



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
Government of the District of Columbia
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General Commission Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held in reflection.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:43pm. Also present were Commissioners Hunter, Thompson-Wright, and Caston.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adopt the agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (4-0-0).

4. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Commission will be partnering with "Dreaming Out Loud" to provide backs of produce for residents in ANC 7F. The flyer for this event will be distributed tomorrow, November 16, 2022. The produce giveaway will be held on Saturday, November 19, at the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. October 2022 General Commission Meeting

Chairperson Holcomb moved to table the approval of the October 2022 General Commission Meeting minutes in the absence of the Commissions Secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (4-0-0).

5. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thompson-Wright motioned to accept and approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (4-0-0).

6. Commission Business

a. Resolution 22-025: Supporting the Expansion of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center (introduced by Commissioner Thompson-Wright)

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve Resolution 22-025,



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supporting the expansion of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (4-0-0)

b. Resolution 22-026: Challenge of DCRA Permit #B2102468 Issued to Benning Rock, LLC

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve Resolution 22-026, a challenge of DCRA permit #B2102468 issued to Benning Rock, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passed unanimously with five in favor and zero against (4-0-0)

7. Presentations/Special Guests

a. Ashley Wells and Stacey Hemby, DC Smart Street Lighting Project

DC Smart Street Lighting is committed to making a brighter, better-connected DC. The project will modernize 72,051 streetlights, convert streetlights to LED technology, add remote monitoring and control capabilities, increase sustainability efforts, reduce streetlight energy consumption by more than 50%, eliminate 38,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year, and add 239 wireless access points in Ward 7 and 8.

The project will include preparatory tasks, sporadic work around the district to upgrade the foundations, poles, and arms to a good condition, and light installations. Installations will be split into fewer than five bundles per ANC, and work within a bundle will last up to 14-days. The project began in May 2022. Rehabilitation work will occur between 2022 and 2023, conversion work will occur between 2023 and May 2024, and asset management will occur between September 2022 and May 2037.

ANC's will be notified via mail and email 45 days prior to the start of work. Door hangers and information cards will be provided to residents 7 days prior to the start of the work. Emergency-No Parking signs will be hung 72 hours prior to the start of work.

If you have any questions or would like to receive project updates, please email infor@dcsmartstreetlights.com or visit streetlights.dc.gov.

b. Lieutenant E. Smith, 6th District - Metropolitan Police Department

Violent crimes have decreased in the past year. This includes robberies and burglaries. There have been no homicides in Ward 7 since October 2021. Auto theft has increased, specifically around Texas avenue, with vehicles that have been left running or unlocked. MPD encourages residents to use Amazon boxes at the Sixth District Station. MPD will work with community members to resolve the issue about the squatters on the 3800 block of Minnesota Avenue. Joint agency task force efforts are still in place, the task workforce.



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MPD has been working to define the mission for the Minnesota Avenue corridor task force. There has much success for consistent, participating agencies

8. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

a. Ward 7 State Board of Education Rep - Eboni Rose Thompson

(Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

The State Board will be hosting its public meeting tomorrow, November 16. The board is back to in-person meetings and will meet at 441, above the Judiciary Square metro stop. During the public meeting, expert witnesses will speak on education governance. Final recommendations will be voted on during the board's December 2022 meeting. The board received a grant from the National Association of State Boards to be part of a national healthy schools' facilities network. As a part of this network, the board will speak with stakeholders about school buildings. Additionally, the board will vote on a resolution concerning youth safety and violence interruption.

b. Mayor Bowser's Office - Lawrence Davin

Lawrence Davin will serve as the new Ward 7 liaison for Mayor Bowser's Office. Davin was born and raised and lives in DC. He attended NHB, KIPP DC, and Radford University.

Leaf collection has begun, and bagged leaves should be dropped at Benning Road Transfer Station. The mayor released holiday safety tips to ensure resident safety. Residents are encouraged to alert a neighbor when expecting packages. Additionally, residents are encouraged to use safe exchange zones, like police stations, for valuable exchanges. Residents can download the 311 app to report illegal dumping, sign replacement, or missed trash collections. The mayor's office is looking to schedule a 1-hour walkthrough with the Commission.

10. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.