



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

RESOLUTION #4B-21-0205

**Establishing Recreation and Community Spaces Committee
Adopted February 22, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B takes note of the following:

- The Commission’s [Rules of Procedure](#), amended January 27, 2020, allow the Commission to establish Committees to assist the Commission in considering a specific issue or issues relevant to the Commission. See Rules of Procedure § V(A) (“Such a Committee can provide additional expertise, as well as an additional opportunity for public engagement.”). The Rules of Procedure provide that the Commission shall define the scope, including the mission and duties, and the composition of any Committee by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting. *Id.* at § V(B).
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B believes access to quality, safe and equitable recreation are bedrock community values. These spaces serve as community hubs and provide vast benefits to our neighborhoods. To that end, the Commission has engaged in oversight of and advocacy for our recreation centers and other public spaces. Recreation centers and outdoor spaces within the Commission’s boundaries have had persistent problems with leaking roofs, non-functioning HVAC systems, deteriorated outdoor play areas and other issues that have disrupted day-to-day operations and, in some instances, limited individuals with disabilities from fully participating in our community’s education and recreation.
- Advisory Commission 4B recognizes the importance of community support, and recreation and programming opportunities are some of the mechanisms that ensure safe and stable communities. The Commission has repeatedly recognized the need for increased support for the four recreation centers (Takoma, Lamond, Riggs-LaSalle, Emery) inside of the Commission’s boundaries. In furtherance of the Commission’s goals of ensuring the necessary resources to provide as well as to improve and expand public facilities in our neighborhoods, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

- [ANC 4B Letter of Inquiry Concerning ANC 4B Recreation Centers](#) (June 25, 2019) (calling for response to concerns regarding safety, maintenance and programming issues at recreation centers in ANC 4B).
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-19-1101](#), Supporting Necessary Funding for Lighting and Pathway at Takoma Community Center at its November 25, 2019, meeting.
- The Commission approved a [Letter of Support](#), Proposed Friends of Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center at its January 27, 2020, meeting following a presentation at the Commission’s November 25, 2019, meeting.
- Commissioner Huff discussed plans for a new playground at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center at the Commission’s July 27, 2020, meeting.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B establishes a Recreation and Community Spaces Committee. The Committee’s work shall include:
 1. Outreach, Planning, Community Inclusion
 2. Operations and Maintenance
 3. Programming (Organized and Coordinated Activities)
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B appoints Commissioner LaRoya Huff, ANC 4B09, as Chair of the Recreation and Community Spaces Committee and designates that the Committee shall be composed of seven members, who will be selected in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner LaRoya Huff, ANC 4B09, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, 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.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of eight members was present) on February 22, 2021, by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.