



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

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**General Commission Meeting Minutes**

**June 16, 2020**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**via Zoom due to COVID-19**

**Call to Order**

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:14pm. 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 Hunter, the Agenda was adopted as unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

**Commission Business Old/New**

- Approve Funds for Halfway House Attorney
  - Allocating \$6,000 for up to 20 hours of legal consulting on behalf for ANC 7F for Attorney Donald Temple. Attorney Temple has previously worked on Halfway House cases for Ward 5. In Ward 5 they were going to lease the property for a Halfway House and in our case they have purchased the property so the circumstances are slightly different.
    - Halfway House
      - 5 Initial Committees: Research and Legal, Canvassing, Outreach, Phone Banking/Text Campaign, Letters and Email. If you are interested in being added to these initial committees please contact your Commissioner.
    - The Chair motioned to approve the funds and it was seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Reconsideration and Approval of RPP 3500 Block of Croffut Place SE Intersection with 3500 block Minnesota Avenue and 36th SE
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Letter in Support of Hilleast After Hours Work on July 4th, Labor Day, and Indigenous People's Day- DCRA
  - The Commission would like to ensure that a clause stating that there should be inspectors from DC Water and the DCRA onsite to maintain workplace guidelines be added to the Letter of Support.
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Reconsideration of the Marijuana Letter of Support

- The Commission learned after giving a Letter of Support to the marijuana cultivation center that there was legislation passed that specifically blocked a marijuana cultivation center which still applies to this case. The commission would issue a new letter that withdraws the support of the cultivation center.
- The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Resolution in Support of Banning Stop and Frisk, Choke Holds, and Diverting Funds MPD to Fund Violence Interrupters
  - We are not asking for the defunding MPD but to divert funds to further the community outreach performed by the Violence Interrupters.
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- The Establishment of the Minnesota Avenue Improvement Task Force
  - The purpose of this task force is to apply pressure to specific agencies such as Department of Human Services, Department of Employment Services, DC Health, Department of Behavioral Health
  - The task force will come up with specific recommendations surrounding problem areas to the individual agencies.
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Closure of Alley in 7F01 2:03
  - Located in the rear of 258 35 St. NE
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Letter Addressing Suppression and COVID-19 - Board of Elections
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Letter Requesting the Process of Approval for Rideshare and Bike Share Companies - DDOT
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- Letter of Support for the Letter of Intent for 3924 Minnesota Avenue Department of General Services (DGS)
  - The Commission supports DGS moving to this location. A traffic study of the site should be conducted to be sure that we understand the implication of traffic and the effect on the safety of this area.
  - The Chair moved to approve this reconsideration and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
- The Chair put forth the motion for a consent agenda for Letters of Support for Traffic Safety Assessments for the following locations. The motion was unanimously approved with all commissioners present.
  - Letter of Support for Traffic Safety Assessment - Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road
  - Letter of Support for Traffic Safety Assessment - Starter Place and East Capitol Street
  - Letter of Support for Traffic Safety Assessment - 3800 Block of East Capitol Street
  - Letter of Support for Traffic Safety Assessment - 4000 Block of Benning Road



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#### Reports

- **Chair's Report**
  - The Chair wants to make note that a date needs to be picked to approve the Q3 Quarterly Financial Report but will not set this day yet in case of needing to also go into Commission Business on this day. The Chair wants to ensure the community that they will be duly informed of any meetings pertaining to Commission business.
  - The Chair requests a reimbursement for \$465 for the 6,000 postcards that were printed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and unanimously approved with all Commissioners present.
- **Secretary's Report**
  - Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes for the May 19 Meeting. The Chair then motioned to table the approval and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter due to discussion on the minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Checking: \$61,435.95
  - Saving: \$22,217.21
  - Note that there was a service charge for \$15 that was removed and sent back to the account.
  - The Chair requests a reimbursement for \$465 for the 6,000 postcards that were printed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and unanimously approved with all Commissioners present. The Chair will provide the Treasurer with the necessary invoice.

#### Updates

- **MPD - Captain Franklin Porter**
  - Been with the MPD for 19 years. Summer Crime Initiative 7F Update for the last 30 days: 1 homicide, 11 assaults with a dangerous weapon, 5 robberies, 7 burglaries, 18 theft auto, 8 thefts, 17 stolen vehicles. COVID-19 has slowed down our resources for the Summer Crime Initiative but all departments are working to ensure the safety of our community.
  - Contact: [franklin.porter@dc.gov](mailto:franklin.porter@dc.gov) (202) 317-2050

#### Presentations/Special Guest

- **Tony Dugger- Adjudication Ombudsman**
  - Handles issues with paying tickets for the District, more specifically in terms of adjudication. Responds to complaints and concerns of the community in a timely manner. Regarding COVID-19 the DMV remains operational. The Southwest Service Center (across from Nats Stadium) is open on an appointment only basis and will remain open through Phase 1 of the District's reopening plan. All other DMVs are closed through Phase 1. Appointments can be made at [dmv.dc.gov](http://dmv.dc.gov)
  - In-Person Services include:
    - First time licenses and real ID conversions
    - First time title and registrations (no renewals)
    - Knowledge testing
  - Extended Deadlines:

- The deadlines for all documents expiring on or after March 1st including drivers licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations, inspections, ticket payments, and ticket adjudication responses until 45 days after the end of the public health emergency
  - All tickets will remain in their current status during the duration of the health emergency with no added penalties. We encourage citizens to pay their tickets online.
- o FAQ Answers
  - Tickets cannot be transferred from one person to another.
  - Online/Mail Adjudications can take up to 6-8 months.
  - DC Residents can request a payment plan for tickets.
  - You do not receive points on your license for camera speeding tickets.
  - You cannot pay a portion of a ticket and still contest it; any portion paid for a ticket makes you liable for the value of the entire ticket
- o Contact Information
  - Email: [ticket.ombudsman@dc.gov](mailto:ticket.ombudsman@dc.gov)
  - General Phone: 202-729-7092
  - Central Collections Unit: 202-727-0771
  - Adjudications Office: 202-730-9790
- **Paul Kihn- Deputy Mayor for Education**
  - o Budget Highlights - 8.5 billion dollars for local funds in the budget.
    - Health- Budget allocations address health inequalities including the hospitals at St. Elizabeth's and Howard University Hospital.
    - Investing additional money in technological advancements, mental health resources, and violence interruption in schools, and adding new seats in early childhood schools in the district.
    - DCPS is increasing our diverse hiring effort, especially African-American teachers. Our office is in talks with the University of District of Columbia to establish a program with their education program.
    - Our plans for teachers to be safe from COVID-19 includes PPE for teachers, strict social distancing, health checks for students and parent-drop offs, and cohorts of no larger than 10 people and no mixing of these cohorts as well as new cleaning protocols.
    - COVID-19 has highlighted the digital divide between students and families in the district. We distributed devices and internet hotspots to high schoolers and upper elementary school families that requested them.
- **Councilmember Vince Gray**
  - o I am absolutely opposed to the proposed Halfway House on Benning Road.
  - o The Cedar Realty partnership that will relocate the DGS headquarters will relocate 500-600 jobs with it. The Eagle Club has been sold to Benning Rock LLC., which is associated with Core DC who have run other Halfway Houses before. The Bureau of Prisons has supposedly signed a contract with Core DC.
  - o We has a community would like to do our part to help our returning citizens but that does not include a 300 bed Halfway House

### **Community Concerns/Announcements**

- Telephone Town Hall Concerning the New Hospital on St. Elizabeth's Campus
  - o 6/17 at 5pm Call in number: 844-881-1314
  - o Next week the City Administrator will be hosting a meeting for Ward 7 and 8 residents.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm seconded by Commission Hunter



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ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

**Next 7F Commission General Meeting**

**TBA**

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