



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

Special Call Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.

Commissioner Roll Call

- Commissioners present: Commissioner Holcomb, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Hunter. A quorum is established.

Adoption of the Agenda

- On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, the Agenda was adopted unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent. The Agenda was amended to add Letter of Opposition for the Raise Permit Application for 3701 Benning Rd to Commission Business

Halfway House Advocacy Update

- CORE DC has been awarded a contract by the Bureau of Prisons to operate a halfway house at 3701 Benning Rd NE in June of this year. We as a Commission have been working diligently to make sure that our voice has been heard on this issue. We have held two town halls with CORE DC, one with community leaders and one with the general community at large. We are not against returning citizens and understand the need for successful reintegration, but there are other issues in our community in that area that need to be addressed first. We do not have a quorum for this meeting, but at our next meeting we plan to officially nominate 3701 Benning Rd NE for the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and to set aside money from our Community Benefit Fund to do an impact study on this area. We hope that through these efforts our advocacy is clear and impactful. We have a plan that presents returning citizens in our community and the responsibility of their successful reintegration on the entire city of Washington, DC and not just on Ward 7 and an upcoming meeting on September 9th. We are continuing to put pressure on CORE DC, the Bureau of Prisons, and Congresswoman Norton. We have until September 5th provide feedback on the permit. We will institute a letter commenting on the lack of an impact study and putting in the Historic Site request. The resolutions passed today are to ensure that there is a re-entry plan released and trying to save the property. There have been permits filed to demolish the site around October and we are opposing this permit and working to get a study on how that would affect traffic and the air quality of the area. Now is the time that we as a community need to band together and support this opposition.

Commission Business

- Community Benefit Agreement

- \$35,000 to conduct an impact study that examines support and opposition to the Halfway House opening, and the potential after effects of a Halfway House such as businesses, safety and comfort of the residents, etc. Study includes canvassing, robo-calls, and mailers, as well as digital engagement. The conclusion of the results will be made available to the community.
- On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0
- Resolution - Designation of 3701 Benning Road NE Historic Landmark
 - On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0.
- Resolution - District of Columbia Collective Re-Entry Plan
 - On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0.
- Letter of Support - Reservation 13 Surplus
 - Discussion: Around ensuring that this development provides economic opportunities and development for the residents of Ward 7. The surplus land will eventually be bid on. Commissioner Hunter will serve as the point of contact for the letter and conversations surrounding Reservation 13. The Commission commends him for his service in this area thus far.
 - On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0.
- Approve Fall 2020 Internship Description
 - On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0.
- Letter of Opposition for the Raise Permit Application for 3701 Benning Rd
 - Due to the lack of a community demolition impact study.
 - On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion carriers with unanimous support. 4-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm seconded by Commission Hughes

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

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ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

Next 7F Commission General Meeting

September 15, 2020

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