



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom due to COVID-19

1) Call to Order & Roll call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. A brief moment of silence was held for former commissioner Constance Thompson. Also, present were commissioners Hunter, Weston, Diggs, Codling, and Hughes.

2) Consideration & Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Holcomb motioned to approve the agenda with an addition of the streetcar resolution to commission business. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0)

3) Updates

a) **Mayor Bowser's Office - Osha Daniels**

There will be a day of service this Saturday, June 19th at 9am and 11am. The mayor continues to encourage everyone to get vaccinated. For more information contact Osha Daniels at 202-374-9282 or @osha.daniels1@dc.gov

b) **MPD- Commander Habeebullah**

So far this year there has been a 14% increase in homicide, 7% reduction in sex abuse cases, 4% reduction in assault with dangerous weapon cases, 4% increase in robberies and car jackings, 21% reduction in burglaries, 29% increase in motor vehicle theft cases, 14% reduction in death cases, 63% reduction in arson cases, and a 7% reduction in overall crime. Total violent crime has remained the same as last year,

The homicide that took place on the 3900 block of Minnesota Avenue on May 15th, has not yet been solved, however the vehicle connected to the homicide has been recovered.

For the month of May there has been a total of 48 traffic violations related arrests.

For more information contact Commander Habeebullah at Durriyyah.habeebullah@dc.gov or 202-369-0285

c) **State Board of Education- Eboni-Rose Thompson**

The next public meeting held by the State Board of Education will take place on Wednesday, June 14. These public meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month. 90% of funds provided will go to school districts and each individual charter will get its allotment of the funds. There will be a panel on state accountability at the meeting, which will be recorded. School budgets are currently out, if there are any questions about the budget residents can contact Eboni Rose at Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov



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4) Presentations/Special Guest

a) **Director Wells - DOEE**

Director Wells works with the Department of Energy and Environment which works with everything concerning air, water and energy. DOEE has also been hiring young people in the neighborhood to help with a number of beautification projects. 20million will be invested in weatherization and energy efficiency as a part of the federal initiative to improve energy efficiency and quality of life. The Department of Energy and Environment will be launching their summer youth employment program and are aiming at hiring about 150 young people.

b) **Kevin Newman, Environmental Protection Specialist - DOEE**

The RiverSmart Homes program provides financial and technical assistance to homeowners to help reduce stormwater runoffs. This will help keep rivers throughout the city, such as the Anacostia cleaner. The program offers five practices to assist with these run-offs. This includes a rebate program where homeowners can get up to \$4,000 back. In addition, every property is eligible for two landscaping grants totaling \$2,400. The program will be piloting an initiative in Ward 7 by the end of the fiscal year due to the lack of installations in Ward 7. For more information go to <https://doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-homes> or contact Kevin Newman at kevin.newman@dc.gov, Queen Richardson at qrichardson@allianceforthebay.org, or Priscilla Lyle at Priscilla.lyle2@dc.gov

c) **Linda Harlee Harper - Director of Gun Violence Prevention**

Linda Harper is the city's first gun violence prevention director which was established in February. Building blocks are working to co-create places by focusing on the small number of places where gun violence is prominent. The core of the program is to connect residents to mental health services, stable housing and educational opportunities. In the FY22 budget regarding gun violence, the mayor has allocated an historic 59million towards gun violence prevention efforts, which will be supporting the efforts of the group. Building blocks, in partnership with the Progressive Life center, has sent out \$750 in community grants. Residents working in the community can easily apply for these grants. Larger grants of \$1,000-\$5,000 can go to public non-profit organizations within the community. Residents can apply at progressivelifecenter.org/bbdcapps/ For more information contact Linda Harper at linda.harleeharper@dc.gov.

5) Community Concerns/Announcements

a) **Osha Daniels**

"Looking for an opportunity to give back? Help us get DC residents vaccinated by knocking on doors during our third DC COVID-19 Community Corps Day of Action"
Ward 7 Location - Benning Stoddert Rec



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RSVP: <http://bit.ly/dayofactiondc>

b) Darren Thompson

“The East River Dog Park group is working with the Fletcher Johnson Task Force and Marshall Heights Civic Association to host a movie night at the Fletcher Johnson field starting Wednesday, June 23rd and recurring every Wednesday for 10weeks.”

c) Shirley Thompson

Shirley Thompson, president of the Tenant Association at the Meadow Green Court is planning to host a playdate for kids ages 3-12 on July 9th from 12pm-3:30pm in the parking lot of Meadow Green Court. The event will be in conjunction with MPD and No-slide DC will be in attendance to educate children about gun violence. All are welcome.”

d) Terrence Davis

“Father's Day event at the Minnesota Ave & Benning Rd Family Success Center located at Park 7 Apartments, 4020 Minnesota Ave NE, on Friday June 18, 2021 from 5:30-7:30pm. Registration link <https://forms.gle/TDYQ83LFJGPH9WAy7> Programming preceding event. Contact Community Support Specialist Sherice Allen 202-591-5851 for more information. Thank you.”

6) Administrative/Reports

a) Chair's Report

Door hangers have been posted on the doors of ward 7 residents with the dates for the remaining meetings for the year. In addition, there will be a spring report coming out soon that will be available online and delivered to as many doors as possible. In the coming weeks there will be an update concerning in-person meetings, there is a possibility the commission will have to return to in-person meetings as of July 25th. There will be an update to the commissions email list to help residents who aren't receiving emails. There may be a required special call meeting due to the CBA being developed with Cedar Realty redevelopment.

b) Secretary's Report

Commissioner Weston motioned to approve the meeting minutes for May 18th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Codling. The motion carries with 6 in favor, 0 against (6-0-0).

c) Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$49,405.10

Saving: \$22,206.83



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Total Funds: \$71,611.93

7) Commission Business

a) Letter of Support - Speed Humps for 34th St

Commissioner Diggs moved to approve a letter of support to DDOT on behalf of the residents of 34th street for requesting the installation of speed humps on the street. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

b) Community Benefit Request

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve the moving of \$1,000 to support the Meadow Greens July 9th event, and \$10,000 to support the back-to-school event sponsored by ANC 7F on August 21st. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

c) Chief of Staff Position: Nefeteria Brown

Chairperson Holcomb moved to fill the position of chief of staff with Nefeteria Brown. The role will be filled as of July 1st and the pay is \$25/hr., up to twenty hours a month, without exceeding thirty hours. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

d) Resolution 21-011: Hill East Phase 2 RFP Resolution Bundle A

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 21-011 Hill East Phase 2 RFP Resolution for Bundle 1 to reflect support of the Blue Sky Development and Donatelli Development project. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes with 5 in favor and 0 against. (5-0-0).

Hunter: Yes

Codling: Yes

Hughes: Yes

Weston: Yes

Diggs: Yes

Holcomb: Present

e) Resolution 21-012: Hill East Phase 2 RFP Resolution Bundle B

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 21-012 Hill East Phase 2 RFP Resolution Bundle 2 in support of Frontier Development. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes with 5 in favor and 1 against. (5-1-0).

Hunter: Yes

Codling: Yes

Hughes: Yes

Weston: Yes



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Diggs: No

Holcomb: Yes

f) Resolution 21-013: Acknowledging the Life of Former Commissioner Constance Thompson

Chairperson Holcomb moved to accept Resolution 21-013 to acknowledge the life of former commissioner Constance Thompson. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

g) Resolution 21-014: Acknowledging Community Work at the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter

Chairperson Holcomb moved to accept Resolution 21-014 to acknowledge community work at the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

h) Resolution 21-004: Official Streetcar Position of ANC 7F

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 21-004 Official Streetcar Position of ANC 7F for the streetcars to stop at Minnesota and Benning Road, and that a study be conducted to identify the feasibility of this. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

Hunter: Yes

Codling: Yes

Hughes: Yes

Weston: Yes

Diggs: Yes

Holcomb: Yes

Seconded by Hunter

i) Resolution 21-015: Concerning the Filling of a vacancy in SMD 7F07

Chairperson Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 21-015 Concerning the Filling of a vacancy in SMD 7F07 with Joel Caston. The motion was seconded by commissioner Hunter. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0).

8) Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.



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