



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4E
Government of the District of Columbia

Crestwood and Sixteenth Street Heights NW
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Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026

Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church
4501 16th Street, NW Washington DC 20011

Call To Order

All commissioners were present and quorum was established.

Administrative Actions

The proposed agenda was adopted unanimously.

The May 12, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Matters

MPD 4D Commander

MPD 4D Commander David Hong, who started in this position three months ago, introduced himself to the commissioners and community members. He has been with MPD for twenty years in various roles. Commissioner Micone noted that Commander Hong has been extraordinarily responsive to community concerns.

Milton Gottesman School

Duncan Miller, who heads building operations at Milton Gottesman School at 4715 16th Street NW, came to provide the community with an update on an upcoming construction project at the school. Decay was identified in supporting columns, requiring repair, which will occur over the summer and conclude the last week of August. They will not be working on sidewalks or streets, and there will be no physical impact on neighbors' properties or traffic.

DC Water Construction Coordination

Commissioner Micone noted community concerns about multiple construction projects occurring at the same time on same streets and the need for better coordination between the relevant agencies. Shawn Moore, communications manager for Lead Free DC, shared that he had researched why Longfellow was torn up multiple times and found that DDOT had permitted road repair despite an upcoming DC Water project. He committed to better coordinate permitting so this doesn't happen again.



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DC Open Coordination

Leticia Acosta from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations shared that on June 29th at 6 pm there will be a virtual community meeting regarding the upcoming tennis tournament. She noted that last year they had trouble accessing some buildings to distribute parking passes. Extra passes are available from the MOCRs.

Commissioner Micone added that he and Commissioner Gonen work closely with the city, and that last year we got more areas included within the restricted parking area.

Upshur Park Update

Commissioner McAdams noted that work has started on the park, and that the pool and basketball courts will remain open for the season. John Stokes, Associate Director, External Affairs, Dept of General Services explained that the park will be getting a new rec center; deconstruction will begin around July 6. The pool will go offline after the summer season. The baseball and soccer fields and community garden won't be impacted. DPR is the prime agency, while DGS is the implementation agency.

DOH Pest Control

Commissioner McAdams told the community that the city's rat petition process is the right way to deal with rodent problems; hiring a private company means the treatment might not be safe for children or pets. She is available to help with petitions.

Regulatory Items

Proposed Mural at 5816 Georgia Avenue NW (4E01, Nancee Lyons from DPW)

Commissioner Jones explained that the Soapstone has requested a mural to celebrate the 250th birthday of the U.S. on Missouri Ave side. Matthew McElhany, investment support for Soapstone and other buildings, noted that they offered to donate this wall to Mural DC, who commissioned an artist. Commissioner Jones added that there have been community and resident meetings, and some have said the priority should be other property improvements instead of a mural. Mr. McElhany explained that DPW proposed the 250th birthday them to be incorporated into art across DC. Commissioner McAdams shared that she had seen a mural in the series that was well done and incorporated local history. Commissioner Jones invited input around the content of the mural, which she will convey to DPW and the artist.

Resolution Regarding Oversight and Enforcement at Certain Properties

Commissioner Jones opened by acknowledging two recent deaths in the community connected to several buildings owned by entities that cater to housing assistance voucher holders. She continued by noting that ANC 4E supports those who receive these vouchers and the D.C Housing Authority, while also recognizing concerns at those buildings about upkeep and tenant rights.



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The commission then considered two resolutions. The first, entitled “Resolution Requesting the Enforcement of Federal and District Housing Standards, the Protection of Tenant Rights, and Supporting Safe, Clean, and Dignified Housing in the District of Columbia,” outlines what residents should be able to expect, and states that landlords need to be held accountable and that residents entitled to due process. It further asks relevant agencies to strengthen accountability measures. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

The second resolution, entitled “Resolution Requesting Increased District of Columbia Housing Authority Oversight Related to Rent Reasonableness,” addresses the fact that the rent being charged for many housing voucher units appears to be outside allowable guidelines. It also appears that DCHA is not verifying that units meet applicable standards. The resolution requests greater oversight by DCHA and that the Council consider legislation to end the exemption of housing voucher units from rent stabilization laws. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Council Bill 26-669, Hair Braiding Licensing Modernization Amendment Act of 2026

At the request of an affected business within 4E, the commission voted 6-0 to approve a letter of support for this legislation, which would exempt braiders from having to have cosmetology license.

DC 2050, the District’s Comprehensive Plan Update

Commissioner Micone outlined where we are in the Comprehensive Plan process and how the Commission plans to remain engaged on behalf of the community. It is expected that the point in time for official ANC feedback, which must be accorded the usual great weight, will be in the fall of this year. He noted that with upcoming changes in DC leadership, the timeline for the overall process could shift. The Commission is also aware of varying viewpoints within our jurisdiction, with some concerned about density increases and others supporting such increases. We will continue to provide opportunities for residents to share their views with the Commission.

Commissioner McAdams noted that it was a positive development to see more respondents from Ward 4 in the Office of Planning survey data. Commissioner Barry, who has worked on prior iterations of the Comprehensive Plan, noted that the city has changed extensively and that we should continue to be part of the process and learn more about it.

Several Crestwood residents urged the Commission to convey to the Office of Planning prior to the next iteration of the Future Land Use Map some questions they believe have not yet been adequately addressed, including around future population assumptions and transit-oriented development principles.



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D.C. Government Updates

Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser / MOCR

Leticia Acosta reminded attendees about the community meeting for the DC Open tennis tournament on June 29.

Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

Barbara Rogers shared that DDOT has reached the 65% milestone for the Georgia Avenue bus priority project.

Public Comment

Uptown Main Street has a number of upcoming events, including Music on the Plaza and Art All Night.

Adjournment

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