

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

One Commitment, Our Community.

General Commission Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Moment of Silence

A brief moment of silence was held.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Also present were Commissioner Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, Hughes, Thompson-Wright, and Bishop.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Orendoff moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

4. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Commission has upcoming events, and flyers will be distributed for these events. The Commission is also finalizing its' MOU regarding engagement with the community throughout development with Standard Realty and NHT. Additionally, the Commission hopes to have updates regarding the halfway house before its break in July.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. February 2023 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve the February 2023 General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

2. February 2023 Special Call Meeting

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve the February 2023 Special Call Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

c. SMD & Committee Reports

7F02 (Commissioner Ruff):

There has been a limited amount of trash in the 7F02 area, and Commissioner Ruff is working to address loitering in the area. Additionally, Commissioner Ruff will be hosting a Peace Jam and is working on hosting a mental health week in May.

7F03 (Commissioner Orendoff):

Commissioner Orendoff is working on getting placards for addressing panhandling issues. The 7-Eleven on Benning Road and other businesses have agreed to put up signs to prevent loitering. 7F03 has been doing outreach with KIPP and Smothers to find ways the ANC can become involved. Additionally, 7F03 is working on updating the liaison list.

7F05(Commissioner Hughes):

Commissioner Hughes is working on the speed bumps on Champlain and Du Bois and addressing traffic safety near Plummer Elementary. Additionally, the Commissioner continues to check in with DDOT regarding the construction on the 4000 block of Ely Place.

7F07(Commissioner Edwards):

Commissioner Thompson-Wright submitted a report to DDOT regarding the benches on East Capitol Street on the Minnesota Corridor. These benches have been identified as drug hangouts. Additionally, there have been reports of nuisance individuals roaming the senior buildings along Minnesota. Commissioner Thompson-Wright is working on an Easter Egg Hunt and senior lunch events.

7F08(Commissioner Bishop):

Commissioner Bishop is working to address opioid addiction and treatment options imposed by DOC.

5. Commission Business

a. Consent Agenda

i. Resolution 23-013: Opposing NOI 23-04- IPMA Removal of Parking on Ely Place SE between Anacostia Rd SE and 37th Pl SE

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Resolution 23-013: Opposing NOI 23-04-IPMA Removal of Parking on Ely Place SE between Anacostia Rd SE and 37th Pl SE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

ii. Resolution 23-014: Supporting Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F's 2023 Budget Priorities

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Resolution 23-014: Supporting Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F's 2023 Budget Priorities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

b. Old/New Business

a. Approval of Administrative Intern Job Description & Stipend of \$1,000

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve the Administrative Intern job description and a stipend of \$1,000 through August 31st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

b. Approval of Reice Mccowan as Administrative Intern

Commissioner Thompson-wright moved to approve Reice Mccowan as Administrative Intern through August 31st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).



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c. Approval of Communication Intern Job Description & Stipend of \$1,000

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d. Approval of Taylor Evans-Ramos as Communication Intern

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve Taylor Evans-Ramos as Communications Intern through August 31st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

e. Vote on OANC Speciality Funds for a Consultant to develop CBAs for Hill East/Reservation 13 and NE Heights.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve OANC Speciality Funds for a Consultant to develop CBAs for Hill East/Reservation 13 and NE Heights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orendoff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

6. Presentations/Special Guests

a. Department of Transportation- Director Everett Lott

DDOT is working to make fundamental road changes on Minnesota Avenue SE. All parking between B St SE, Nelson St SE, and northbound between 27th and Nelson ST SE will be full-time. Bike lanes will be provided between M St SE and Kimball Elementary School, along with relocations of bus stops. Construction of traffic calming and pedestrian safety features include:

- 28 curb extensions.
- Five bus bulb-outs.
- Six median refuges.
- Four new high-visibility crosswalks.
- Eight new wheelchair ramps.

DDOT will evaluate the project's performance by assessing vehicle count, travel time, bus travel time, and crash and injury rates. Roadway changes often take 6-12 months to adjust to new patterns. Additionally, data collection was performed before Kimball Elementary School on March 8th and 9th, and an analysis is underway.

b. Office of the Attorney General- Attorney Matthew Gander

The OAG has rules about discussing ongoing investigations, so there are limits to what Attorney Gander can discuss. If there are properties or issues that the Commission or community members

need to be addressed, the best thing to do is write a letter. The OAG is working with MPD along the entire stretch of Minnesota Avenue, and the OAG is working to address nuisance activity at the wall in front of Mcdonald's. Attorney Gander requests that Commissioners and residents submit information on nuisance property to Matthew.Gander@dc.gov.

7. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

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

(Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

At the start of the school year, there was a lot of violence outside of school. As a solution, the Board passed resolutions around school safety. Legislation has come out of this that replaces school resource offers. Additionally, the Board passed a resolution on education governance and has recommended a local school board. The Board continues to revisit the studied social standard, which is now sixteen years old. There will be engagement around the new standards in April. The mayor recently announced she is expanding recreation hours; three recreation centers in Ward 7 will be the first to have extended hours, including on Saturdays. Furthermore, Summer programs now do lotteries instead of first come, first served.

8. Community Concerns/Announcements

a. Little Samaritan Child Development Center-Tonia Evans

The Little Samaritan Child Development Center is located at 5100 E Street SE and serves children from 6-weeks to twelve years old. The Development Center is currently enrolling children from 6-weeks to three years old. For more information, please visit http://lscdc.com/.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Commissioner Thompson-Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.