



## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

### Government of the District of Columbia

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#### General Commission Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom & Facebook live

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Holcomb calls the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. A moment of silence is held for those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as those lives that have been lost as a result of gun violence in the city. Also present were Commissioners Hughes, Weston, Diggs, Codling, and Caston. Quorum was established.

#### **2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda**

Chairman Holcomb motions to approve the agenda. The motion passes unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against. (6-0-0)

#### **3. Presentations/Special Guests**

##### **a. Councilmember Robert White - Council of the District of Columbia**

Regarding the conditions at DC Jail, Councilmember Robert White has visited the jail and has confirmed individuals are being held without water or food and are being verbally assaulted by workers at the jail. In addition, many incarcerated individuals are being moved to Lewisburg, where they'll be far away from family and friends. The Councilmember acknowledges the return to DCPS schools this fall has been disruptive due to the facilities issues in school buildings. The Council raised concerns about these facilities issues months in advance to schools reopening and Councilmember White has acknowledged a failure on DGC and administration. He will be having several roundtable discussions in the coming weeks to discuss these issues.

In FY21, there was an added \$200,000 to the ANC budget for technological and other forms of support. The Councilmember's office is currently looking for a new executive director for the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Regarding funding for local and small business, the CBE system is designed to ensure that funds are going to small locally owned businesses. However, the program is often exploited by businesses that don't need the assistance. Regarding crime in the city, the Councilmember suggests taking a different approach to crime, which includes support and improvement in other categories such as schooling and housing. The FY22 budget for MPD is \$540 million. While this is a decline from previous years, the budget supports 4,772 MPD employees which is the largest number since 2014. The budget also includes substantial amounts for violence prevention through several different programs.



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#### **4. Updates**

##### **a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Osha Daniels**

DPW LEAP selection began on November 1st. Youth vaccines are now available for children ages 5-11. Pop up vaccine locations will be available from 3:30pm on weekdays and 10am on weekends. In addition, the Food Access Fund application will open on December 6, 2021. For more information contact Osha Daniels at [osha.daniels1@dc.gov](mailto:osha.daniels1@dc.gov) or call **202.374.9282**.

##### **b. MPD - Commander Robinson & Captain Fitzgerald**

As an active member of the community, Commander Robinson acknowledges the issue of drug abuse in the Ward and is committed to preventing crimes in the community. In addition, he emphasized the importance of accountability from all members of the community.

There is currently an ongoing investigation into the homicide that took place on the 3900 block of Minnesota Avenue. Year to date crimes such as homicides and assault with a deadly weapon are down. However, crimes such as robberies have increased, especially in the Benning Road/Minnesota Avenue area. MPD is actively working to ensure there is visibility, patrol and response in the area. Anyone with information or crime tips can use DC text tip **50411** or the DC tip line **202-727-9099**.

##### **c. State Board of Education - Eboni-Rose Thompson**

The public State Board of Education meeting will be held on November 17th. The panel will be discussing reimagining accountability. Residents are welcome to attend and testify about any issues. In addition, the Board has started their fall engagement sessions to allow residents to give feedback on social study standards, the STAR framework, and board governance. The second fall engagement will be held at 10am on December 4, 2021, at MLK Library. For more information, contact Eboni Rose-Thompson at [Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov](mailto:Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov).

#### **5. Administrative/Reports**

##### **a. Chair's Report**

The Commission will return to in-person meetings in February 2022 and will continue live streaming of the meetings via Facebook. The Commission will be having a turkey & produce giveaway on November 19th from 5pm-8pm at Benning Stoddert Recreation Center.



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#### **b. Secretary's Report**

##### **i. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Commissioner Weston moves to approve the October 19, 2021, General Commission Meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 5 in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

##### **c. Approval of the Q4 FY2021 Quarterly Financial Report**

Commissioner Codling moves to accept the Q4 quarterly financial report for FY2021. The motion is seconded by commissioner Weston. The motion passes unanimously with five in favor and zero against (5-0-0).

#### **6. Commission Business**

##### **a. CBA Requests - Holiday Support**

The Commission would like to allocate a total of \$12,470 from the Community Benefits funds towards support of the Christmas holidays. This includes support for 32 children at Plummer and Kimball Elementary School, and support for senior programming at the Triangle View Apartments. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Weston. The motion passes with 4 in favor and 1 abstention (4-0-1).

##### **b. Trash Tins Towards Trouble - Funding Request**

Chairperson Holcomb moved to table the funding request for Trash Tins Towards Trouble.

#### **7. Meeting Adjourned**

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.