

# **Government of the District of Columbia**

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# General Commission Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Streamed Via Zoom

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb calls the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Also present were Commissioners Hughes, Weston, Diggs, and Caston. Quorum was established.

# 2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Holcomb motions to approve the agenda. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Diggs. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against. (5-0-0)

## 3. Officer Elections for 2022 - Kathy Williams (OANC)

Having been elected an officer of ANC 7F, Kathy Williams will perform the duties assigned to her as an officer and will faithfully discharge her duties. She sends her gratitude to the Commission for their efforts as officers of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

## 4. Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

## a. Mayor Bowser's Office

The vaccine mandate is now in full effect for anyone participating in indoor dining, concerts, etc. Anyone twelve years or older is required to show proof. The Covid center will be housed at the Minnesota Avenue Community Healthcare Center. For more information, contact Osha Daniels at <a href="mailto:osha.daniels1@dc.gov">osha.daniels1@dc.gov</a> or call **202.374.9282.** 

# b. Councilmember Gray's Office- DL Humphrey- Director of Community Engagement

The seventeen-month task force pertaining to Advisory Neighborhood Commission as single member district boundaries has been completed. On Thursday, January 20th the ANC redistricting task force will begin their open meetings. The final submission to Council Members will be submitted in April. For times and information regarding this meeting, residents can contact Councilmember Gray's office. In addition, there will be a new Lidl supermarket in Skyland Town Center, which will be beneficial to residents east of Anacostia



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#### c. MPD- Officer Medina

In partnership with the Mayor's office, DPW, and the Department of Health, MPD has been working to address the loitering issues at the McDonald's on Minnesota Avenue. This investigation has revealed several other issues along the corridor, including illegal dumping and prostitution activity. MPD will continue to work with the necessary agencies to address this issue. In addition, MPD has active units monitoring traffic activity along the Minnesota Avenue corridor. For more information contact Jason Medina at Jason. Medina@dc.gov or at 202-698-1315.

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

The State Board will have their first public meeting of the year on January 19. The meeting agenda will include officer elections, public comments, and votes on proposed changes to the STAR framework. Today, Councilmember Robert's legislation passed unanimously, which encourages more transparency and reporting from DC schools. Furthermore, the Mayor has increased the pay for DC public school substitute teachers for \$15/hr. to \$17/hr. According to Councilmember Henderson's legislation, students in DC public schools are required to be vaccinated by March. In addition, the budget season has begun for the year. The Chancellor is proposing a new budget formula for schools that has not yet been released but will likely make changes to the funding formula. Changes will include staffing and DME changes, both of which will affect how much funding a school receives. For more information, contact Eboni Rose-Thompson at Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov.

## 5. Presentations/Special Guests

a. **Ketan Gada**, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development

Phase one of the Hill East Master Plan is almost complete. A part of this phase included the reconstruction of Burke Street, C Street, Mass Avenue and 20th Street. Eight different parcels have been identified for potential development on the site. These parcels have been split into two different bundles, with Bundle One containing five parcels and Bundle two containing three parcels. The selected developer for Bundle One is Donatelli Development and Blue Skye Development. The selected developer for Bundle Two is R13 Community Partners, which is composed of multiple developers. Each developer has divided their units for affordable, median and market rate incomes. In addition, the Phase Two development will result in the relocation of a DC sewer water line that runs directly through the site.



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The office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development is in the process of negotiating several legal documents for the proposals each developer has made.

b. **Brittany Bunch**, *Outreach Specialist*, District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

The DC Sentencing Commission oversees the DC Sentencing Guidelines which are voluntary and only apply to felony offenses. The mission of the DC Sentencing Commission is to implement, monitor and support the District's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, in order to promote fair and consistent sentencing policies. The Commission is composed of 17 members, 12 of which are voting members and 5 of which are non-voting members. The Commission is also composed of seven staff members. The Guidelines supported by the Commission recommend the type of sentence to impose, and the length of sentence to be imposed. This is composed of two grids which analyze an individual's criminal history and the severity of the offense. New initiatives from the commission include their Fact Fridays, new YouTube Channel "D.C. Sentencing Commission," their Fall/Winter Newsletter and their 2021 Annual Report. For more information, contact the Sentencing Commission at 202-727-8822 or scdc@dc.gov. Residents can also visit their website www.scdc.dc.gov.

## 6. Community Concerns/Announcements

**Sunny Kuti:** "I work for an organization called the Fair Budget Coalition; we do budget advocacy around our six core issues. We get members of the community to come into these meetings and we come up with budget recommendations to get the proper funding to organizations to help. My concern was with the gentleman that was on the developers, when I asked him what affordable housing was, he said "zero to sixty AMI," but the amount of residents that need affordable housing in Ward 7 usually fall in the category from zero to thirty AMI. I wanted to raise that because there are more people that fit into the zero to thirty percent, and that should be a huge concern to the community."



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**Eboni-Rose Thompson:** "You can reach me at Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov. Please also let me know if you'd like to be added to my email list or have community items to share with families and neighbors that are youth/education related."

**Tia Ellis:** "Tia Ellis, Supervisor, Community Outreach, Strategic Engagement Office, Executive Office of the Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department,

Phone: 202-421-5564, Email: Tia.ellis@dc.gov."

**Beatrice Evans:** "I am the president of the Triangle View Tenant Association, and one of my concerns is this technology. The concern is low-income seniors here, most cannot afford computers, and those of us who have them can't find anyone to teach us how to navigate through them. I just sent you a proposal so that we can be informed as to what is going on in the community."

**Response:** Chairperson Holcomb: "Thank you Ms. B for being on and for all that you do for the seniors at Triangle View. I will certainly be following up in regard to that proposal. I do see two things that are a part of my chair's report."

## 7. Administrative/Reports

#### a. Chair's Report

Regarding the halfway house, the Commission has been reaching out to attorneys involved with the halfway house but haven't received a response. The community will be provided with an update once it's received. Director Lott has been formally invited to the February General Commission meeting to address streetcars, the Minnesota Avenue Corridor, and pedestrian & driver safety within 7F. In the coming months, the Commission will be utilizing task forces that'll be focused on the developments occurring in Ward 7. As the Commissions go into budget season, there will be surveys sent to community members to gauge their needs. In addition, the Commission is working to find the most efficient platform to stream monthly meetings. The Commission will be printing their annual report in the upcoming weeks.

## b. Secretary's Report

- i. Approval of the Previous Minutes
  - 1. November 2021 General Commission Meeting



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Commissioner Weston moves to approve the November 16th, 2021, General Commission Meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

# 2. December 2021 Special Call Meeting

Commissioner Weston moves to approve the December 2nd, 2021, General Commission Meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

# 3. December 2021 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Weston moves to approve the December 21, 2021, General Commission Meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

## c. Approval of Q1 FY2022 Quarterly Financial Report

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve the Q1 FY2022 Quarterly Financial Report. The motion is seconded by commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

#### d. SMD & Committee Reports

Commissioner Diggs: The residents of 34th Street are expected to have their speed bumps installed this spring. The roads on 35th Street NE have been restored and redesigned. The residents of Triangle View have also had their entranceway modified to allow for handicap access. Going forward, there will be a 7F06 working committee focusing on crime and sanitation. The Committee will meet monthly, with the first meeting on February 9th.

#### 9. Commission Business

# a. Letter of Support

# i. Fort Dupont Ice Arena (DDOT TOPS Application 377627)

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve the letter of support for the DDOT TOPS Application 377627. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).



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## b. Resolution 22-001- Supporting Solutions that Address the Opioid Crisis

Chairperson Holcomb moves to approve Resolution 22-001. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

## c. Approval of Participation in the ANC Security Fund

Chairperson Holcomb moves to approve participation in the ANC Security Fund. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

# d. Vote to Amend Bylaws to Establish Re-Entry Committee

Chairperson Holcomb moves to approve voting to amend the bylaws to establish the Re-Entry Committee, as well as appointing Commissioner Caston as head of the committee. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

## e. Approval of Administrative Meetings for 2022

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve the General Commission Meeting dates for 2022. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Diggs. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

## 10. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.