



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
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General Commission Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Streamed Via Zoom

1. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence is held for gun violence in the city and for the Buffalo, New York shooting victims.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb calls the meeting to order at 6:38pm. Also present are Commissioners Weston, Hunter, Codling, and Caston. Quorum is established.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

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

DC is hiring residents to work the "Something in the Water" festival. Interested residents can apply at <https://does.dc.gov/page/something-water-2022-festival>. More information about the festival can be accessed at <https://somethinginthewater.com/>. DPR is also hiring for the following summer positions: Pools, Summer Camp, Park Rangers, Natural Resource Management, Food Service, and Operations. Further details about these job listings can be accessed at <https://dpr.dc.gov/summerjobs>. Interested individuals can apply for a job at DPR through the Career DC portal at careers.dc.gov. Additionally, the Mayor recently announced a new retail grant. The grant is worth \$7,500, with an allocation for 78 businesses. The application will be open until June 8th, 2022. DC residents will also have the opportunity to access low to no cost internet at internet.dc.gov. The first application hub for internet access opens in the next thirty days.

For more information, contact Osha Daniels via phone at **202-374-9282**

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

As of the last month, all violent crimes are down. This includes homicide, sexual abuse, and assault with dangerous weapons. In the last month there has been one robbery. Regarding property crime, motor vehicle theft has remained the same. Motor vehicle theft



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has been identified as a major component of violent crime, being that stolen cars are being used to carry out violent crimes. MPD will continue with their homicide reduction partnership and will begin using different deployment strategies in the coming weeks. Additionally, 6D has won the MPD award for crime reduction for the year.

The evenings Sector 3 Lieutenant Erik Smith can be reached via email at erik.smith@dc.gov.

c. Ward 7 State Board of Education Rep - Eboni Rose Thompson
(Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

The State Board monthly public meeting will be held on tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18th. The monthly public meeting will be regarding attendance. OSI will be enforcing guidelines for virtual attendance. Additionally, the Board is encouraging OSI to make changes to the 80/20 rule to improve attendance policies in DC public schools. There will be continued conversations about school report cards and social studies standards.

5. Presentations/Special Guests

a. **Brenda Donald**, Executive Director, DC Housing Authority (DCHA)

DCHA is currently working on Ward 7 Capital Projects with a total estimated budget of \$21.4 million. Reconstruction of housing units in Kenilworth, Lincoln Heights, Fort Dupont, Benning, and Stoddert are currently underway. Going forward, DCHA aims to return vacant units to service to increase occupancy, address lead and other environment abatement, and repair and stabilize property conditions. Additionally, Benning Terrace will have newly constructed walk-ups and townhomes. The stabilization of Benning Terrace is estimated to take place in 6 phases over 18 months. The stabilization of Stoddert Terrace is estimated to take place in 7 phases over 12 months. In the upcoming months, DCHA intends to examine sites in Fort Dupont. The goal is to prevent resident displacement in the Fort Dupont area and increase the number of affordable units.

DCHA will be conducting assessments of units that need repairs - if the repairs are extensive, residents will be transferred to on-site make ready units. Public safety officers will have the opportunity to come and speak with residents about safety and crime. As it relates to Capitol Construction, most of DCHA contractors are DC-based. There are always ongoing opportunities for contractors in the area to become involved with these projects. DCHA redevelopment plans for Ward 7, specifically the Benning & Stoddert area, are currently being discussed.



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For more information, contact Bryan Butler via email at bbutler@dchousing.org or Nona Eath via email at neath@dchousing.org.

b. **Christopher Dyer**, Community Engagement Manager, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

DPR is the number one park system in the country. DPR sites include Benning Stoddert, Fort Chaplin Park, and Jackie Robinson Field. DPR summer program registrations are now open. Interested residents can visit <http://dprprograms.com/>. Additionally, residents can visit the DPR Events website at <http://dpr.events> for more information about summer events such as Movies in the Park. Residents who need permits can contact DPR for permits at <http://dpr.dc.gov/permits> or call **202-673-7647**. A permit is required for any organized picnic or activity of 10 or more participants. No permit is final until an application is submitted, processed, paid in full, and any additional requested documentation is received.

Additionally, DPR is in the final stages of reviewing the blueprint for "Ready to Play." Further information on "Ready to Play" can be accessed at Ready2PlayDC.com.

If you have any additional questions on DPR activities or need any assistance with specific issues, please contact Christopher Dyer via phone at **202-702-9453** or via email at Christopher.Dyer@dc.gov.

6. Community Concerns/Announcements

Ms. Natalie: "Renovations look great. How is the ongoing crime being addressed? How many officers are on the street in any given shift? psa 604 has one of highest crime rates in the city."

Pearly Brown/CHTA: "Are residents encouraged to participate with the public safety officers?"

Osha Daniels: "For more information on the partnership with WeLink, DC residents can learn more about DC's Community Internet Program at internet.dc.gov."

Dev: "Did you all get input from residents when it comes to renovations plans for these communities?"

Carolyn W: "When will the 7am senior water aerobics class at Woodson HS start again?"



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Sheryl Dove: "I would like to ask a question to DDOT. Will they be joining? Thank you."

7. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

Regarding updates on the proposed halfway house, DDOT has retracted the need for easement on the property. In the coming weeks, the Commission will be looking into further legal ramifications. Residents who are interested in redevelopment projects can sign up for the Commission Task Force that will be starting in the next few weeks. Furthermore, the ownership of the East River Shopping Center and DGS building has changed. This has caused several issues relating to CBA conversations, as well as aspects relating to workforce and contract opportunities on the project. The Commission continues to negotiate financial opportunities for the ANC - not inclusive of the community benefit package. Regarding Benning Stoddert, there will be further information on the expansion of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center. Additionally, the Commission will be constructing mid-year reports as well as 7F Safe Summer initiatives.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. April 2022 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Weston moves to approve the April 19, 2022, General Commission Meeting Minutes with necessary adjustments. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against.

c. SMD & Committee Reports

8. Consent Agenda

a. Resolution 22-015 Honorary Street Naming Emergency Resolution for former Commissioner Betty Diggs - Commissioner Holcomb (edit title)

Commissioner Hunter motions to approve Resolution 22-015. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against (5-0-0).

b. Resolution 22-016 Honorary Street Naming Emergency Resolution for Education Trailblazer Dr. Margaret Labot - Commissioner Holcomb

Commissioner Hunter motions to approve Resolution 22-015. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against (5-0-0).



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9. Commission Business

a. Resolution 22-017 Mandatory Housing Appreciation Class in Properties Receiving City Vouchers or Housing Production Trust Fund Funding - Commissioner Hughes

Chairperson Holcomb moves to table resolution 22-017. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against (5-0-0).

b. Resolution 22-018 Calling on Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson to Request the US Secretary of Housing to Adjust DC's AMI

Chairperson Holcomb moves to table resolution 22-018. The motion is seconded by Commissioner The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against (5-0-0).

10. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.