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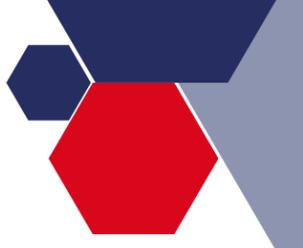
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## Annual Report



**Where Communities Come Together!**

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F Annual Report 2022-2023



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F (“ANC 7F”) holds public meetings that are open to the community to discuss a range of issues affecting the area and make recommendations to city decision-makers based on community input while also providing residents with resources. ANC 7F meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except July and August. Meetings would typically be held at the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, but were held via Zoom this year. The schedule of the ANC 7F public meetings is announced at the beginning of the year with a mailer, sent to the ANC email list, and posted on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. The ANC also utilizes its own website that includes a list of all public meetings, agendas, minutes, and information on the ANC committees. The website also provides additional avenues for community members to communicate with the Commission.

The public meetings include regular updates from the Mayor’s Office, Councilmember Gray’s Office, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative. The Commission invites a range of guests to present at public meetings based on issues raised by community members and other issues relevant to the 7F community. Guests include members of the DC Council, representatives from city agencies, representatives from non-profit organizations, and others.

## OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, SOME OF THE GUESTS AND PRESENTATION TOPICS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETINGS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Lakeisha Morgan & Lawrence Davin, Mayor Bowser’s Office, General Updates, DC Career Portal, Updated Vaccination and Mask Requirements, Leaf Collection, Safe Exchange Zones
- Captain Fitzgerald, Commander Darnel Robinson, Captain Johnathan Branch, Metropolitan Police Department, General Crime Updates
- Eboni-Rose Thompson, Ward 7 Board of Education, General Updates, Public Charter School Hearings, School Budgets, Vaccination Requirements, School Quality, Social Study Standards, Attendance Regulations, School Rating Systems
- Sheila Bunn, Councilmember Gray’s Office, General Updates, Health and Equity, 2024 Budget
- Tanya Powell, D.C. Department of Transportation, Community Engagement, Traffic Safety, TSI
- Director Everette Lott, D.C. Department of Transportation, Minnesota Avenue, Curb Extensions, Crosswalks, Wheelchair Ramps
- Mark Bjorge, D.C. Department of Aging and Community Living, Community Organizations, Senior Activities
- Councilmember Charles Allen, Council of the District of Columbia, Vision Zero, TSI
- Attorney Matthew Gander, Office of the Attorney General, Nuisance Activities, Investigations
- Yvette Alexander, Reservation 13, R13 Development Project
- Tommie Jones, Department of Parks and Recreation, Chief of External Affairs, DPR Programs
- Jesse Herman, Congresswoman Norton’s Office, NPS Land, Fort Dupont Park, Halfway House
- Councilmember Robert White, Council of the District of Columbia, Mayor's Budget, Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act
- Kelley Cislo, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie’s Office, Public Safety
- Director Morilus-Black, MBI Health Services, D.C. Department of Behavioral Health, Assessment and Referral, The State Opioid Response Grant, Mental Health Program, Emergency Response

The ANC also hosts monthly executive meetings that allows Commissioners to work collaboratively to identify ways to serve the residents of 7F. During these meetings, the Commissioners discuss community issues, share thoughts on potential community events, and ideas for future agendas based on community members' concerns and ongoing issues in their single member districts (SMDs). The Commissioners are also very active participants in local and city-wide meetings on matters affecting the Commission area. Commissioners share information about emerging issues with the community, and are always available to answer questions and help resolve concerns.

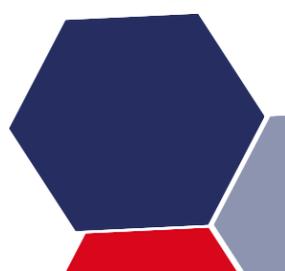
In alignment with the unique needs of the residents of Ward 7, the ANC 7F has also focused on providing services, resources, and programming to engage the community, especially the youth in 7F. The ANC 7F hosted community-based events such as a Back-To-School Event, Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Citizens Dinner, Turkey & Produce Giveaway, and Holiday Drive in December 2023. Much of the advocacy that the ANC has focused on this year includes making sure the community's voice is heard in the matters of the expansion of Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, the Minnesota Avenue Halfway house, and continued economic prosperity by way of the establishment of the Reservation 13/Hill East Development Taskforce and other community developments.

## LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS

**Between December 1, 2022, and November 30, 2022, the Commission voted to approve 38 official actions, including 37 resolutions on city policy matters such as transportation safety, traffic safety, housing production, and nuisance properties; and 1 letter of support to community members for building driveways.**

- Resolution Supporting the Installment of speed bumps for the 4500 block of C Street, SE (Plummer Elementary School) (December 2022)
- Resolution Supporting the HalfSmoke Inclusion in DGS HQ as Previously Committed (December 2022)
- Resolution Supporting the establishment of a Liaison for the Commissioner of 7F08 (December 2022)
- Resolution Supporting the Appointment of Commissioner Joel Caston to the Role of Liaison For the Term of the Elected Commissioner for 7F08 (December 2022)
- Resolution Calling on DDOT to conduct a traffic study of new Minnesota Ave traffic pattern and consider recommendations from 7F (December 2022)
- Resolution Supporting Recommendations Related to Public Safety SR22 - 13 (December 2022)
- Resolution Recognizing the 90th Birthday of Former 7F Commissioner Elizabeth Travers (December 2022)
- Resolution Supporting Updating the Bylaws' Conflict of Interest language to Prohibit Commissioners from Requesting Funds for Organizations They Serve as Officers and or Members (December 2022)
- Resolution on Official position on BZA Case #7468B (December 2022)
- Resolution Approving ANC Security Fund (January 2023)
- Resolution Calling on Business Establishment on the Corridors in 7F to Generally Clean and Upkeep their Establishments and Corridor (January 2023)
- Resolution Calling on DDOT to Place Security Lanes on Benning Road and Minnesota Ave
  - Resolution Declaring the 7-Eleven in the BP Gas Station on (which hundred block) Benning Road a Nuisance Property (January 2023)
  - Resolution Calling the OAG to Strengthen Consumer Protection and Prevent Price Gouging Within 7F (January 2023)

- Resolution Calling on D.C. Public Libraries to Offer Storytime Events on Saturdays at a Minimum of Two Rotating Library Branches in Ward 7 (February 2023)
- Resolution Adopting the 2023 ANC Resolution on Opioids (February 2023)
- Resolution Declaring the McDonalds, Shell Gas Station, Minnesota Seafood, and “Pink Store” on Minnesota Avenue Nuisance Properties & Calling on the OAG to take Immediate Action to Mediate (February 2023)
- Resolution Calling on the D.C. Council Committee on Housing to pass legislation that mandates housing programming to also include residents who make 80% - 150% of the AMI (February 2023)
- Resolution Calling on the D.C. Council Committee on Housing to introduce emergency legislation retroactive to FY 22 that mandates developers who propose matters of right projects that receive city funds from the Housing Production Trust Fund and/or DC HFA to have a mandatory community engagement component and that provides local ANC’s great weight on funding approval (February 2023)
- Resolution Recognizing DCSAA Football Champion Friendship Collegiate Knights (February 2023)
- Resolution Opposing NOI 23-04- IPMA Removal of Parking on Ely Place SE between Anacostia Rd SE and 37th Pl SE (March 2023)
- Resolution Supporting Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F's 2023 Budget Priorities (March 2023)
- Resolution Calling on DOB to Inspect Banneker Place Apartments and Issue a Notice of Infraction for Property Maintenance Code Violations (April 2023)
- Resolution Calling on the OAG and D.C. Council to hold landlords accountable for public safety violations and failure to ensure residents’ safety (April 2023)
- Resolution Calling on Dorothy Heights Library and MBI to increase security and mental health resources to prevent loitering and substance abuse inside and outside the library (May 2023)
- Resolution Calling on DHCD and The Office of Planning to Maintain Fair Housing Laws for African Americans Who Traditionally Lack Access to Homeownership (May 2023)
- Resolution Resolution of Condolence and Recognition for 20+ Years of Service for former Fort DuPont Civic Association Officer Mrs. Emma Rivers (May 2023)
- Resolution Calling on the Council’s Public Safety Committee to Introduce and Pass The “Patronize or Passage” Legislation Along Business Corridors to Minimize Loitering and Spur Economic Opportunities in Ward 7 (May 2023)
- Resolution Recognizing outgoingMPD Police Chief and Robert J. Contee and former 6D Commander (May 2023)
- Resolution Calling on the Council’s Housing Committee to Introduce Summer Safety Strategies, Initiatives and Implementation Plans for Public Housing Sites (May 2023)
- CBA Request-Anacostia Road Block Party
- CBA Request-Ward 7 SBOE Back to School Event
- Resolution Disapproval of DDOT's Multimodal Safety Improvements on Minnesota Avenue NE Between Nannie Helen Burroughs and East Capitol NE (July 2023)
- Resolution Disapproval of Relocating the Bus Stop at Minnesota & Benning (July 2023)
- CBA Request-Benning Stoddert Day
- CBA Request-Stronger Together - Fort Chaplin
- Resolution 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 (September 2023)
- Resolution Calling on DPW to Expand Street Sweeping (October 2023)
- Letter of Support- Blair Goins Driveway Installation on Eads Street



# ADMINISTRATIVE

This year, the Commission has focused on efforts to make sure that ANC 7F is well-prepared to operate and have effective communication with its community.

In terms of the budget and finances, the ANC 7F has done the following:

- Adopted the proposed ANC 7F annual budget for FY 2024 (9/19/2023)
- Approved ANC 7F financial reports each quarter as required, provided community members
- copies of reports, and submitted them to the Office of ANCs. Other Administrative Actions of the ANC include the following:
- Approved the FY 22 Annual Report (12/29/2022)
- Approved Hill East CBA Framework
- Approved 2023 General Commission Meeting Dates & January 2024 Dates
- Approved \$500 for the Children Impacted by the Arson Incident
- Approved OANC Specialty Funds for Counsel on CBA & Development Matters
- Approved Establishing Housing Advocacy Standing Committee
- Approved Reice Mccowan as Administrative Intern
- Approved Taylor Evans-Ramos as Communication Intern
- Approved OANC Speciality Funds for a Consultant to develop CBAs for Hill East/Reservation 13 and NE Heights.
- This Annual Report was approved by the Commission by a vote of (7-0-0) at a duly-noticed public meeting on November 21, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

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