



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
Government of the District of Columbia
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General Commission Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Streamed via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb calls the meeting to order at 6:36pm. Also present are Commissioners Weston, Hunter, Codling, Hughes, and Caston. Quorum is established.

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence is held for former Commissioner Betty J. Diggs.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Holcomb motions to approve the agenda. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0)

4. Updates

a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Osha Daniels (osha.daniels1@dc.gov)

The Mayor will be breaking ground on the Joy Evans Recreation Center, Wednesday, April 20th and 12:20pm. The link for the mayor's budget presentation is https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayormb/page_content/attachments/FY23-Budget-Presentation-to-Council.pdf

b. 6th District MPD - Captain Matthew Fitzgerald (matthew.fitzgerald@dc.gov)

In the last month, there has been a homicide on Minnesota Avenue at the Shell gas station. As of now, there have been some leads in the investigation that can't be disclosed yet. Overall, there has been an increase in violent crimes and robberies and an increase in property crimes. MPD has increased deployment in areas where there are high rates of property crime. There will also be increased police activity on the Minnesota Avenue Corridor.

c. Ward 7 State Board of Education Rep - Eboni Rose Thompson

(Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

On April 20th, the State Board will be holding their public meeting. The panel at the meeting will discuss social study standards for DC schools. The Board is looking to add courses related to DC history. On Saturday April 23, DCPS will be holding enrollment events. Additionally, Ashley Emerson, will be starting a drive for young people who need support around prom and graduation needs. Further information on this will be



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disclosed later.

5. Presentations/Special Guests

a. US Attorney Matthew Graves, US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

US Attorney Matthew Graves has been in office since November of 2021. Matthews has ten years of experience working as a career prosecutor for violent crimes and has lived in the District for 20 years. Because of his experience, Graves is invested in community safety on a community and personal level. The US Attorney's Office is laser focused on reversing the current surge in violent crime. Course of action includes removing people with misconduct for a period to improve the issue of violence in the community. Graves identifies substance abuse and mental health issues as a common cause for misdemeanors. The US Attorney's Office is seeking to adequately address these issues rather than punish individuals.

Regarding juveniles, juvenile cases are handled by the Attorney General's office. A small number of juvenile cases are overseen by the US Attorney's office, under the condition that the juvenile is sentenced as an adult. Additionally, the DC Council has been rewriting the DC criminal code to get rid of the mandatory minimum for car jackings. This is due to the high percentage of juveniles committing carjacking cars for "joyrides." The US Attorney's Office continues to target individuals distributing narcotics illegally.

b. Rev. George C. Gilbert, Jr., Executive Director, The Center for Racial Equity and Justice (Bill concerning Mobile Voting)

Reverend Gilbert lives in Ward 7 and works at the Holy Trinity United Baptist Church. Reverend Gilbert is seeking support for a bill that allows residents to vote via their cell phone devices. This form of voting has been used in states such as Alabama, North Carolina and West Virginia. In order to digitally vote, an individual must register the same way they would for an in-person or mail-in ballot. Additionally, the application for this form of voting has fraud prevention features. The bill is set to take effect in 2024.

For more information, contact Reverend Gilbert via phone at **202-262-5053** or via email at georgegilbert01@gmail.com.



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c. Barbara J. Bazron, PhD, Director, Department of the Behavioral Health (FY 23 budget presentation)

The Mayor's FY 2023 operating budget is split into two parts. The budget has \$12 billion allocated for General Funds and \$10.7 billion allocated for Local Funds. The funds will be distributed across several sectors. The sectors are Health & Human Services, Public Education, Enterprise & Other Funds, Financing & Other, Public Safety & Justice, Operations & Infrastructure, Government Direction & Support, and Planning & Economic Development. Additionally, the budget will be used to target behavioral health transformation and integration initiatives. The goal of the budget is to help the District emerge from the pandemic stronger and ready to thrive.

Individuals in need of assistance can call the District's Mental Health Hotline at **1-888-793-4357**. Clinicians are available 24/7.

6. Community Concerns/Announcements

Patricia Stamper:

[#https://nextdoor.com/p/X8j-pCpy9hGh?utm_source=share&extras=MjQ4NzI1MDU%3D](https://nextdoor.com/p/X8j-pCpy9hGh?utm_source=share&extras=MjQ4NzI1MDU%3D) #DeanwoodDay2022."

Eboni-Rose Thompson: "For more information, please visit the hillcrestpromboutique.eventbrite.com."

Osha: "Find out more about Mayor Bowser's Legacy initiatives here:

https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayoromb/page_content/attachments/LegacyInitiative_onepager.pdf"

Hilary K: "With that helpful information about the budget markup happening tomorrow and Thursday, and with great deference, respect, and sympathy for the loss of ANC 7F06 Commissioner Betty Diggs, we are most grateful for the support this ANC and in particular the late Commissioner Diggs expressed and advocated on behalf of an Intermediate Plan for the seniors and people with disabilities who are now (and have been since Covid began two years ago) experiencing a service gap with DPR's closure of the only 90 degree F therapeutic pool in DC but made no provision for equivalent accommodation during construction, currently scheduled through late next year."



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Osha: "In relation to Hill East- Mayor Bowser will deliver more than 2,000 more units of housing, green space and commercial uses to Hill East. The Fair Shot Budget includes \$79.7 million to build the infrastructure to advance the project. We will work to get a formal written response to Chairman Holcomb."

Louis V Gray: "Healthcare disparities?...what does that include...does it include seniors and the disabled who need warm healing waters to keep them healthy..mentally and physically."

Harold Davis: "Hello, Ms. Natalie, if you could email me that information. I will share that with my managers and see if that can be worked out due to it being on a Saturday. My email is harold.davis@dc.gov."

7. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

i. Approval of Q2 FY 22 Quarterly Financial Report

a. Beginning Balance

Total: \$55,721.18

b. Disbursements

Personnel: \$1,491.31

Communication: \$3,230.58

Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing: \$222.46

Total Disbursements: \$4,944.35

c. Ending Balance

Total: \$50,776.83

Chairperson Holcomb moves to approve the Q2 FY 22 Quarterly Financial Report. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

ii. Approval to increase the purchase budget by \$6,000

Commissioner Caston moves to increase the purchase budget by \$6,000 for technology and return to in-person meeting. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

iii. Request funds for payroll consultants from the Office of ANC

Commissioner Caston moves to request permission to utilize extra funding for payroll consultants from the Office of ANC. The motion is seconded by



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Commissioner Weston. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. March 2022 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Weston moves to approve the March 15, 2022, General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

8. Consent Agenda

a. Resolution 22-004 - Calling on Department of Parks and Recreation and the Council of the District of Columbia to fund an intermediate plan for the Joy Evan's Therapeutic Center

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-004. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

b. Resolution 22-009 - Calling on the Office of the Attorney General to immediately declare Valero, Citgo and Shell Gas Stations on Minnesota Ave in ANC 7F Nuisance Properties

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-009. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

c. Resolution 22-010 - Calling on ABRA to suspend the liquor license of Malcolm's Liquor and Minnesota Store in ANC 7F until they address community safety concerns

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-010. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

d. Resolution 22-011 - Calling on DDOT to implementing Transportation Safety Recommendations in Support of Vision Zero

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-011. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against



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(6-0-0).

e. Resolution 22-012 - Calling on the DC Board of Elections to declare ANC 7F06 Vacant

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-012. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

f. Resolution 22-013 - Naming ANC 7F's Annual Community Service Award the Betty J. Diggs Community Service Award

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-013. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

g. Resolution 22-014 - Calling on the DC Council to fund ANC 7F FY 23 Budget Priorities

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-014. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

9. Commission Business

a. Resolution 22-003 - Calling on the Council of the District of Columbia to adopt the Ward 7 ANC Boundaries as advanced by the Ward 7 ANC Redistricting Task Force

Commissioner Caston moves to approve Resolution 22-003. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

b. Resolution 22-005 - CBA Funding Support to ANC 7F03

Commissioner Hunter moves to approve Resolution 22-005. An area of ANC 7F03 will be moving to the area of ANC 7E. The area of ANC 7F03 has been intricate to CBE discussion and will not be able to benefit from CBE funding if moved. This resolution will give ANC 7F03 the opportunity to benefit from this funding. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).



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c. Resolution 22-006 - Establishment of the Downtown Ward 7 / NE Heights Development Taskforce

Commissioner Codling moves to approve Resolution 22-006. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

d. Resolution 22-007 - Establishment of the Reservation 13 / Hill East Development Taskforce

Commissioner Hunter moves to approve resolution 22-007. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

e. Resolution 22-008 - Establishment of the Building a Better Ward 7 Community Investment Fund

Commissioner Codling moves to approve Resolution 22-008. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

f. CBA Funding Request - Zooming with Seniors - Train the Trainer

Commissioner Codling moves to approve the CBA Funding Request for Zooming with seniors. The motion passes with further discussion needed to determine the costs per session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

g. CBA Funding Request - Youth and Empowerment Program (7F06 Plant Beautification Project) - \$1,250

Commissioner Hunter moves to approve the CBA funding request for the Youth and Empowerment Program in the amount of \$1,250. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

10. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.