located in SMD 4C08, represented by Mr. Jones.
- Announcements included notice of a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, regarding a proposed development project for 3703-3711 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The meeting is primarily for residents of SMD 4C05, represented by Rev. Franklin Pryor. Councilmember Adrian Fenty is hosting the meeting in conjunction with ANC 4C. The meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, in the CSOSA building at 1230 Taylor Street NW. Invited guests include the architect, Jane Nelson of Nelson Architects; Ilya Zusin of ZH Investments, Inc; representatives of the DC Office of Planning and the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. For more information, contact the Office of Councilmember Adrian Fenty at 202-724-8052. Residents of SMD 4C05 are also encouraged to speak to their Commissioner, Rev. Franklin Pryor at 202-291-1710.
- Petworth Dogs decided to withdraw their plans for a presentation regarding a possible grant application.

Next month's ANC 4C meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at the ROC North.

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