

Government of the District of Columbia

"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting December 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb calls the meeting to order at 6:46 pm. A moment of silence is held for those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Also present were Commissioners Hughes, Weston, Diggs, Codling, and Caston. Quorum was established.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Holcomb motions to approve the agenda. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and 0 against. (5-0-0)

3. Updates

a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Osha Daniels

The DMV ticket amnesty program will be ending on December 31, 2021. Residents with outstanding tickets are encouraged to utilize the program to avoid any additional penalties. Furthermore, the District will be offering "test yourself" locations at libraries around the district, as well as new rapid antigen tests. Residents are encouraged to log the results of their rapid antigen test. In addition, the DC mask mandate is officially back in place. For more information, contact Osha Daniels at osha.daniels1@dc.gov or call 202.374.9282.

b. MPD- Captain Fitzgerald

MPD has concluded four of their crime initiatives, though there has been a 30% reduction in violent crime, as well as reduction in property crimes. There was more of an outreach to community members during this initiative. MPD is planning to continue this holistic approach into 2022. Residents with any information can call 202-727-9099.

c. State Board of Education - Eboni Rose Thompson

In the new year, the Board of Education will be voting on the star rating format and expanding the Governance Committee. The Mayor has not made the call for DC public schools to be fully online, however, there are some schools in Ward 7 that have currently switched to virtual. In addition, the Board has decided on the 2021 Teacher of the Year for Ward 7. As of today, there has been legislation passed that requires teachers and caretakers be vaccinated. For more information, contact Eboni Rose-Thompson at Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov.



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4. Presentations/Special Guests

- **a. Declan Falls**, *Community Outreach Specialist* Office of Chairman Mendelson As of today, the Council's redistricting plan has been officially approved. In addition, Chairman Mendelson has co-signed two bills to expand crosswalks across the district to encourage traffic safety across the district. Further information on the status of the eviction moratorium will be provided soon. For more information contact Declan Falls at dfalls@dccouncil.us or call **312-292-0022**.
- **b. Diego Martinez, PMP**, Senior Project Manager Capital Construction- Department of General Services

The DGS project includes demolition of the existing Fort DuPont Ice Arena, which will be replaced with a new single ice sheet facility, including several amenities and an accessible parking lot. The current project budget is \$27,725,000 and is expected to be completed by fall 2023. The building will be two stories, with the bulk of the facility being accessible to the community.

c. **Ajan Brown**, *Community Engagement Specialist* - District of Columbia Office of Human Rights

The Office of Human Rights has three main missions: to eradicate discrimination, increase equal opportunity, and protect civil rights through enforcement. The Office covers the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and educational institutions. The Office has jurisdiction over DC Government and private sectors including nonprofits, corporations, contractors, etc. However, this does not include the Federal Government and District of Columbia Courts. OHR enforces several local laws such as the Human Rights Law, and the Employment Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Offenses, and Stalking Law. The OHR enforcement process takes place in six simple steps. In addition, the Office has special equity programs including the Language Access Program, Youth Bullying Prevention, Street Harassment Prevention, Tipped Wage Workers, and Fair Chance Initiative. For more information, contact Ajan Brown at ajan.brown@dc.gov or call 202-320-0653.

d. Courtney R. Snowden, *Founder and President* -The Blueprint Strategy Group There will be a new full-service community hospital with a verified trauma center built on the St. Elizabeth campus. The hospital will have several amenities including 136 inpatient beds, ICU & surgery operating rooms, newborn delivery and women's services, and an adult's & children's emergency room. In addition, UMC will continue to operate



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until the new hospital is opened. The hospital must comply with the District's CBE, first source and project labor agreement requirements. Furthermore, UHS is required to spend \$75 million in healthcare infrastructure over ten years in Wards 7 & 8, and 3% of operating expenses go towards uncompensated care, charity care and/or other community benefits. For more information, contact Courtney R. Snowden at courtney@theblueprintstrategygroup.com.

5. Community Concerns/Announcements

Devon Myers: "Does the Covid-19 vaccination and booster mandate apply to teachers and education support staff?"

Tara Maxwell: "What cleanup was done on Minnesota Avenue? Are there any printed contracts on the information you just provided?"

Tim Newman: "I am glad to see finally the cars being removed off Ames Street which had several complaints filed with the appropriate agency. It should not take months to remove vehicles that have tickets and are not moved with the same effort as other areas of DC."

Loiuse Gray: "We feel that our concerns about wellness and finding if there is an alternative to our closed recreation centers are just as important as dog parks. We're asking you to get on board to help us in any way you can. You have to understand the urgency of it because I know my health has declined."

6. Consent Agenda

7. Commission Business

a. Renewal of Lindsey Walton Contract as Graphic/Web Specialist

Commissioner Holcomb moves to renew the contract of the Commission's Graphic/Web Specialist Lindsey Walton at a rate of \$1,500. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

b. Retrospective Renewal of Davina Scott as 7F Intern for Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 Chairperson Holcomb moves retrospectively to renew Davina Scott as 7F Intern for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).



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c. Approval of FY 21 Annual Report

Chairperson Holcomb moves to approve the 2021 Annual Report. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

d. Resolution 21-026: Accountability and Transparency Through the Establishment of an Online Portal to Track DGS Service Requests

Chairperson Holcomb moves to accept Resolution 21-026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

e. Resolution 21-027: Support of Study for Future Smaller Halfway Houses Spread Across the City

Chairperson Holcomb moves to adopt Resolution 21-027. The motion is seconded by commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

f. Resolution 21-028: Establishment of Community Engagement Requirement and ANC Great Weight for all Development Projects Receiving Housing Production Trust Fund Funding

Chairperson Holcomb moves to adopt Resolution 21-028. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

g. Table Administrative Reports

Chairperson Holcomb moves to table administrative reports for the evening. The motions passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

8. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm.