

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F Government of the District of Columbia

"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

## Call to Order

Chairman Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:46pm. At 6:48pm. there was a quorum established to do Commission business.

#### **Commissioner Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Carol Fletcher, Chairman Tyrell Holcomb, Commissioner Brittany Hughes, Commissioner Terrnace Hunter.

Commissioners Not Present: Commissioner Sheila Carson-Carr

Commissioner Arrive Late: Commissioner Charlene Exum (arrival at 8:17pm)

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion by Chairman Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hughes the Agenda was adopted by a vote of 3-0. Agenda

#### Updates: Resolution 20-004 in support Birthed 3 Funding

#### **Mayor's Office**

Councilmember Gray's Office - Not Present at the time of being called.

#### **MPD-Captain Sean Conners**

- 2009-2014 served in this area as an officer
- Violent crime is down a total of 9%, robberies are down 14% but be careful about robberies around the holiday season.
- Currently have the Fall Crime Initiative going on so there are many overtime officers running footbeats, cars, giving extra visibility on Michigan and Minnesota Ave.
- Homicide is up in the 6th district.
- \$2500 reward for a tip if it leads to an arrest.
- 3rd week as Captain.
- CC- Could you concentrate more on quality of life crimes? Be kinder to the homeless people in the area?
  - That is what our units should be doing, interacting and communicating with people through voluntary compliance.
  - CC- Will your foot patrol and bike patrol come back up in our neighborhoods like Anacostia
    - We will be out more in the alleys and sign streets moving forward.

#### **Community Concerns/ Announcements**

- SPIN Scooter Rep
  - **Spin Access** program that works with low income and those without credit cards to also be able to use the scooter. People eligible for government assistance like food stamps can have free 30 minute rides for life
  - Wanting a 2020 permit for the DC area.
  - If the bid goes through they will be looking for jobs in the area and are looking to be a good area partner.
- Brittany Greene
  - Public skating time increasing around the holiday season
  - Winter children 5-18 ice skating lesson registration just opened
- Medi
  - fresh produce pantry coming up
  - Looking to feed about 200 families.
  - Monday November 25th

- Ward 7 Turkey Day- register on eventbrite for this Saturday for those families in need of a turkey. 10pm-1pm. First come first serve but reserve your spot on eventbrite.
- Ebony Rose Thompson
  - Education rep. School fair for all Ward 7 Schools at Kimball Elementary
  - Principal meet and greet at the Chateau Dec. 5th (Thursday) 6:30-8:30 they ask that people bring a toy and donation. Flyers will be shared with the commission
  - CC- Resolution that was just passed has been introduced twice, what is the status of it?
    - Reservation 13 project
- CC- C. Holcomb and Hughes should not be voting in this bill because it is a conflict of interest. Holcomb lives in a building owned by Donatelli and Hughes works for the person that introduced a bill.
  - C. Holcomb- I have spoken to many lawyers about this with many lawyers and if there is no benefit to a vote that it is not a conflict of interest. We are receiving no benefit from being in favor of the resolution so it is not a conflict of interest.

## **Presentations/Special Guest**

- Deborah Crain Kemp, DC Office of Planning Comprehensive Plan
  - 2020 Census and the importance of filling it out.
  - Jobs available for the census as well
  - CC- Can you put a list of the number people from 7f have been included in this plan?
    - Call me with questions and concerns. Both Commissioners Fletcher and Holcomb have been to our trainings.
  - CC- At this point in the process how much impact can the community input have?
    - There have been 3,000 amendments submitted to our plan. Our main concern is whether or not you and your commissioners are in favor of the amendments.

## • Alternative Solutions

- Medical marijuana
- New dispensary in Ward 7. Dispensaries are the only legal way to obtain marijuana.
- Alternative Solutions is interested in opening a facility at 305 Benning road.
- They have their license they must be approved by the department of health, the ANC, and many others.
- CC- Are you committed to hiring within the community and how many jobs are you looking to create?
  - We are excited to be involved in the community are committed to hiring and training in the community. We are looking to hire 15-20 people at entry level positions, and then moving to promoting from within.
- CC- Why are we not pushing for the citizens of this ward to be the cultivators themselves?
  - The medical program is closed and all of the medical licenses have been distributed. When recreational marijuana is legalized, the pool will open up again to enter the marketplace.

## **Reports**

- Chair's Report
- Secretary's Report
  - Approval of Previous Minutes
    - On a motion by Commissioner Hunter was made to approve the September and October Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, approved by a vote of 4-1-1.
      - Exum- Nay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carr- not present.
- Treasurer's Report

## **Commission Business Old/New**

- Meeting Notifications
  - The resolution was put forth that the second method of communication for the community outreach is the website. The first method being the email chain and the second being the ANC 7F website.
    - Exum- Yay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carrnot present.
    - Let the record reflect that the vote is 5 in favor, none against.



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- Relocation of 7F ANC General Meeting to Kimball Elementary School, 3375 Minnesota Ave, SE
- Tabled due to lack of meeting and miscommunication with Kimball Elementary School Principal.
- Approve Intern Description and Stipend Amount
  - Tabled
- Amended Reservation 13 / Hill East Community Benefits Agreement
  - Tabled
- Resolutions
  - Resolution #20-0001 (Reservation 13)
    - The chair has put forth a motion to ratify the resolution, 2nd by Commissioner Hunter with a request from Commissioner Exum to table the matter, approved by a vote of 4-1-1.
      - Exum- Nay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carr- not present.
  - $\circ \quad \text{Extending Comprehensive Plan Review Timeline \#20-002}$ 
    - The chair has put forth a motion to vote upon the resolution, and has been properly moved and 2nd by Commissioner Hunter, approved by a vote of 4-1-1.
      - Exum- Nay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carr- not present.
  - Resolution #20-003 "Implementation of Traffic Calming Controls" in District #7F05
    - The chair has put forth a motion to vote upon the resolution, and has been properly moved and 2nd by Commissioner Hughes
      - Exum- Nay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carr- not present.
      - Let the record reflect that the vote is 4 in favor, 1 against.

# • Resolution #20-004 "Birth to 3 Bill"

- The chair has put forth a motion to vote upon the resolution 2nd Comm. Hunter by approved by vote of 4-1-1.
  - Exum- Nay, Fletcher- Yay, Holcomb- Yay, Hunter- Yay, Hughes- Yay, Carson-Carr- not present.
- Treasurer's Report
  - o 69, 414.27 (checking)/ 22, 221.07 (savings)
  - Income 12, 283.42
  - Fraud 9,750 (credited back to account)
  - Expenses:
    - Staffing 1,375.00, Postage 41.03

# Meeting Adjourned

On a motion by Chair Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:39pm.