



**"Crossroads East of the River"
Where Communities Come Together**



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019

OVERVIEW

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 at the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center. The schedule of 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 twitter. The ANC is also excited to share as of January of 2020 ANC 7F will launch a website that will include a list of all public meetings, agendas, minutes, information on the ANC committees, and provide additional avenues for community members to communicate with the Commission.

The public meetings include a standing item on the agenda for the community to receive updates from the Mayor's office, Councilmember Gray's office, and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). 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 nonprofit organizations, and others.

YEAR IN REVIEW

The ANC also hosts monthly executive meetings 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 SMDs. The Commissioners are also very active participants in local and city-wide meetings on matters affecting the Commission area, 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 a variety of community-based events such as an Easter celebration, community day, community brunch, movie night, young queens' empowerment, bus trip to Nationals game, National Night Out, and Thanksgiving dinner. Many of these events were done with local community partners such as East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, E&G group, Friendship Collegiate Academy, Training Grounds, and many others.

The ANC 7F has also built a series of awards to recognize residents for their service to the community. One example is the Commission recognition of Karen Settles for her tenure as an ANC 7F.

2018 – 2019 PUBLIC MEETING GUESTS



Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor of Health & Human Services

Chairman Phil Mendelson

Tom Gallagher, E& G Group

**Representative Franklin Garcia,
DC Statehood**

Deborah Crain Kemp,

DC Office of Planning

**Yvette Alexander,
Former Ward 7 Councilmember**

Fort Dupont Ice Arena

**Washington Nationals Youth Baseball
Academy**

Ward 7 Councilmember Vince Gray

6th District MPD Commander Habeebulla

**Congresswoman
Eleanor Holmes Norton**

**Sean Moore, Minnesota Avenue
(Phase II) construction project**

**Office of the Deputy Mayor for
Planning & Economic Development**

Jeff Marootian, DDOT Director

**Eboni-Rose Thompson, Ward
7 Education Council Chair**

**At-Large Councilmember
Elissa Silverman**

Unique Morris-Hughes, DOES Director

**Charlotte Ducksworth & Ian Swain,
Street Car Extension**

Pepco's Community Engagement Team



LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS

Between December 1, 2018, and November 30, 2019 the Commission voted to approve 14 official actions, including 8 resolutions on city policy matters such as the Hill East project, Street Car Extension and Funding Schools in Ward 7; 6 letters to city officials advising them on proposed policies such as the expansion of KIPP campus or requesting specific actions to meet community interest.

- Letter of Support for Rezoning of Meadow Green Court by E&G Group (January 2019)
- Letter of Support for the Expansion of KIPP DC Benning Road Campus (February 2019)
- Resolution in Recognition of Women History Month (March 2019)
- Resolution in Support of the Near Act (February 2019)
- Resolution ensuring full, fair, & equitable funding for Ward 7 DCPS schools (April 2019)
- Letter of Concern to BZA on the building of the light standard monopole at Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy by T-Mobile (April 2019)
- Letter of Support to BZA for the building of the light standard monopole at Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy by T-Mobile with a stipulation that T-Mobile change the letter regarding employment opportunities (May 2019)
- Resolution supporting the relocation of a bus stop in front of Chase Bank at Minnesota and Clay with investigation of any potential disruptions (with bus pad) (May 2019)
- Resolution in opposition to the extension of the streetcar from Oklahoma Ave to Benning Road Metro but keeping the redevelopment of the Whitlock bridge (June 2019)
- Letter of Support for the rehab of Anacostia Garden apartments by NHP foundation (June 2019)
- Resolution to fully fund the Birth through Three Act (November 2019)
- Resolution supporting extending Comprehensive Plan Review timeline (November 2019)
- Resolution to implement traffic calming controls in 7F (November 2019)
- Resolution in support of Hill East/ Reservation 13 with guidelines (November 2019)

ADMINISTRATIVE

This year the Commission has focused on building local community capacity and leadership by opening several volunteer and contract opportunities for residents to support the ANC and community. These roles include a Chief of Staff position, graphic designer, photographer, and intern position. The ANC has filled these roles and is looking forward to continuing to develop resident capacity while also building on efforts to make sure the ANC is operating well.

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

- Adopted the proposed ANC 7F annual budget for FY 2020. (9/17/19)
- Approved ANC 7F financial reports each quarter as required, provided community members copies of reports, and submitted to the Office of ANCs.

Other Administrative Actions of the ANC include the following:

- Approved Community Benefits Funds application
- Adopted new bylaws and standing rules
- Approved a new grant application process
- Approved security fund of 25.00 for 2018 and 2019

At the end of FY 2018-2019 our Commission had \$90,635.34 in the bank

7F IN THE COMMUNITY

Over \$20,000 Toward Community-Based Activities

