



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

General Commission Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom due to COVID-19

Let the record show that this meeting is the rescheduled March General Commission Meeting

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. 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 Fletcher, the Agenda with the adjustments of the previous presenter order as well as postponing the proposal of the Resolution for this evening, was adopted unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Councilmember Vince Gray**
 - Any budget changes for the year will be submitted from the Mayor on May 12 and we will have hearings on those changes over about four weeks following the submissions. The Committees will be having virtual hearings and will be broadcasted on DC Cable. The community as a whole will hold a meeting for the Local Budget Act and the Budget Support Act on May 19 and May 20. There is money in the budget to renovate the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center. Committee markups will be June 9-11, and subsequent meetings and readings will be held June 30, July 14 and July 21. We are evaluating the best plan for expansion and the feasibility study should be completed by the end of Summer 2020. We are experiencing budget deficits for both this year and FY 2021. We have not yet received the contract for the hospital so there is no current information about the proposed agreement. 80% of COVID-19 deaths have been African-Americans while only 46% of the District's population is African American. There needs to be 2 weeks of consistent downward trending and the healthcare system needs to be able to treat anyone who needs treatment without crisis management are the 2 requirements needed to begin Phase 1 of reopening the city, as stated by the Mayor. The convention center will be used as additional hospitalization of patients if needed. Reopening is about working together to be safe and sustainable.
- **Director Marootian of DDOT**
 - **Ciara Boderick (Ward 7 Outreach Coordinator) David Jones (Manager)**
 - Ongoing projects are being continued with safety precautions and all other work is remote. We are currently paving non-residential streets, and soon we will begin to start work repaving local residential roads and alleys. We are continuing to be here for the community and deliver on our core services. The HOA needs to address parking on Burns court and they are working on planning a meeting with the residents to solve this issue.

Community Concerns/Announcements

- **East Capitol Street Bridge Revitalization 1:28**
 - Whitney Young Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation Project. We have implemented phase two. This phase includes repairs of the North bridge and we anticipate to be finished with this phase at the end of May. At this time vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be switched from the South bridge to the newly repaired North bridge. At that point we will come into phase three which is the repairs for the South bridge. DDOT will be available to update people on coming traffic pattern changes next month. We anticipate to complete the entire project by late summer.
 - Kathy Poole- This project is specifically repairs and there are no plans for aesthetic improvements to include a marker. The bridge belongs to DDOT and that is something you should take up with them. The project also has a pedestrian path on the ART for the South bridge. But while they are working on the North bridge that path will be closed.
- **Constituent Comment-** This ANC has done a wonderful job on information and providing service to Ward 7

Updates

- **MPD**
 - Homicide in the 3500 block of K st sw and we have a suspect in custody. We have not made a formal announcement but there is a Summer Crime Initiative for areas such as Minnesota Avenue, Ridge Road, and Anacostia Street particularly to keep the community safe throughout the summer. We have a unit that works to film, track, and investigate the dirt bike riders. It is too dangerous for us to pursue them when they are out so we are working diligently to continue to make warrants and arrests. Anonymous tip text line: 50411. We are working to solve the problems with the McDonalds and surrounding area. The flashing red and blue lights at night around the Banneker Apartments is protocol due to past violent shootings.

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
 - Early in May the Commission will be offering relief to members of 7F with food and toiletry baskets. The company that was trying to get the property on Minnesota Ave (DC Eagle) has been granted a temporary contract for the time being and that the final decision about the Halfway House should be happening soon. We will be hiring an attorney to represent our citizens similar to what Ward 5 did. We met with the company and informed them that the community does not support. We also hope to have the DC Board of Elections on the next General Commission Meeting Call to explain updates on voting and mail-in ballots.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes for both February and April 7 and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes
 - February
 - April 7 Meeting
 - Both minutes were unanimously accepted with four in favor in favor and zero against.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Approval of FY 19-20 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report**
 - Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve the minutes for both February and April 7 and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes
 - The motion carries with four in favor zero against.
 - Checking: \$63,030.24
 - Saving: \$22,217.21
 - Expenses:



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- Staff Payment: \$1,875.00
- Interest Bank Payment: \$5.54
- Total Funds 85247.15
- The chair wishes to locate a new place to store their funds or discuss with the bank about getting our bank fees reimbursed.

Commission Business Old/New

- **Resolutions**
 - **Letter of Consideration Supporting the Implementation of Small Cell Technology**
 - **The Chair moved to open the floor to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter**
 - Exum- Not present.
 - Fletcher- Yay
 - Holcomb- Yay
 - Hunter- Yay
 - Hughes- Yay
 - Carson-Carr- Not present.
 - The motion carries. Four in favor zero against.
 - **Approve Intern Job Description and Pay Rate**
 - **The Chair moved to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter**
 - \$3500 is the total personnel budget. \$300 per month for an intern stipend.
 - Exum- Not present.
 - Fletcher- Yay
 - Holcomb- Yay
 - Hunter- Yay
 - Hughes- Yay
 - Carson-Carr- Not present.
 - The motion carries. Four in favor zero against.
 - **Retroactive Pay Kayla Lennon an Internship Stipend**
 - **Paying Kayla Lennon the \$300 a month stipend for the months she worked as an intern for the Commission (Oct, Nov, Dec 2019 & Jan 2020)**
 - **The Chair moved to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher**
 - Exum- Not present.
 - Fletcher- Yay
 - Holcomb- Yay
 - Hunter- Yay
 - Hughes- Yay
 - Carson-Carr- Not present.

- The motion carries. Four in favor zero against.

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm seconded by Commission Hunter.

Contact Information for Current Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F Elected Officials:

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ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

Next 7F Commission General Meeting

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