



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
Government of the District of Columbia
"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. A moment of silence was held to honor those lives lost to COVID-19.

Commissioner Roll Call

- Commissioners present: Commissioner Holcomb, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Hughes. Quorum was established.

Adoption of the Agenda

- On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Agenda was adopted unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Updates

- **MPD - Captain Conners**
 - With the holiday season approaching there is an increase in robberies across the city and citizens should be aware of their surroundings at all times. Compared to last year robberies are down 5%, robberies in the last thirty days have gone down by 40%, violent crimes are down by 6% and property crime is up by 5%. There have been a few gun arrests on Minnesota Avenues by MPD's Crime suppression team. Recently the MPD has closed the case on the October robbery on Minnesota Avenue along with a few other robbery cases in the area. At noon on November 3rd there was homicide on Minnesota Avenue and the case is still open. MPD detectives are working to prevent crime in the Minnesota Avenue area by installing HD cameras that will assist detectives in their investigations.
- **Mayor's Office - Wesley Leary**
 - The mayor is encouraging citizens to download the COVID-alert app to combat the COVID-19 spread. It's recommended for DC residents to celebrate Thanksgiving with the members of their household and to avoid traveling. DC health has partnered with CVS and Walgreens to provide flu shots at COVID testing sites. Wesley Leary will be doing walkthroughs of the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays. wesley.leary@dc.gov
202-274-9282
- **Councilmember Gray's Office - Tameka F. - Director of Constituent Services**
 - Council member Gray will be holding a thanksgiving giveaway for Ward 7 members on Saturday November 21 from 10am to 1pm.

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development - Ketan Gada (Director of Hill East) & Daryl Thomas (Project Manager of Hill East)**



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- Hill East is located NE of 19th street SE and Massachusetts Avenue SE. Before this property can be used for development it must first be declared as surplus property by the DC council. This means the property is no longer in need of use by the government. In september there was a WebX meeting to address this issue and there was mass support. This property is located on Hill East and is just under 500,000 square feet and is made up of eight parcels.
- Contact ketan.gada@dc.gov & daryl.thomas@dc.gov for any questions or concerns
- **Department of Energy and Environment- Katya Botwinick**
 - The new DOEE program “Solar for All” is using solar energy to reduce the electric bill for low income citizens in DC. It can participants up to \$500 a year. This program has both a huge economical and environmental benefit and can be purchased independently. In order to apply for the Solar for All program you just need to be a DC resident, pay an electrical bill and have a household income below the limit. Application can be accessed @doee.dc.gov/solarforall. For application assistance contact (202)-299-5271 or solarforall.dc.gov
 - Contact katya.botwinick@dc.gov for any questions or concerns
- **Department of Public Works - Celeste Duffy - Community Relations Specialist, Reginald May, Deputy Carter**
 - Leaf collection season has begun and DPW is asking residents to rake their leaves into their tree boxes or to the curb on the sunday of their scheduled collection week. By downloading the “MyDPW” App residents can get information on leave collection time and date.
 - Vehicles that are blocking alleys and parking lots will be towed after an investigation.
 - When DPW receives a forecast for snow they’ll begin to deploy trucks for snow removal.
 - If there is a problem with trash and debris in a residential area residents can call 311 or contact DPW. It’s suggested that individuals take photos of the area. DPW will be working on bolting trash cans on Minnesota Avenue.
 - If you’re 65 or older or an individual with a disability you can call 311 and ask for the snow exemption program.
 - The “Helping Hands” program allows for community organizations and groups to schedule community cleanups with DPW.

Community Concerns/Announcements

- A community member showed concern for the streetcar extension, stating that funding for streetcars may be in jeopardy due to the election. The Commissioners are aware that there are many differing opinions and note that this warrants a larger discussion.

Reports

- **Chair’s Report**
 - The application for the historic designation of 3701 Benning Road NE was accepted, a hearing was originally scheduled for November 19, 2020 but has been rescheduled for December 3, 2020. On November 22, 2020 the Commission will be having a meal



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distribution on various sites in 7F. On December 20th the Commission will also be having a meal distribution. On December 18th there will be a Christmas event in 7F. A new mailer will be sent out with the complete General Commission Meeting dates for 2021. We hope to branch out into other streaming services in addition to Facebook Live in 2021.

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the minutes for October 20, 2020.
 - The minutes were unanimously accepted with four in favor in favor and zero against.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Approval of FY 19-20 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report**
 - Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve the Q4 Quarterly Financial Report and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter
 - The motion carries with four in favor zero against.
 - Checking: \$59,473.53
 - Saving:\$22,213.35
 - DC Government ACH- \$10,067.65
 - Expenses: \$898.80
 - Verizon: \$786.31
 - Service Charge 10/30/2020: \$15.17 (Credited back to Account)
 - Total Funds: \$81,686.88

Commission Business Old/New

- **Reimbursement**
 - Chair Holcomb motioned for expenses related to the Commission's Zoom account in the amount of \$254.23 (communications) and the use of Adobe Acrobat in the amount of \$95.34 (communications) to be reimbursed to Tyrell Holcomb.
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunter.
 - The motion passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against. (4-0-0)
- **Contract Renewals**
 - Chair Holcomb motioned to renew the contracts for Operations Manager Kayla Lennon
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher.
 - Chair Holcomb motioned to renew the contracts for Graphic Artist/Web Designer Lindsey Walton
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes.
 - The motion passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against. (4-0-0)

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm seconded by Commission Hunter.