



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
Government of the District of Columbia
"Crossroads East of the River" Where Communities Come Together

General Commission Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call to Order

- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. 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 unanimously with Commissioners Carson-Carr and Exum absent.

Updates

- **MPD - Captain Conners**
 - Violent crime is down 4% from last year, and the highest increase is in motor vehicle theft. This is normally due to people leaving their car running when doing deliveries. 30 Crime Trend is down in all categories except for an increase in robberies. Minnesota Avenue is continually a problem for robberies and this will be one of our main areas of focus heading into the Fall Holiday Season. Will be looking into the ticketing and removal of abandoned cars. We are planning to increase our officers and resources in and around the Minnesota Avenue Corridor. We are working to solve the loitering problem in this area as well. 50411 is the Anonymous Illegal Firearm Recovery Text-tip hotline.
- **Mayor's Office - Wesley Leary**
 - For unemployment benefits an additional \$300 per week will be made available to those eligible participants qualifying for unemployment insurance. These retroactive payments will begin October 1. DCPS has partnered with DCBOE with highschool students to gain volunteer hours as a poll worker for this upcoming election. Visit dcboe.org for more information. We encourage all residents to complete the DC settings. All insurance carriers must now cover COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic people who work in high risk settings, are at high risk of COVID-19 complications, and who have recently been exposed to the virus.
 - wesley.leary@dc.gov 202-274-9282
- **Councilmember Gray's Office - DL Humphrey - Director of Constituent Services**
 - The council has unanimously voted in favor of building the St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Which will include emergency care, urgent care, specialty care, primary care, independent physicians, and other healthcare systems. The council is excited to see a new million dollar investment in mental health programs in schools.
 - Appointments were made for the newly made District of Columbia Police Reform Commission, brought forth by Councilmember Gray. This includes alternatives to policing and the role police play and schools and possibly looking for more community based solutions. The Commission has 20 members. DCPS has invested 17 million in distance learning and is aware of the digital divide in Ward 7. The hospital is estimated to be opening in 2022.

Presentations/Special Guest

- **Anacostia Coordinating Council - Tayla Daniel (Community Engagement Specialist)**
 - COVID-19 Outreach: We are going to multiple locations in Ward 7 and 8 and providing free COVID-19 testing and providing PPE kits. If there are any high traffic areas or businesses or community groups that we can partner with please let us know so we can make those connections.
- **Ward 7 Education Council: Eboni-Rose Thompson (Chair of Ward 7 Education Council)**
 - If you do not have a device or internet, then you should call your child's DCPS school and have them fill out the survey for you and work to get you on the list to get a hotspot and a device. Contact ward7ed@yahoo.com for any questions or concerns.
- **DDOT - Ciara Boderick (Community Engagement Specialist)**
 - Ward 7 Circulator Update
 - DDOT staff attended 14 Ward 7 ANC and civic association meetings to inform the public about plans for the new route and opportunities for feedback. Several planned meetings were cancelled due to the pandemic lockdown. Our team also held a focus group with leaders and residents from Wards 7 and 8 on September 14.
 - From the Winter Public Outreach the most popular site suggestions were Benning Road, Skyland Town Center, Dakota Crossing/Ft Lincoln.
 - There are currently 7 drafted alternatives for potential new routes for the Circulator. A System Expansion Survey will open September 21 and close October 23, 2020 Available at DCCirculatorTDP.com Virtual public meeting to be announced
- **Mary's House for Older Adults - John Henderson - Chairperson of the Building and Construction Committee**
 - We are building this house for elders right next to the church on Anacostia Rd. We hope to be open in 2021. We have our financing in place and plan on finalizing that in early 2021. It will be 15 affordable units with many common areas such as a kitchen, yoga room, and other spaces. We are working with three minority owned firms to complete this project. Our goal is at least 25% of hirings from the community. We have a great record of hiring and training people from the community so we see that they benefit from the community investment. We have filed a new BZA application to approve the building from the last application that has since expired.
- **Cedar Realty - Adam Weers**
 - We are committed to working with the leaders and people of Ward 7 to create a community based and appreciated area for everyone in the community. Our project is create a vibrant destination celebrating Northeast DC and connecting and serving the Minnesota and Benning community. This Northeast Heights development at the intersection of Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue will include a Grocery center, the new DGS Headquarters, retail space, residential space, as well as park space. This project will be completed in four phases. We are presenting to the DC Office of Planning soon.

Community Concerns/Announcements

- Michael Havlin is conducting a poll on important issues in Ward 7. He is hoping to share results with the community and will sign up to present at the next meeting.

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
 - In regard to the homeless bussing at the Minnesota Avenue Corridor, there are scattered drop points throughout the city and have reached out to DHS to provide these exact sites. We will be doing two points of advocacy either asking DPO to stop dropping them in Ward 7 or working with them to ask DHS to remove Ward 7 as a drop site. We are still working on



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Halfway House Advocacy and at this moment we have held 2 town halls and have had a conversation with the Bureau of Prisons. Our conversations are available on our Facebook page. We will be forming an entity called "Ward 7 Rise" in which we will be soliciting help throughout the ward and the city to push Congresswoman Norton to get the language in the contract changed and to push the Council and the Mayor to find other sites in DC that are not in Ward 7.

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes for both July 2020 and August 2020 Special Call Meetings (8/27 and 8/31) and was seconded by Commissioner Hughes
 - All minutes were unanimously accepted with four in favor in favor and zero against.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Checking: \$58,925.99
 - Saving: \$22,207.75
 - Expenses:
 - Legal Fees: \$6,000.00
 - Verizon: \$786.31
 - Service Charge 7/31/2020: \$15.17 (Credited back to Account)
 - Service Charge 8/31/2020: \$15.17 (Credited back to Account)
 - Total Funds: \$81,133.74

Commission Business Old/New

- **Cancel Rent and Mortgage Payment**
 - This language comes from the advocacy set forth by the DC Tenants Union.
 - On a motion by Chair Holcomb seconded by Commissioner Hughes, the motion
 - passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against.
- **Resolution Supporting Mary's House for Older Adults**
 - On a motion by Chair Holcomb seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the resolution passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against.
- **Approve Mailer**
 - Annually we develop a flyer for the next year's meeting dates and because of COVID-19 we would like to have a double sided flyer with one side being the 2021 meeting information and the other side being early voting information and voting polling locations in 7F for the November 2020 election.
 - On a motion by Chair Holcomb seconded by Commissioner Hunter, the motion passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against. 25,360
 - adding functional place of operating like purchasing supplies
- **Approve FY 20-21 Budget**
 - It is the goal of the Commission to get to a point where we can functionally operate which includes the purchasing of supplies. This will be the last budget in which we go over the amount allotted to us by the DC government. Based on the formula our Commission will receive \$20,917.00 annually. This will reflect a bit of overage as we prepare to move into our new office space in 2021 and other additional supplies.
 - Current Budget: \$25,360.00
 - Personnel \$8,960
 - Communication \$6,500
 - Office Supplies \$8,000

- Grants \$1500
 - Local Transportation: \$0
 - Purchase of Service: \$0
 - Bank Charges: \$150
 - Other: \$250
- o On a motion by Chair Hunter seconded by Commissioner Hunter, the motion passes unanimously with four in favor and zero against.

Meeting Adjourned

- Chairperson Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm seconded by Commission Hunter.

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

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ANC SMD 7F06- Commissioner Carol E. Fletcher: 7F06@anc.dc.gov | **Treasurer**

ANC SMD 7F07- Vacant

Next 7F Commission General Meeting

October 20, 2020

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