



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

General Commission Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Commissioner Roll Call

- Commissioners present: Commissioner Holcomb, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Hughes. Quorum was established.

Adoption of the Agenda

- On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hunter, the Agenda as is, was adopted unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Updates

- **Mayor's Office - Wesley Leary Ward 7 Liason**
 - Please visit coronavirus.dc.gov for any questions regarding the pandemic. Free testing at UMC on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with a doctors note. Use this phone number 855-363-0333 to make an appointment. DCNetworks.org is the best resource for unemployment.
- **MPD - Tia Ellis**
 - We are currently investigating increasing activity on the Minnesota Avenue Corridor, specifically regarding the incident with the large number of ATVs and dirtbikes.

Community Concerns- Chairman Phil Mendelson

- Constituent question: DOES for unemployment; are self employed residents such as Uber and UberEats drivers eligible for unemployment and loss of wages?
 - We have legislatively expanded eligibility for unemployment which would include self employed workers. We have also eliminated the work search requirement and eliminated the waiting period. Go to coronavirus.dc.gov for more detailed information.
- Constituent question: No utility cutoffs?
 - Yes that is correct it is to protect businesses, residents, and there is also a prohibition on evictions.
- Constituent question: When will budget cuts be made as concerned with small businesses in Ward 7?
 - The process may not begin until May 6th. Every program is at risk but there is a provision to businesses and residents to help and prevent bankruptcies. Small businesses are going to be a priority but the help is going to look different than it has in the past.
- Constituent question: Does the city have a plan to make up the \$600 million dollar deficit and will taxes be raised to fill that gap.
 - No one to date has proposed raising taxes but no plans have been made yet.
- Constituent question: Is there a timeline for when public schools will reopen?

- The Mayor hopes for schools to open before the school year ends but it is not out of the question for schools to be closed through the end of this school year. The model that we use has our area peaking in June and the virus lasting through June.
- **Constituent question: Today's legislation involving schools.**
 - Waiving the community service requirement for graduating seniors and Carnegie Units which require physical attendance and participation in relation to learning were also relaxed. There have been talks about opening summer schools to combat the loss of learning during this pandemic.

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Chairman Phil Mendelson**
 - Adopted a second emergency relief fund. Relaxing restrictions , additional authority for the Attorney General, extended the Mayor's authority to deem this an emergency until mid-June. The budget will be presented for the next fiscal year on May 6th. Revenues for the city have dropped over \$600 million dollars. The council is at a very limited operation, no hearings are happening and there is no staff to support the meetings. In today's bill we added 15 days for ANC's for any deadlines that they have. Because of the meeting hacks we are working with Octo to help ANCs conduct these meetings.
- **Derek Ford- Washington DC Economic Partnership**
 - A non-profit to attract businesses to DC to increase our revenue. Our office works directly with DMPED. Neighborhood profile that outlines over 50 neighborhoods in DC and provides useful information that retailers look for but can also be useful for residents for selling their homes or just seeing where they are in terms of their neighborhood. Support your local neighborhoods and businesses. Spend your dollars locally so companies that are trying to come here still know that they can reliably set up their business here. We can be in contact with the owner of the 7/11 building to see if they would be open to putting in a farmers market or a healthy food option.
- **Eric Winkfield- Pepco**
 - We are continuing to provide safe and reliable energy to our customers. We are working with the emergency officials and recognize how important it is that we are working with our communities during these times. Following the CDC's guidelines, suspending all late-fees and making payment arrangements through at least May 1st. We have suspended work involving entering our customers home except for extreme cases on a case by case basis. Please call us if you are struggling to make your payments so we can support you in your options. 1-877-737-2662 is our direct phone line, my email is eric.winkfield@pepco.com.

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
 - Proposed Halfway house and have not heard a final decision regarding the halfway house but we have had a petition of over 1,000 Ward 7 residents as well as many letters sent by residents and Commissioners in opposition to the proposed halfway house. We are working to make sure our residents feel supported and made aware of their resources
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of Previous Minutes
 - The motion from the Chair to approve the minutes from the February has been tabled until the April 28th meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Checking: \$64,982.74
 - Saving: The Treasurer has not yet received the totals for the savings account.
 - Let the record reflect that as of February 28th the savings account balance was \$22,221.67
 - Expenses:



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- AC security fund- \$25
- Distribution/Flyers to Ms. Williams- \$80
- Total Funds: Because there is no current amount for the savings account, we cannot provide a current total funds balance.
 - Let the record reflect that as of February 28th the total balance of both the Checking and Savings accounts was \$87,116.91.

Commission Business Old/New

- **Resolutions**

- **Plummer Elementary Playground Full Modernization**

- **The Chair moved to open the floor to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter**
 - **Let the record reflect that a provision for the principal to add input will be reflected in the resolution.**
- Exum- Not present.
- Fletcher- Yay
- Holcomb- Yay
- Hunter- Yay
- Hughes- Yay
- Carson-Carr- Not present.
- The motion carries.

- **Supporting Equitable Healthcare and a Full Service Hospital**

- **The Chair moved to open the floor to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher**
- Exum- Not present.
- Fletcher- Yay
- Holcomb- Yay
- Hunter- Yay
- Hughes- Yay
- Carson-Carr- Not present.
- The motion carries.

- **DC Census 2020**

- **The Chair moved to open the floor to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter**
- Exum- Not present.
- Fletcher- Yay
- Holcomb- Yay
- Hunter- Yay
- Hughes- Yay
- Carson-Carr- Not present.

- The motion carries.
- o **Budgetary Restrictions on Transitional Homes**
 - **The Chair moved to open the floor to vote on this resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Hunter**
 - Exum- Not present.
 - Fletcher- Yay
 - Holcomb- Yay
 - Hunter- Yay
 - Hughes- Yay
 - Carson-Carr- Not present.
 - The motion carries.
- o **Opposition to Additional 5G Towers in the District of Columbia**
 - **The Chair withdraws the motion for this to be further discussed at the executive meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm seconded by Commission Hunter.

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

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ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

Next 7F Commission General Meeting

April 28, 2020 @ 6:30pm

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