



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

General Commission Meeting Notes
September 17, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. At 6:47 p.m. there was a quorum established to do Commission business.

Commissioner Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Carol Fletcher, Chairman Tyrell Holcomb, Commissioner Brittany Hughes,

Commissioners Not Present: Commissioner Sheila Carson-Carr

Commissioner Arrive Late:

- Commissioner Exum arrived 6:45 pm at which time a quorum was established to do Commission business.
- Commissioner Terrance Hunter arrived at 7:00 pm, after sending notification of expected tardiness.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes the Agenda was adopted by a vote of 4-0-2.

Updates: Councilmember Gray's Office –Mark Ponder

- \$9 million put away in city budget for 9 new grocery stores in Ward 7 snatched on July 18
- Councilmember Mendelson took the funds for something else (not sure what he is using them for)
 - Discussion: Commissioner Hughes – this is not true (Mendelson will explain)
- There will be an urgent care center at Nannie Helen Burroughs and Division Avenue, with services provided by MBI

Community Concerns/ Announcements

- Where will the urgent care facility be located?
 - Same location as Methadone clinic? Yes
- Is the urgent care 24 hours?
 - Don't know
- Any updates for 5G? No (Not sure)
- Will there be local doctors and nurses working at the facility?
 - Not sure
- Clarification around the grocery stores
 - 9 grocery stores for Ward 7 (Ponder)
 - Piece of legislation around Saint Elizabeth Hospital – initially 3 in Ward 8 and 3 in Ward 7 then it was changed to keep 3 in Ward 8 and 2 in Ward 7 (Chair Holcomb)

Updates, MPD, Lieutenant Hawkins (filling in)

- 603 update
 - 30-day comparison compared to last year (Last year, this year)
 - 0 homicide last year, 2 this year
 - Down in robberies 4 last year, 1 this year
 - Robberies w/ gun 5 last year, 2 this year
 - Assault with dangerous weapon (down) 6 last year, 4 this year
 - Violent crime 14 last year, 17 this year
 - Theft from auto 14 last year, 8 this year
 - Stolen auto 8 last year, 7 this year
 - Property Crime remain the same (45)
 - Total crime 59 last year to 62 this year
- Community questions/concerns

- Does this include a homicide last week? Yes
 - PSA – said they had 2 and it doesn't seem updated
 - We can follow up on this
- PSA 604
 - Homicides 1 last, 0 this year
 - Sex abuse 0
 - Robbery excluding gun 3 last year, 2 this year
 - Robbery w/ gun 2 last year, 1 this year
 - Assault w/ dangerous weapon (not gun) 9 last year, 3 this year
 - A w/ dangerous weapon gun (including gun) 6 last year, 3 this year
 - Violent Crime 20 last year, 10 this year
 - Burglary 0 last year, 2 this year
 - Thefts 13 last year, 17 this year
 - Stolen Autos 8 last year, 1 this year
 - Overall crime: 52 last year, 35 this year (reduction in crime)
- Community Concern/questions
 - What is property crime?
 - Burglary, theft, stolen autos, destruction of property etc. (reporting capture crimes we mentioned)
 - Clarification about theft from auto, does value matter?
 - No
 - Comm. Exum – Murder Benning and East Capitol (not in this report)
 - Shooting on overpass (603) – 1 person killed
 - Has the person been arrested from recent homicide? – can't talk about the case
 - Chair Holcomb- email exchange with Lt. Hung about homeless lady in van with dog, asked to handle this situation
 - Why?
 - Chair Holcomb-We don't want to magnify one person over another, something needs to be done, also there are videos of activity such as urination (which is illegal)
 - Quality of life issues for community when people hanging out, trash etc.

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Representative Franklin Garcia, DC Statehood**
 - There will be a historic hearing on Thursday, Sept 19 @ 10 am for DC statehood (the hearing was moved)
 - There are 219 co-sponsors in the House on the DC statehood bill, 33 in Senate
 - Hearing will address technical issues – What will you do with 23rd amendment? What about your budget? Are you ready to be a state? (republicans will try to embarrass us, make it seem like we not ready)
 - People testify – Mayor, Chairman of the Council, Veteran, and others
 - We know Senate won't give us statehood, but this lay the groundwork (we need your presence to show how important it is for citizens)
- Community Concerns/Questions
 - Will it be on TV?
 - Yes on CSPAN
 - Will seats be available?
 - Seats reserved for veterans, council representatives, council delegation but they will open up available seats between 8:45-9:15am
- **Charlotte Duckworth and Ian Swain, Commu ET – Street Car Extension**
 - Thursday, September 19 from 6:30 -8:30 pm @ DOES will be taking community feedback on streetcar extension and bridge project (public open house)
 - We want everyone feedback so please show up (statements will be recorded), there is additional feedback
 - This is a federal process
- Community Questions/Concerns
 - Commissioner Hunter- the community oppose
 - That's why we want everyone there
 - We already said we don't want the streetcar so why do we have to have it
 - We need to have your comments recorded
 - We don't mind the bridge, but don't want the street car (How can we have bridge and not the street car?)
 - This is based on people saying they want infrastructure, so come out



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- How will opposition be taken into consideration?
 - They will be documented and taken into consideration
 - Cant say it will be scraped
- Everyplace has said no to it across the city, but the only African American community can't say no to it
 - Georgetown does not want a street car
- **Sean Moore, Minnesota Avenue Construction (Phase II)**
 - We are starting the final phrase of this project (that end on Hunt street) – paving done by beginning of October
 - Sheriff road construction still continue – sidewalks, retaining wall (that piece going on for month or two)
 - Sidewalks, retaining walls, major part of the project paving starting by October.
- **Community concerns**
 - What will be do with utility poles running on Minnesota?
 - We were not able to get underground
 - Chair Holcomb- DC Plug project going on and Pepco will be out to discuss
 - Poor organizing of projects
 - Issue - DC Plug came along later about undergrounding electrical utilities, after other projects planned
 - Concerns Manholes are not even with the street example Benning Road
 - They are not finished yet
 - Comm. Hughes- Will DC be responsible for damage to cars? Reach out to office
 - Caused an accident (congratulations) – Benning Road bridge
 - Lanes are too narrow near Benning Road and River Terrace
 - (They are two lanes, once intersection marked it will be clearer 12 and 13 ft regulation, the visual makes it look smaller still need lane markings)
 - See cars back up to allow cars to go through
 - Pothole Minnesota and 40th street – it's a hump, is that done
 - No its not done
 - When will you be done? Start next week, done in about 2 weeks with paving
 - Issue on block with car left– call 311 and/or commissioner
 - Chair Holcomb: Yellow barriers placed up at intersections (newly designed ones), supposed to prevent folks from turning we want those on Minnesota (at the most dangerous intersection) Benning and 40th has them, these are needed for safety reasons
 - Follow-up: Send an email about this with location
 - When will project end? Piece beyond Nannie Helens few months, fencing will also be replaced
- **Gerald Kasunic, Department of for-Hire Vehicles, DC Transportation Programs (couldn't make it)**

Community Concerns, Comments, Questions

- Fort Dupont Park Civic Association on Nov 5 @ 7 pm at the ONSE building- Congresswomen Norton coming to the meeting (100 42nd street NE)
- Thank you for the work done to improve alley way. Live off 40th Street and East Capitol on Ames. Had items stolen from car, was sliding on ice etc. (now LED lights, has cameras, no more ice, it was cleared out etc) – Done by Chairman Holcomb
- I have a health care consulting firm, they are proposing a medical cultivation service (Alternative Solutions) in Ward 7 on Benning near DC Eagle. Want to get on the agenda. Also invite commissioners to other center in DC.
 - Chair Holcomb: Table this until he comes to the meeting

Shalon Baines, Mayor office

- DC Statehood hearing (come to Rayburn) on Thursday Sept 19.

- Tuesday and Thursday – Representative in area to hear community concerns

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
 - On a task force for DC Jail, hesitant about being a part of this because of the impact on the community, ended up chairing subcommittee on community investments and full report will likely be released this week or very soon
 - Saw a few faces at community day in August, had over 1000 people come out
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of Previous Minutes (tabled till next meeting)
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Q3 Financial Report**
 - 68,605.41 (in account)
 - 22,215.47 (savings)
 - Motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to approve FY19 Q3 report, approved 5-0-1 vote.
 - Community Question/Discussion/Announcements
 - You said you were going to talk about pepco and power lines
 - Chair Holcomb: clarification they will come to a future meeting to explain, my understanding there will be points they use to relocate, likely require additional construction
 - Concern around 5 G building on top of lampposts, a lot of applications for Ward 7, every ANC represented except for ours at the meeting
 - Chair Holcomb: I was there. Sheila Carson-Carr came in and left early before it started. This is a meaningful conversation that the ANC will represent the community and what's in their best interest.
 - Gallagher gave a sizable contribution but we haven't heard how they are distributed, do the single members districts get certain funds, are they spent exclusively for 7F, how are they accessed, as part of the treasurer report can we have transparency around allocation.
 - Chair Holcomb:
 - Community Benefits Agreement that was signed that cover disbursement of funds, we had a glitch with website to get it up and running, goals current fiscal year to get all documents online minutes, handouts, all important things including community benefits fund online for transparency, it will lay out what funds designated for
 - We did not designate that each commissioner get a certain amount of funds, they are supposed to use for 7F
 - One thing we haven't done prior to now, I will take responsibility for this is that we usually vote on requests to use Community Benefit funds and it's in the record but now we have a form in front of commissioner for community members can use to request funds, this will be the process we use
 - The commission will not control the money (same process use before) but ensuring there is a process that is streamlined, no money is going out of the door without a vote
 - We will put together a report on how the funds were spent in this current fiscal year and doing the same moving forward, we want to ensure transparency at every turn and every aspect
 - This is not the only funding we will have, there will be some from Hill East
 - This process will ensure that organizations that are in 7F know the way to tap into funds to be utilized in 7F which is the intent of the funds
 - Question: Is this reflected in the treasures report?
 - Chair Holcomb: No this is not reflected in the treasures report. The treasures report reflects the government money as an allotment on an annual basis.
 - Will it show all the money from each pool of money?
 - Chair Holcomb: Will follow up on this. It will reflect how much money is requested and the amount given.
- **Wesley, Mayor's Office**



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- Mayor on Capitol Hill Sept. 19 at Rayburn or viewing in Wilson at DC Statehood hearing (Mayor testify)
- Saturday groundbreaking at Banneker starts at 2:00 pm
- Tabling at H Street Festival on Mayor initiatives and upcoming events
- Every Tuesday and Thursday in the Ward taking community concerns
 - Chair Exum: voice concerns lampposts on her property

Commission Business Old/New

- **Relocation of 7F ANC General Meeting to Kimball Elementary School, 3375 Minnesota Ave, SE**
 - Chair Holcomb: community express concerns over parking at Benning Stoddert, we are working with Norton to discuss additional parking, we are thinking of relocating meeting to Kimball (they have new library)
 - Community Concerns/Questions/Discussion
 - How many parking spaces? 35
 - Will the school be open? What time will it close?
 - Chair Holcomb: Yes, we will say meeting go to 830 but have space until 9:00.
 - We are competing with Benning Stoddert tennis and other events
 - Do they have other events at that time?
 - Chair Holcomb: Not that I know of.
 - Is it permanent or temporary?
 - Chair Holcomb: If we choose to do so do it in 2020 and we would want to make sure we do effective
 - We don't have enough people to show up regardless. Will it make a difference? Will there be the same people?
 - Chair Holcomb: We can table this and have further conversation. Some thoughts around noise during meeting.
 - Do we need to pay for security?
 - Comm. Hunter- No.
 - Commissioner Hunter: We could eliminate noise and parking issues.
 - Response: Most of the community members walk and car pool when weather breaks.
 - Follow up: Community poll on relocating the meeting.
 - Motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to table the conversation around relocating the General ANC meeting to the October meeting, approved with a 5-0-1 vote.
- **Contract Renewals**
 - Motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to extend Chief of Staff contract through upcoming fiscal year 2019 to 2020, was approved with a 5-0-1 vote.
- **FY 20 Budget**
 - Draft of 2020 budget
 - Motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to approve proposed budget for FY 20, was approved with a 5-0-1 vote.
 - Discussion –
 - Exum; Do staff do fliers? Flier carriers if commissioners want people to pass out fliers.
- **CBA Request Form**
 - Motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to accept Community Benefits Funds application, was approved with a 5-0-1 vote.
 - Any resolutions on the floor – no

Meeting Adjourned

On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded Hunter the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.