

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E**

## **Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 7:00 pm (EST)

## Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The following Commissioners: Veda Rasheed (7E01), Commissioner Linda S. Green (7E02), arrived at 7:17 pm, T.N. Tate (7E04), and Victor Horton (7E05) were present. Commissioner Allen was delayed and arrived at 8:22 pm

# Approval of the ANC's December Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to have December's public meeting agenda approved. It was motioned and passed. 5-0

## **Approval of the ANC's September Public Meeting Minutes**

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's October's public meeting minutes along with November's Special Meeting minutes. The motion was voted on and passed, 5-0

## **Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Horton provided an update.

## Committee Reports

## Public Safety Committee-

Commissioner Houseal provided an update:

#### YTD PSA 604 has:

- 11 homicides. That is same as this time last year.
- 65 Robberies and that is compared to 50 robberies last year
- Of note: this appears to be due to a recent spike in carjackings
- 67 assaults with a dangerous weapon, compared to 60 at this time last year
- 117 stolen motor vehicles, compared to 56 this time last year

Economic Development: Report given by Secretary, Ms. Tiera Fletcher.

Looking to get a Community Survey out, awaiting assistance regarding questions from the Commission.

Renewal of ABC License: 5026 Benning Rd SE Washington, DC- Commissioner Rasheed will discuss in SMD report.

Had meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month, and the EDC is in support of the ANC 7E's resolution to support the Fletcher Johnson site project.

# Approval of the Consent Calendar

Public Space Construction Permit application #345834 at 5024 A STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019 (7E05 Commissioner Horton)

## **Guest Speakers:**

- Mashea Ashton, CEO/Principal of Digital Pioneers Academy
  Ms Ashton shared information on her school Digital Pioneers Academy. They
  believe that students and families deserve access to high quality options. Please
  see their website <a href="https://www.digitalpioneersacademy.org/">https://www.digitalpioneersacademy.org/</a> for additional
  information.
- Laisha Dougherty, District of Columbia Powerline Undergrounding (PLUG) This is a partnership between Pepco and DC government. For the full presentation click on this <u>link.</u>

## **Unfinished Business**

2020 Annual Report- motioned and approved pending updates. 5-0. Education Committee- membership status- no updates given at this time.

# Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT, ZONING, HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Resolution # 7E-20-012 Support the Development of the Fletcher Johnson Project – the resolution was approved with conditions regarding additional community engagement.

Roll Call- 7E01- Abstained

7E02- Yes

7E03- Absent

7E04- Yes

7E05- Yes

7E06- Yes

## **New Business**

N/A

## Commissioner Updates

Commission wide:

# Visit the website at <a href="https://www.anc7e.us">www.anc7e.us</a>

#### Year in Review:

- Moved to virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Passed over 12 resolutions (grocery store, halfway house, Fletcher Johnson, ONSE budget, etc.)
- Submitted over 20 letters of support
- Updated Bylaws, last revision was in 2004
- Funded 1 grant for ~\$3.5k
- Established an Education Committee
- Purchased 700 face masks and hand sanitizers
- Held an outdoor fitness event in collaboration with WeFit DC

# Salute to our Outgoing Commissioners

- Commissioner Linda S. Green--7E02
- Commissioner Ebbon A. Allen--7E03
- Commissioner Takiyah Tate--7E04
- Commissioner Victor Horton--7E05

# They all received a memento from the Commission for their dedication and hard work.

# Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):

Update on The Night Day 24 hour Food Store- spoke to owner and after speaking with him information was provided that there is MDP in the parking lot nightly starting at 10 pm and they have placed two trash cans for liter, therefore the will be support from Commissioner Rasheed for the liquor license approval.

Commissioner Rasheed will also be looking into the excessive dumping in the allies, and unauthorized parking, and the squatter activity with the assistance of the new Ward 7 liaison Ms. Osha Daniels.

Also, the Benning Ridge Civic Association will hold monthly meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

# **Commissioner Green, 7E02:**

Provided update on Infrastructure, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks. As well as Street Lights upgraded to higher wattage, LED information. Lastly provided information on pending traffic calming controls.

## Commissioner Allen, 7E03

We gave away 50 Turkeys for families around H Street SE

- -Men Giving Back Organization gave away 300 Turkeys to the families in and around Benning Park
- -The Jamison Condos still have 22 Units for sale on H Street SE
- -The Woody Ward Rec Center will open in 2021
- -Cynthia Townhomes will be complete in 2021
- -Please donate to Commissioner Allen's Annual Toy Drive (Kids ages 5 to 12)
- -DPR Tommie Jones provided brief update about the Woody Ward Rec Center, which is near completion.

#### Commissioner Tate, 7E04:

Provided additional information of the Fletcher Johnson Site Development resolution.

Worked with St. Luke's Catholic Church to provide Thanksgiving meals.

Glencrest community has been added to the safe street program.

# **Commissioner Horton, 7E05**:

Programming up: Starting Feb 1 2021 through the Capitol View Library Friends called Community Coffee hours.

# Commissioner Houseal, 7E06:

- Held a Youth Community Cleanup Day and cleaned up over 6 streets in SMD 7E06.
- Distributed 50 Turkeys with Fixins for Thanksgiving.
- Issued a statement in response to the senseless violence that took the life of Carmelo Duncan.
- CW Harris Renovations are complete!

# **Official Reports**

# Police Report:

Lt Linsday Tyler

Metropolitan Police Department

5002 Hayes Street NE

Major issues: Gun Crime and Motor Vehicle thief, manly delivery drivers. Working with the companies to remind them to secure cars.

Also, there is an increase in package thief, as it is the holiday season. Please be vigilant.

The information from the Public safety report was reiterated: YTD PSA 604 has:

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# **Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser**

Mr. Wesley Leary will no longer be the liaison for ANC 7E. We welcome Ms Osha Daniels.

There will a \$1200 onetime payment who are currently receiving unemployment. This payment will be automatic.

Please go to coronavirus.dc.gov for continued information.

## Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Recently signed the Justice Amendment Act Bill- to help bring justice reform to the criminal justice system by opening up the existing sentencing modification process for individuals who committed an offense before the age of 25.

#### **Community Discussion**

Commissioner Green made a motion that the Commission uses Commission funds present an award to Public Safety Captain Connors, Mr. Delbert Mc Fadden, and Curtis Monore (Coach Petey). This was seconded by Commissioner Allen. Vote 6-0-0.

Mr. King, from the DC department of Health express the continued importance of wearing mask, washing hands. Also, it is important to get your Flu shot.

If you want to read with 1st Graders at CW Harris as a part of the Black Kings that read program- email Commissioner Allen at ebbona.allen@gmail.com

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm