



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

General Commission Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. 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 was adopted unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Updates

- **MPD - Commander Habeebulla and Lit. George Robinson**
 - We are at an 18% increase for homicides this time last year and a 60% decrease for sexual abuse crimes, and 3% increase for assault with a deadly weapon, and a 15% robbery decrease, overall with a 7% decrease for violent crime. 8% decrease in burglaries, 32% increase motor vehicle theft, 20% decrease theft from auto, 26% decrease of theft, 57% increase in arson (from 7 to 11), overall 19% reduction in property crimes, which brings the city crime total to a 17% decrease.
 - For July 4th there were 70,300 inundated fireworks over the holiday.
 - The civil demonstrations that started at the end of May cause many workers to be located in other areas in the city and many officers to work overtime with fewer officers in this area, particularly East Capitol Street and the Minnesota Avenue Corridor[
 - 50 officers have tested positive for COVID-19 since March.
 - 3 officers have resigned and 1 officer has applied for retirement due to the civil unrest and dialogue concerning police.
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Presentations/Special Guest

- **Councilmember Vince Gray**
 - The 136 bed hospital on St. Elizabeth's campus was approved by the council today. George Washington University Hospital will be running the hospital which will include 2 urgent care centers. It will take between 3-4 years for it to be completely built. The DGS will have its new headquarters on Minnesota Avenue. This will bring 500 new people and jobs to Ward 7. East River Park Shopping Center is another ongoing effort that is coming into its next stages. Councilmember Gray is in favor of the extension of the streetcar and feels that it currently just stops abruptly.
- **Director Marootian of DDOT**
 - The streetcar is part of a plan to bring great infrastructural improvements along Benning Road that will maximize this opportunity. Improvements to Whitlock Bridge, 295 and Benning Interchange are all built into this project. Later this summer we will present the community with

an updated design with ample opportunity for public comment on the project. We are taking the safety of pedestrians, cars, and bikers into consideration for improvements on this project. We would also like to make environmental updates to the project such as improvements to storm water circulation. We are also looking into the benefits of multiple transit options and extending these options into the corridor.

- **Chairman Phil Mendelson**

- The council has passed emergency legislation regarding police reform limiting the use of non-lethal force. No adjustments have been made for the streetcar's budget. Because the streetcar is a part of the Capitol budget there would not be much benefit for delaying the expansion of the streetcar because those monies would not be able to be used for social programs. The Capitol budget can be used to build the infrastructure of schools but according to the PACE Act there is an order that the schools will be chosen so funds cannot be immediately allocated to the modernization of Plummer Elementary. The ANC would like a study to be done on what a streetcar stop in our Ward would do for the economic development of the area, and also to see if Capitol funds can be used for the proprioceptive dog park in Ward 7.

Reports

- **Chair's Report**

- Halfway House Townhall with Core DC: August 5th 6:00pm
- Streetcar: There are a number of residents who have opposed the streetcar and we will continue our efforts with this manner.

- **Secretary's Report**

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes for both May 2020 and June 2020 and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes
- Both minutes were unanimously accepted with four in favor in favor and zero against.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **Approval of FY 19-20 Q3 Quarterly Financial Report**

- Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve the Q3 Quarterly Financial Report and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter
- The motion carries with four in favor zero against.
- Checking: \$58,925.99
- Saving: \$22,207.75
- Expenses: \$2,509.66
 - Staff Payment: \$1,200.00
 - Verizon: \$854.55
 - Tyrell Holcomb (Printing Reimbursement): \$465.00
 - Savings Account Interest Bank Payment: \$5.54
- Total Funds \$81,133,74

Commission Business Old/New

- **Community Benefits - Community Day**

- \$5,000 for community educational supplies and toiletries to be distributed August 15th.
- The motion was properly moved and seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and was carried with four in favor and zero against.

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm seconded by Commission Fletcher.



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ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

Next 7F Commission General Meeting

September 15, 2020

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