



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

One Commitment, Our Community.

General Commission Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Moment of Silence

A brief moment of silence was held for Commissioner Ashley Ruff's grandmother and everyone who has experienced loss in the community.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. Also present were Commissioners Thompson-Wright, Edwards, Hughes, Ruff, Orendoff, and Nelson.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

The summer months have brought several opportunities to have conversations and reconnect. The Commission has been focused on economic development coming to the community, specifically surrounding the Minnesota Avenue redevelopment. The Commission will be hosting discussions with the community about the redevelopment. The Minnesota Avenue Redevelopment Project is a massive project that will affect the 7F community for years. Additionally, the Commission has done several advocacy tasks for the halfway house coming to Minnesota Avenue. A community stakeholder group has been meeting about the halfway house, and Chair Holcomb has shared the community's dissatisfaction with the groups. The halfway house was expected to be completed in 2024, but the completion date is not set.

The Commission will communicate with community partners regarding community events and activities. Community partners can check their emails for recent communication.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. July Special Call Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the July Special Call Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

2. SMD & Committee Reports

7F02: Commissioner Ruff has not been as active due to the passing of her grandmother. She will move forward to *Takeover Tuesday* and resume activities

once she returns. She will also work with Martha's Table to bring a market to an area in 7F to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to the community.

7F03: Commissioner Orendoff met with a manager at McDonald's to discuss littering issues. He has also been doing bike lock-ups for bikes on the street. He has also had conversations with Lyft and Capital Bike Share.

7F04: On August 21, Commissioner Nelson did a ride-along with Fire House Engine 30 to see how they responded to the 7F area. The firefighters are excited about potential partnerships with ANC 7F. 7F04 also received a response for the assisted living development on Blaine and 45th. The developers will have 22 parking spaces for visitors and guests but are relying heavily on visitors to use public transportation. She will continue to correspond with them about community engagement. The developers should work with the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization to establish community engagement methods.

7F05: Commissioner Hughes has addressed loitering and illegal dumping in the alleys. She has been doing walk-throughs with several agencies to address loitering.

7F06: Commissioner Edwards did a community walk-through with Officer Medina at Stoddert Terrace and Fort Dupont public housing. She expressed her concerns about speeding near Kimball Elementary School.

7F07: Commissioner Thompson-Wright expressed that 7F07 is being left behind. She is planning two walks with DPW, DDOT, and MPD. There have been many shootings in 7F07 and a lack of upkeep in the 7F07 area. Additionally, she has contacted the management of the permanent supportive housing building on the far end of 7F07 to address loitering.

5. Commission Business

a. Consent Agenda

- i. Resolution 23-025 (Commissioner Edwards): Calling on DDOT to Place Speed Bumps and Automated Stop Signs on The 400 Block of Anacostia Road and Ely Place SE by Kimball Elementary School.**

Commissioner Edwards moved to pass resolution 23-025. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

b. Old/New Business

- i. Approval of FY24 Budget**

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve the FY24 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).



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6. Presentations/Special Guests

a. Tommie Jones, Chief of External Affairs- Department of Parks and Recreation

Tommie Jones has worked with the District for eight years and is experienced with community members' opportunities and challenges. Regarding programming at the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, DPR has several programs for young people and community members. This includes Young Ladies on The Rise, Football for youth ages 6-12, Dance, and afternoon access for individuals after school. DPR also has a Wellness Walk program every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. **On November 18th, 2023, DPR will offer a Wax & Wicks program from 12 pm-4 pm.** DPR does programming based on the season, and residents can go to <https://dpr.dc.gov/> or <https://dpr.events/> to see upcoming events. Additionally, DPR distributes fresh vegetables at **11 am-12 pm at 4801 Nannie Helen Burrough NE.** This will continue until November.

Regarding the level of maintenance at Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, residents can reach out to Tommie Jones and Christopher Dyer to voice their complaints. DPR asks that residents provide a picture of the area that needs maintenance, and the pair will refer it to their maintenance team. Jones advised residents that some requests may take longer than others. For more information, contact Tommie Jones at tommie.jones@dc.gov.

7. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Lakiesha Morgan (lakiesha.morgan@dc.gov)

If residents want to contact Lakiesha Morgan, they can do so via Doodle or by emailing her. The District's curfew hours for those under 17 are Sunday-Thursday, 11 pm-6 am, and Saturday and Sunday from 12:01 am-6 am. Per the District of Columbia Code, a minor commits an offense if they remain in a public place or on the premises of any establishment within those curfew hours. **On September 29th, from 6 pm-12 am,** Pennsylvania Avenue East is hosting the *Strength, Unity, and Community Event*. A culture festival will be at the National Mall from **September 29th to October 1st.** Additionally, Mayor Bowser held the National Infant and Health Summit on September 19th; information regarding this is available.

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

The Board of Education will host their first monthly meeting tomorrow, September 20th, at 5:30 pm, at 441 4th Street NW. There will be an expert panel on school report cards. The Board will also be doing work around financial literacy standards. Residents with opinions about the financial literacy curriculum can contact Ebon-Rose Thompson. In October, the Board will release more literacy recommendations. Additionally, the Ward 7 education survey can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/W7EdSurvey>.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.