

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020 Time: 6:30 p.m. via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

• Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. A moment of silence was held to honor those lives lost to COVID-19.

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 Fletcher, the Agenda was adopted as unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Presentations/Special Guest

• Director Tyrone Garrett- HOA

Our priorities include: Keeping residents and employees safe, keeping residents informed, keeping properties clean and operations open. This has included extra safety precautions, wellness checks, and senior property visits. Rent will not be waived during the health emergency and no one will be evicted due to not being able to pay rent. All residents, voucher holders, and public residents have been notified about interim recertification and stimulus checks. Public housing residents can get information by emailing phcovid19@dchousing.org and voucher holders can get information by emailing phcovid19@dchousing.org. DCHA will not require families to look for units and families will not be penalized for staying in place. If they are able DCHA workers are working remotely and all other workers are wearing masks and following social distancing. Virtual hearing policy guidelines have been developed and the system will be implemented on a case by case basis. All public housing grievance matters (existing and incoming) have been processed at a rate of 95% compliance.

• Board of Elections- Michael Bennett and Alice Miller

O Vote Safe DC- encouraging all voters if possible to request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. Starting May 22 we are opening 20 vote centers across the city, including 3 in Ward 7. Benning Stoddert Community Center, Hillcrest Recreation Center, and Deanwood Recreation Center will be open everyday until election day with the exception of Memorial Day. Election Day is June 2. You may start the voting process at one of these voting centers that will all be following CDC regulations and practicing social distancing. You are able to bring your mail in ballot to these voting centers and you will be moved to the front of the line to deposit your ballot if you do so. You can request a ballot via https://www.vote4dc.com/applyinstructions/absentee@dcboe.org or email DCabsentee@dcboe.org questions can also be emailed to DCabsentee@dcboe.org

Updates

• Mayor's Office - Wesley Leary

- The mayor has extended the current orders until June 1st. Reopening efforts will begin once there is a 14 day decline of community spread, and we are currently at 9 days. There are 10 testing sites and the newest one is at Howard University Hospital. The reopening will be led by the Reopening Task Force that was established on May 13th. Masks are essential for all outdoor activity. In terms of food resources a food help hotline is 188-349-8323 and as always more information can be obtained at coronvirus.dc.gov/gethelp. 844-881-1314 Mayor's Informational Call
- o Commissioner Holcomb- Will there be any additions to the task force, specifically ANC Commissioners?
 - The task force will be opened to ANC Commissioners and an email will be sent out by the end of the week.

Reports

• Chair's Report

- Relief Efforts- We are partnering with multiple entities to make sure that we get our community the help it needs. We are working on gathering the funds and once we get that secured more information will be released about distribution
- o 1;29 Halfway House- Because of the amendments that we made to the comprehensive plan it should render the halfway house at that location illegal.

• Secretary's Report

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- o Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes for the April 28 meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes
- o Both minutes were unanimously accepted with four in favor in favor and zero against with the proper amendments to the Small Cell Implementation Resolution

• Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$61,435.95Saving: \$22,217.21Expenses: \$1,594.29

Personnel: \$812.50Communications: \$390.88

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o Total Funds: \$83,653.16

Commission Business Old/New

- Graduation Recognition
 - The Commission will set aside money for recognition of ANC7F Graduates and proposes that the amount of \$4,000 of community benefit funds and will partner with the Ward 7 Education Council to identify these graduates
 - The Chair put forth the motion and was properly moved and seconded by Commissioner Hughes
 - The motion passed unanimously by all Commissioners present.
- Letter in Support of After Work Hours on July 4th, Labor Day, and Indigineous People's Day-DCRA
 - The Chair put forth the motion and was properly moved and seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, but it was tabled for further discussion with DCRA and DC Water for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

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• Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm seconded by Commission Fletcher.

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

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Next 7F Commission General Meeting
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