

Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B



RESOLUTION #4B-25-0407 Calling For the Enhancement of Security, Staffing, and Programming at the Lamond Recreation Center

Adopted April 28, 2025

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

- Lamond Recreation Center, located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (ANC 4B), serves as a critical community resource, particularly for seniors, teens, and children; offering a space for recreation, engagement, and development;
- the homicide that took place at Lamond Recreation Center in 2024 has deeply shaken our community, highlighting the urgent need for improved security measures to ensure the safety of residents, especially during evening hours when basketball games and other activities draw significant crowds;
- the summer months, when school is out of session, bring an increased number of teens and children to Lamond Recreation Center, both from the local neighborhood as well as surrounding areas, necessitating additional staffing and programming to provide supervision and constructive opportunities;
- ANC 4B seeks to collaborate with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to address these pressing concerns in order to ensure Lamond Recreation Center is a safe and vibrant space for our youth;

RESOLVED:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on DPR to:

- Provide additional security personnel, including but not limited to private security, DPR Roving Leaders, DPR Park Rangers, and/or collaboration with MPD at Lamond Recreation Center during evening hours on weekdays, and weekends when necessary, particularly during basketball games, special events, and while there is a heightened level of activity, in

order to protect participants, staff, and visitors and prevent future incidents whenever possible.

- Assign additional staff to Lamond Recreation Center during the summer of 2025 to manage the influx of teens and children from the immediate areas as well as outside the immediate areas, ensuring adequate supervision and support for expanded activities.
- Identify funds, resources, and partner organizations that will allow robust summer programming for teens and children at Lamond Recreation Center, including sports, skill-building workshops, and recreational opportunities, to engage youth positively and reduce risks associated with idle time.
- Furnish ANC 4B with a detailed report on current and planned staffing levels, security protocols, and programming efforts at Lamond Recreation Center for Summer 2025, as well as the months leading up to Summer 2025, to enable informed community input and oversight. Furthermore, we request an update on the playground updates that are part of the FY25 budget.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That ANC 4B stresses the urgent need for these measures in response to the homicide that occurred at Lamond Recreation Center in 2024, which has amplified community concerns about safety, and to address the pressing need to ensure that youth and teens have constructive activities during the summer months when school is out, preventing them from getting into trouble and fostering a safer environment through proactive investment in security and engagement at this facility.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Michael Cohen ANC 4B07 or Commissioner Jinin Berry ANC 4B10, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

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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 in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was April 28, 2025, by a vote of __ yes, __ no, __ abstentions.

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