



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom & Facebook live

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. A brief moment of silence was held for those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, present were commissioners Hunter, Weston, Diggs, Codling, Hughes, and Caston. Quorum was established.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Holcomb motioned to approve the agenda with an adjustment in the order. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0)

3. Updates

a) Mayor Bowser's Office- Osha Daniels

On Friday, September 24th, Mayor Bowser will be attending the Franklin Park opening. The mayor held a press conference on Monday September 20th during which she announced that anyone regularly visiting DC government schools will have to have their first vaccine by November 1, 2021 and be fully vaccinated by December 13th, 2021. Student athletes will also have to be fully vaccinated by December 13th in order to practice or compete in school-based activities. In addition, the deadline to apply for the StayDC program is September 30th and approval takes up to four weeks. Any Unspent money from StayDC will be no reallocated, however there are funds for the fiscal year that can be used for similar programs. As of right now, anyone who was up for eviction after the eviction moratorium went into effect are not being evicted, however the mayor's office is working with DHS to ensure these individuals have relief programs in place before they're evicted. The Building Blocks Grant Program will be renewed for the coming fiscal year.

For more information contact Osha Daniels at 202-374-9282 or @osha.daniels1@dc.gov

b) MPD- Lieutenant Steen & Chief Contee

Compared to last year, trends in violent crimes have been fairly consistent. There was one homicide on Clay street NE on August 9th. Additionally, property crimes are down, specifically motor vehicle theft. For the month of September motor vehicle theft is down significantly compared to September of last year. The crime rate for assault with deadly weapons have also decreased significantly. MPD is focused on combating auto theft, Lieutenant Steen encourages everyone to lock their doors and keep from leaving valuable items in their cars. Chief Contee's new strategy to policing is hotspot policing, as a result of this officers have been centered around areas such as Minnesota Avenue and business



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areas to combat property crimes. In response to loitering, MPD is not aware of anyone being arrested for loitering or loiters starting fires. MPD is encouraging community members to inform MPD of any loitering taking place in the area. As a response to loitering MPD is working with the attorney general to deal with loitering nuisances, as well as working with their environmental crime's unit.

For more information contact lieutenant Steen at **202-839-1609** or @Vicki.steen@dc.gov

4. Commission Business

a. Approval of FY2022 Budget

ANC 7F receives \$20,917 as an allotment from the district government to benefit the community. So far, the 2022 budget includes personnel, communication, office supplies & equipment, purchase of service, bank charges, and name plates for commissioners. This brings the total cost to \$24,000 for FY2022. Commissioner Codling moved to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

b. Resolution 21-016: Supporting 19th Street, SE, (Hill East) to remain a one way as opposed to making it a two-way street

Commissioner Hunter moved to consider Resolution 21-016 for supporting 19th Street SE to remain a way opposed to making it a two-way street. The motion was seconded by commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

c. Resolution 21-017: WMATA Removal of Benches on the Side of the Metro Stop located at 3801 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Commissioner Holcomb moved to consider adoption of Resolution 21-017 to remove benches on the side of the metro stop located at 3801 Minnesota Avenue. The motion was seconded by commissioner Diggs. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

d. Resolution 21-018: DDOT Removal of the Bus Shelter Located at 3801 Minnesota Avenue NE

Commissioner Holcomb moved to consider adaptation of Resolution 21-018 for DDOT to remove the bus shelter located at 3801 Minnesota Avenue NE. The motion was seconded by commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

e. Resolution 21-019: Benning Stoddert Recreation Center - Name on Building and Signs for Parking Spots

Commissioner Hunter moved to approve Resolution 21-019 to have the name of Benning Stoddert Recreation Center placed on its building and for there to be signs for parking spots at the center. The motion was seconded by commissioner



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Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

f. Resolution 21-020: Additional Parking and Separate Entrance for Washington Tennis & Education Foundation

Commissioner Hunter moved to approve Resolution 21-020 for additional parking and separate entrance for Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, in conjunction with congresswoman Norton and the National Parks Service. The motion was seconded by commissioner Codling. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

g. Resolution 21-021: Residential Parking Permits for NE Heights Apartment Building Residents

Commissioner Holcomb moved to consider Resolution 21-021 for Residential Parking Permits for NE Heights Apartment building residents. The commission does recognize the need for accessible parking options but wants to ensure that residents who reside at the newly built NE Heights building have access to RPP parking. The motion was seconded by commissioner Caston. The motion passes unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against. (7-0-0).

5. Presentations/Special Guests

a) Kevin Harrison, Transportation Planner, Transit Delivery Division - District Department of Transportation

In response to the issues brought to their attention during the May 2021 general commission meeting, DDOT has proposed a plan for traffic safety and operations on the Minnesota Ave Corridor. This includes, potential bike lanes, bus lanes, curb extensions to shorten the length pedestrians have to walk to cross the street, and bus boarding islands to prevent buses from pulling in and out of traffic. DDOT sees an opportunity to provide bike lanes between Ely place and M street SE, this would remove parking restrictions that will allow for more opportunities.

b) Chief Robert Contee - Metropolitan Police Department

In response to his approach to engaging with the community, Chief Contee intends to have a strong relationship and partnership with the community. So far he has started a community patrol unit consisting of 28 people on scooters and bikes to engage with community members. In regard to police officers who are simply patrolling and not engaging with the community, chief Contee wants to use a variety of methods to ensure everyone in the community is experiencing what makes them comfortable. Furthermore, chief Contee emphasized the importance of community involvement and action in combating violence in Ward 7.



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c) **John Deigan-DC Water**

Lead-Free DC was organized in 2019 to get rid of all service lines in DC by 2030. Replacements of these pipes will be free to residents and DC Water is hoping to eliminate 143 lead pipes in the coming year. In the current fiscal year there will be a focus on the following block in Ward 7; 4400 Block of B ST SE, 4400 Block of E ST SE, and 4000 Block of Grant ST NE. In order to receive this free replacement residents will have to sign an agreement

For more information visit lead@dcwater.com, www.dewater.com/lead, www.dewater.com/leadmap, www.dewater.com/leadfreedcplan, or call (202)-787-4044

5. Community Concerns/Announcements

a) **Michael Havlin**

DDOT will be holding the final design meeting for the streetcar extension in fall of 2021. Havlin and his co-workers are collecting community suggestions and ideas about what community members would like to see in the final design.

6. Administrative/Reports

a) **Chair's Report**

The commission is currently in a renegotiation process with Northeast Heights Redevelopment concerning the CBA. The commission believes there will be important opportunities for the community as a result of the CBA. There will be a special presentation around the CBA to allow for community members to become involved. In addition, the Safeway will be staying through 2022. In regard to the halfway house, there has been no movement in the decision.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.