



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

General Commission Meeting Notes
December 17, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:45. At 6:45 there was a quorum established to do Commission business.

Commissioner Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Exum, Commissioner Fletcher, Chairman Holcomb, Commissioner Brittany Hughes, and Commissioner Hunter.

Commissioners Not Present: Commissioner Sheila Carson-Carr

Commissioner Arrive Late:

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes the Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0-1.

Updates:

Mayor's Office

Not present

Councilmember Gray's Office

Not present

MPD

- All crime categories down except robberies are up this last part of the year since last year
- Taxi to rail (first 10.00) cover taxi
 - Robberies occur at the metro
- Fall crime initiative Minnesota, Benning Stoddert, 34 B and C – more coverage until January 1
- Traffic in the Minnesota Ave – Traffic able to cover this area 34 to B – cover and able to speeders
- Community concerns
 - Radar traffic monitoring in the evening (41st and Blaine)
 - *Exum* – 2 murders Anacostia Rd. and 37, Ely and 35 block (safety concerns, people hanging out)
 - 300 block Cape drive (by the Seed school), AM rush hour cars going fast
 - C Street – Benning Road and Texas (safety concerns) ask for speed bump or sign or traffic unit swing through
 - *Holcomb*- Parking lot Cedar Realty/ Safety (uber vehicles parked) – Break ins (residents on Clay reach out)
 - Package thieves – have made some arrests

Community Concerns/ Announcements

- Francis A Gregory Library – Free camp
- Ugly Sweater Party and Giveaway Flyers (ANC 7F)

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Tim White, Office of East River Services**
 - Deputy Mayor for Economic Opportunity (led by Snowden), shifted focus of office to focus on all things Ward 7 & 8
 - Initiatives/Projects
 - Taxi to Rail (gets you over 3 miles)
 - Added to program (grocery store), Potomac ave, navy yard, go to Harris teeter, whole food

- Security Camera program — as a community allow us to protect our neighborhood better
 - Push 311, have conversations to get things done
 - Abandoned Vehicles/Vacant Property
 - Community Feedback
 - Office doing a good job
 - Which agencies do you work with? (*Holcomb*)—all of them, most common DPW, DCRA, DES, DPR etc.
 - *Exum* – need street cleaning Ely
 - Notice of street paving (pave streets with lower grades, prioritize those in worse condition)
- **Sarah Gordon, Commission on the Arts and Humanities – Playable Art**
 - Project Summary
 - Playable Art DC (site location triangle part across from Kimball Elementary)
 - Goals: Design playable art in everyday spaces
 - CHA -been working on with DC Office of Planning, DC Parks and Rec, DC Dept of Transportation
 - In July, national call for artists to design the site, October had a community input session on what they would like to see
 - Artist – came back with designs (input from community & panel) determined which artist one
 - Another community input session in January, Permitting February and in June Design the site
 - Community Input- Place for different ages, games, sensory activity, relationship with STEM at Kimball, and extra seating k
 - Community Concerns/Feedback/Question
 - Reminder around location – site itself in 7B, a lot of engagement in 7F @ Kimball
 - What’s the ask? (*Fletcher*)
 - Need a letter of support to go through the permitting permission
 - Is this your first project?
 - Three sites in Ward 7, there is one in Ward 4, Anacostia library
 - Who will handle upkeep? DPR owns the property (will be responsible for upkeep of structure)
 - Have you received permission from 7B? (*Hunter*) – have not received permission
 - Table a decision to vote on the letter of support until 7B provides a letter of support (*Hunter/Holcomb*)
 - Needs a check and balance system make sure project is maintained (*Holcomb*)
- **Alternative Solutions**

Summary

- DC Finest – request letter of support for DC Cultivation Center
- Came before to answer questions
- Will have a CBA agreement, for future development of area interested in being a part of it to enhance the neighborhood, CBA will provide employment opportunities
- Focus on record expungement related to marijuana and more people of color in the industry

Community Concerns/Feedback/Questions

- Current job requirements and system not aligned to legalization of marijuana (not opposing, just concerns)
 - District gov. moved to legalization (because majority moved towards use)
 - There comes responsibility with use (District gov. if you have medical card, can’t lose your job, place in nonthreatening position)
- How do those in community feel about this? Holcomb (split in his district), Fletcher (upper part not opposed)
- Opposition – we should be thinking about whether this is long-term, its not the highest priority and best use of the property (Ivy City use to be a warehouse), that is one of our few main business areas and we should think about what we want it to be, if not the highest priorities should not approve it, our community has been criminalize for marijuana (not okay for white people to make money off of us)



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- Could it be an avenue for corporate businesses to open up?
- Do you have any supports or plans for the community business agreement to provide legal supports related to marijuana, feels irresponsible to bring it in and not provide legal support
 - A lot of seminars with dispensaries
- Can we lay out the specifics of the cba?
 - Jobs (Ancillary services, Security Services) – issue jobs not high paying, few jobs, prevents those who have been convicted from those jobs (trying to pass legislation on this around expungement)
 - Anyone trying to do benefits have to offer us an cba, not an extra benefit

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
 - None
- **Secretary's Report**
 - **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - On a motion by Comm. Hunter, seconded by Fletcher to approve the November 2019 meeting minutes, approved by vote of 6-0-1.
 - Discussion
 - Exum – were they emailed? Yes, they were.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - 69,414.27 (beginning statement)
 - 68,414.27 (checking)
 - 22,221.70 (savings)
 - Expense 1000 for website & communications

Commission Business Old/New

- **Annual Report**
 - On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded. By Comm Fletcher to approve the 2018-2019 annual report approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Community Input extended to January 10**
 - Community want to check if comments in correct form
 - Holcomb – will do a resolution (with changes, removed etc)
- On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hughes to have a special call meeting on January 9, 2020 @ 6:30 regarding the comprehensive plan amendments approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hughes to amend agenda to add ceremonially rename 40 and East Capitol, NE and add reimbursement request, approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- Resolutions
 - On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Exum to table the joint DDOT resolution, approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Exum to ceremonially rename 40 and East Capitol, NE in honor of Amoni Richardson, approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- On a motion by chair Holcomb, seconded by Hunter to approve reimbursements (list below), approved by vote of 6-0-1.
 - 47.67 Office Supplies, Printing, Equipment, Adobe PDF Oct, Nov, Dec
 - 157.54 – website domain (2 year) & design interface (1 year)
- On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to approve \$80.00 for flier carrier in SMD 7F04 (Dianne) approved by vote of 6-0-1.
- On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Comm. Hunter to approve a letter of support for DC Finest (marijuana cultivation center), approved. 2(in favor)-0 (against)-3 (abstain)

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:25.