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# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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:

- Osha Daniels & Lawrence Davin, Mayor Bowser's Office, General Updates, DC Career Portal, Updated Vaccination and Mask Requirements, Leaf Collection, Safe Exchange Zones
- Captain Fitzgerald, Officer Medina, Lieutenant Hogan, Lieutenant Smith, 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, Teachers Union,
- DL Humphrey, Councilmember Gray's Office, General Updates, Illegal Dumping, Urgent Care Centers, 2023 Budget
- Declan Falls, Office of Chairman Mendelson, Senior Project Manager, Redistricting
- Ajan Brown, District of Columbia Office of Human Rights, Community Engagement Specialist, General Information
- Diego Martinez, Capital Construction-Department of General Services, PMP, Fort Dupont Ice Arena
- Courtney R. Snowden, The Blueprint Strategy Group, Founder and President, New Full-Service Community Hospital
- Ketan Gada, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development, Hill East Master Plan
- Brittany Bunch, District of Columbia Sentencing Commission, Outreach Specialist, DC Sentencing Guidelines
- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Congress, Congressional Updates
- Rachel Pierre, D.C. Department of Human Services, Administrator for the Family Services Administration, Shelter Drop-off Locations and Housing Vouchers
- Melvyn Smith, D.C. Department of Human Services, Supervisory Homeless Services Program Coordinator, Shelter Drop-off Locations and Housing Vouchers
- Kevin Harrison, Tanya Powell & Sonela Ardekani, Transit Delivery Division - District Department of Transportation, DDOT Traffic Project
- Chairman Phil Mendelson, Council of the District of Columbia, Mayor's Budget, Halfway House
- Alida Sanchez, NREUV/ Project Community Capital, Platform Director, Business and Entrepreneurship, General Information
- US Attorney Matthew Graves, US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Crime, Juvenile Crime, Juvenile Sentencing
- Rev. George C. Gilbert Jr, The Center for Racial Equity and Justice, Executive Director, Bill Concerning Mobile Voting
- Barbara J. Bazron, PhD, Department of the Behavioral Health, Director, FY 23 Budget Presentation
- Brenda Donald, DC Housing Authority (DCHA), Executive Director, Ward 7 Capital Projects
- Christopher Dyer, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Community Engagement Manager, Permits and Events
- Councilmember Anita Bonds, Council of the District of Columbia, FY23 Budget
- Jo-Elle Burgard, District Department of Transportation, Project Manager, Low Impact Development Project to Improve Pedestrian Safety
- Carolina Buitrago, Community Engagement Division, Ward 7, District Department of Transportation, Program Analyst, Open Streets Coming to Ward 7
- Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee, Chancellor of D.C. Public Schools, Covid-19 protocols, Health & Safety, HVAC Systems at Plummer
- Dr. Michelle J. Walker-Davis, DC Public Charter School Board, Executive Director, Virtual and In Person Learning Options.
- James Waller, Friendship Public Charter School, Chief of School Operations, Access to High School Football Games
- Dr. Peggy Jones, Friendship Collegiate Academy, Principal, Access to High School Football Games
- Tanya Powell, Community Engagement Division, Ward 7, District Department of Transportation, Program Analyst, DC Circulator Transit Development Plan
- Tony Dugger, DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Adjudication Ombudsman, Adjudication Ombudsman's Office and online ticket services
- Casey Callister, Duffy's Irish Pub at 1901 C Street STE B, Owner, Stipulated License Endorsement and Voluntary Agreement (ABRA)
- Ashley Wells and Stacey Hemby, DC Smart Street Lighting Project, Street Lighting Project

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, Turkey & Produce Giveaway, and Holiday Drive in December 2022, in accordance with all COVID-19 safety protocols. 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 funding an intermediate plan for The Joy Evan's Therapeutic Center, Redistricting Taskforce, and continued economic prosperity by way of the establishment of the Reservation 13/Hill East Development Taskforce.

## Letters and Resolutions

Between December 1, 2021, and November 30, 2022, the Commission voted to approve 39 official actions, including 27 resolutions on city policy matters such as transportation safety, elections for 7F06, housing production, and redistricting; and 5 letters of support to city officials and organizations for projects as varied as the Minnesota Avenue Bus Improvement Project to the Park Kennedy ARBA Hearing to Villages of East River .

- Resolution Establishing an Online Portal To Track DGS Service Requests (December 2021)
- Resolution Supporting Study for Future Smaller Halfway Houses Spread Across the City (December 2021)
- Resolution Establishing Community Engagement Requirement and ANC Great Weight for all Development Projects Receiving Housing Production Trust Fund Funding (December 2021)
- Letter of Support - Fort Dupont Ice Arena (DDOT TOPS Application 377627) (January 2022)
- Resolution Supporting Solutions that Address the Opioid Crisis(January 2022)
- Letter of Support- Park Kennedy for ABRA Hearing (February 2022)
- Letter of Support-Minnesota Avenue Bus Improvement Project (February 2022)
- Resolution Supporting the Reconstruction of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Under the Terms of the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (March 2022)
- CBA Request- Attendance of Commissioners to Advocate for New Amenities at ICSC Development Conference May 22-24 (March 2022)
- CBA Request- Bridge Funding Request (March 2022)
- Resolution Calling on Department of Parks and Recreation and the Council of the District of Columbia to Fund an Intermediate Plan for The Joy Evan's Therapeutic Center (April 2022)
- Resolution Calling on the Office of the Attorney General to immediately declare Valero, Citgo and Shell Gas Stations on Minnesota Ave in ANC 7F Nuisance Properties (April 2022)

- Resolution Calling on ABRA to suspend the liquor license of Malcolm's Liquor and Minnesota Store in ANC 7F until they address community safety concerns (April 2022)
- Resolution Calling on DDOT to implementing Transportation Safety Recommendations in Support of Vision Zero (April 2022)
- Resolution Calling on the DC Board of Elections to declare ANC 7F06 Vacant (April 2022)
- Resolution Naming ANC 7F's Annual Community Service Award the Betty J. Diggs Community Service Award (April 2022)
- Resolution Calling on the DC Council to fund ANC 7F FY 23 Budget Priorities (April 2022)
- Resolution Calling on the Council of the District of Columbia to adopt the Ward 7 ANC Boundaries as advanced by the Ward 7 ANC Redistricting Task Force (April 2022)
- Resolution Supporting CBA Funding to ANC 7F03 (April 2022)
- Resolution Establishing the Downtown Ward 7 / NE Heights Development Taskforce (April 2022)
- Resolution Establishing the Reservation 13 / Hill East Development Taskforce (April 2022)
- Resolution Establishing the Building a Better Ward 7 Community Investment Fund (April 2022)
- CBA Request- Zooming with Seniors - Train the Trainer (April 2022)
- CBA Request- Youth and Empowerment Program (7F06 Plant Beautification Project) - \$1,250 (April 2022)
- Resolution Approving Honorary Naming Street for Former Commissioner Betty Diggs (May 2022)
- Resolution Approving Mandatory Housing Appreciation Class in Properties Receiving City Vouchers or Housing Production Trust Fund Funding (May 2022)
- Resolution Calling on Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson to Request the US Secretary of Housing to Adjust DC's AMI (May 2022)
- Resolution Calling on DDOT to Remedy Drainage Issues in ANC 7F During FY 22 (June 2022)
- Resolution Calling for DC to Remain a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Services (June 2022)
- Resolution Calling on Committee of Transportation to Modify Annual Vehicle Registration Fees Increases (June 2022)
- Resolution Calling on Committee on Housing to Mandate Public Safety Requirements for Apartment Buildings with more than 20 Units (June 2022)
- Letter of Support- Villages of East River (June 2022)
- CBA Request- Anacostia Road Block Party (\$1,000.00) (June 2022)
- CBA Request- Summer Organizing Intern(s) (\$3,600.00) (June 2022)
- CBA Request- Back to School Fest (\$10,000.00) (June 2022)
- Resolution Supporting Commissioner Terrance Hunter Joining the Board of the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization (September 2022)
- Letter of Support- Event Hours Extension (Saturday 12am & Sunday 11pm) for Broccoli City Fest & Glow Fest (September 2022)
- Resolution Regarding NE Heights Affordable Units Maintain As Approved In Large Track Trace Review (October 2022)
- Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center (November 2022)
- Resolution Challenging DCRA Permit #B2102468 Issued to Benning Rock, LLC (November 2022)

# 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 2023 (9/20/2022)
- 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 21 Annual Report (12/21/2021)
  - Approved Participation in the ANC Security Fund
  - Approved Administrative Meetings for 2022
  - Voted to Amend Bylaws to Establish Re-Entry Committee
  - Approved Increased Hourly Wages for Chief of Staff from \$25 to \$27.50
  - Approved Amended Bylaws
  - Approved Grant for the 7F Red Wolves
  - Approved FY23 CBA Budget
  - Approved FY23 Budget Approval

**This Annual Report was approved by the Commission by a vote of (5-0-0) at a duly-noticed public meeting on December 29, 2022, at which a quorum was present.**

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