



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

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General Commission Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Moment of Silence

A brief moment of silence was held for the three families in 7F06 impacted by the arson incident.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Also present were Commissioners Bishop, Thompson-Wright, Hughes, Orendoff, and Ruff.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Orendoff moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

4. Election of Officers - Kathy Williams; OANC

Chairperson Holcomb moved for the slate of officers for 7F. The slate includes Chair Tyrell Holcomb, Vice-Chair Brittany Hughes, Secretary Kimory Orendoff, and Treasurer Shirley Thompson-Wright. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

7F01- Yes

7F02- Yes

7F03- Yes

7F05- Yes

7F07- Yes

7F08- Yes

5. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Commission has transitioned to a recurring zoom meeting to simplify zoom access. To address this, the Commission will begin disseminating flyers to residents. Additionally, the Commission will be voting on the Committee chair assignment. Residents who signed up to be a part of committees will be contacted soon. Regarding the Halfway House, the Commission will keep the community updated.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. October 2022 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to table the October 2022 General meeting minutes for a special call meeting. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Orendoff. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

2. November 2022 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to table the November 2022 General meeting minutes for a special call meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orendoff. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

3. December 2022 General Commission Meeting

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to table the December 2022 General meeting minutes for a special call meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orendoff. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

c. SMD & Committee Reports

7F07: Commissioner Shirley Thompson-Wright requests the Commission will donate \$500 to the children of the families who were affected by the arson incident on 7F06. Residents are encouraged to donate blankets and other necessities. There will also be inquiries to DDOT regarding the lights on Minnesota Avenue.

7F02: Commissioner Ruff is searching for artists to paint the sidewalk for a 7F “Hall of Fame.” Commissioner Ruff is also hoping to plant flowers in 7F02.

7F08: Commissioner Bishop is planning a coat drive for the women’s shelter in 7F08, and addressing administrative issues.

7F03: Commissioner Orendoff has done a configuration of the signs planted by DDOT in 7F03. He will continue to work with DDOT to get more signage and murals.

7F01: Chairperson Holcomb has been dealing with matters related to the East River Shopping Center in 7F01. Most recently, the shopping center’s owner has pushed back a vote on the BZA concerning the parking covenant and the potential 40th street property. The Commission requests that they host a community meeting discussing their plans.

6. Commission Business

a. Consent Agenda

i. Resolution 23-001 (introduced by Commissioner Hughes): ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).



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- ii. **Resolution 23-002 (introduced by Commissioner Hughes): Calling on Business Establishment on the Corridors in 7F to Generally Clean and Upkeep their Establishments and Corridor**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- iii. **Resolution 23-003 (introduced by Commissioner Orendoff): Declaring the 7-Eleven in the BP Gas Station on Benning Road a Nuisance Property**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- iv. **Resolution 23-004 (introduced by Commissioner Orendoff): Calling on DDOT to Place Security Lanes on Benning Road and Minnesota Ave**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- v. **Resolution 23-005 (introduced by Commissioner Holcomb): Supporting Placing a Fence on the 3900 Block of Benning Road**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- vi. **Resolution 23-006 (introduced by Commissioner Ruff): Calling on the OAG to Strengthen Consumer Protection and Prevent Price Gouging Within 7F**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve resolution 23-006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- vii. **Reaffirm Standing Committees: Downtown Ward 7 Community Taskforce, Hill East Community Taskforce, & Minnesota Ave Improvement Taskforce**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to reaffirm the following committees; Downtown Ward 7 Community Taskforce, Hill East Community Taskforce, & Minnesota Ave Improvement Taskforce. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

- viii. **Renew Graphic Artist Website Tech Contract Retroactive 10/1/22: Lindsey Walton**

Commissioner Orendoff moved to renew the graphic artist website tech's contract retroactively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

b. Old/New Business

i. Committee Chair Assignments

1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing - **General Commission**
2. Economic Development; Workforce, and Zoning - **Commissioner Ruff**
3. Community Outreach - **Commissioner Hughes**
4. Public Safety - **Commissioner Thompson-Wright**
5. Transportation & Public Space - **Commissioner Orendoff**
6. Returning Citizens Affairs - **Commissioner Bishop**

ii. Establish Housing Advocacy Standing Committee, Co-Chaired by Commissioners Thompson-Wright & Orendoff

Commissioner Orendoff moved to establish the Housing Advocacy Standing Committee, co-chaired by Commissioner Thompson-Wright & Orendoff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

iii. Vote on OANC Speciality Funds for Counsel on CBA & Development Matters

ANC 7F requests OANC specialty funds for counsel on CBA & Development matters, specifically the Northeast Heights, Hill East, Benning Road developments in ANC 7F. The Commissioner will have to converse with each attorney concerning development matters, and each development matter will have to have separate counsel, including Halfway House litigation. Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to vote on OANC specialty funds for counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orendoff. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

iv. Approve 2023 General Commission Meeting Dates & January 2024 date

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve the 2023 General Commission meeting dates and January 2024 date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

v. Approve \$500 for the Children Impacted by the Arson Incident

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve a \$500 donation from the Commission for the children Impacted by the Arson Incident on January 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).



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- a. Ward 7 State Board of Education Rep - Eboni Rose Thompson**
(Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

The first Board of Education meeting will be held on January 18, 2023. The Board is currently reviewing new social studies standards. The current social studies standards are about 14-15 years old. The Board is also looking into financial literacy courses. Additionally, a bill that requires schools to update health standards for men and women has been introduced. This bill will make menstrual products more accessible in schools. Thompson is working with the Parent Advocacy group to host a workshop at the end of the month. The workshop will be held on January 26, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Dorothy Heights Library. Additionally, the *My School D.C.* Lottery is now open.

- b. DDOT, Community Engagement- Tanya Powell**

DDOT has upgraded its Traffic Safety Input 2.0 process. The program will be effective as of January 26, 2023. The TSIs will be in a quarterly prioritization assessment. DDOT will assess 800 locations throughout the year, and 200 locations will be worked quarterly. This process will focus on high-crash corridors and areas where children frequent.

- c. Councilmember Gray's Office - DL Humphrey** (dhumphrey@dccouncil.us)

8. Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.