

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 12th; 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. DC Scholars Public Charter School

# Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm. Secretary, Commissioner Fields(7E07) conducted the role call. Commissioners Linda Green (7E02), Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06) and Commissioner Yolanda Fields (7E07) were present. Commissioner T.N. Tate (7E04) was running late, she arrived at 7:17 pm. Commissioner Veda Rasheed arrived at 7:27 pm. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present.

## Approval of the ANC's September Public Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's October public meeting agenda. The motion, was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

## **Monthly Treasurer's Update**

Commissioner Horton provided October report overview.

He provided guidelines for Grants and provided a comparison for the FY 2019 Budget vs the FY 2020 Budget.

#### Committee Reports

Commissioner Allen provided a summary on Public Safety Update.: AG Karl Racines Cure the Streets have hired 8 new members to join their CTS staff.

There will be 4 members assigned to the Benning Park Community. 4 Members assigned to the (Benning Terrace) Simple City community.

Cure the Streets is an initiative to crack down on gun violence, mediate neighborhood tensions and provide resources for constituents that seek support for a better way of living/surviving in our Nation's Capitol.

Please contact Attorney General Karl Racines office for more details

Commissioner Houseal informed the community that Economic Development Committee is still looking for members to work on the committee. Currently, there are 2 people interested.

#### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

Chairwoman Houseal asked if there were any objections to the consent calendar. No objections were noted, so the following Consent agenda items were approved:

- > DPR Resolution to support Sports Infrastructure
- > Letter of Support for CW Harris Modernization Project Construction Permit Request.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Comprehensive Plan: Saturday November 16th the DC Office of Planning will be holding a meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan at 10am-12pm. Come to the Department of Employment Services located at 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE-Community Room.

#### **Commissioner Updates**

**Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):** There will be a Benning Ridge Day Trip to Dover Delaware on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 to see the Temptations Revue.

Ridge Road Titians will be coming to Florida to play in a football tournament.

On November 25, 2019 there will be a Thanksgiving dinner for Seniors and Youth at the Community Center.

#### Commissioner Green, 7E02:

There is an approved budget for the Recreation Center of \$150,000 and community members are excited to see the new fitness equipment, new furniture and new computers that will be coming to the rec center.

Children attended a trip to Ocean City, MD paid for by Turner Construction Company.

Commissioner Green will be focusing on uncontrolled intersections over the next several weeks. Move Seniors Move: November 13, 2019. 22 Seniors will attend Toby's Dinner Theater.

**Commissioner Allen, 7E03:** -Commissioner Allen is accepting new toys for the kids of Benning Park. Comm Allen will host his 3rd Annual Toy Giveaway in December. The ages for the kids are from 5 yrs old to 12 yrs old.

-We want to also say farewell to our beloved Former ANC Commissioner Rosa Hamlett (7E03) Commissioner Hamlett passed away in October.

**Commissioner Tate, 7E04**: Continued efforts working with the Fletcher Johnson Task force. The Taskforce will meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The RFP deadline has been extended until April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Commissioner Horton, 7E05**: Community Clean-up: Thanks for Everyone Who Supported the Clean up!!

Capitol View Neighborhood Library: Techy Tuesdays

Come and learn how to utilize the functionality of your many devices, including cellphones,

tablets, laptops, Kindles and eBooks, etc. You will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis, and helped one-on-one by the class instructor.

**Commissioner Houseal, 7E06**: --Held Community Cleanup on 10/12. Had over 15 volunteers that included a partnership with CSOSA.

--Self Defense class postponed until further notice

--Community walks are being restarted next week. Focus areas: B Street and Central Avenue.

--Public Art Competition for CW Harris will be announced soon.

**Commissioner Fields, 7E07:** Upcoming event: Partnership with FEMS to conduct smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector checks.

#### <u>Guest Speakers: E. Terri LaVelle, Program Analyst & Ward 7 DDOT Community</u> <u>Engagement Liason</u>

Ms LaVelle spoke on the Ward 7 Projects

Completed: Parkside Access and Circulation Study: identify critical issues and challenges related to overall transportation accessibility to and within the Parkside community. Ongoing Projects

Minnesota Avenue Revitalization (Phase II) - Construction Completion October 2019 Anacostia Freeway Bridges - Construction Completion December 2019 East Capitol Street Bridge Rehabilitation Over Anacostia River - Construction Completion (Anticipated) Fall 2020 Southbound Kenilworth Ave. NE Reconstruction - Construction Start (Anticipated) Spring 2020

Pennsylvania Ave. & Minnesota Ave. SE Improvements - Construction Start Late Fall 2020 Replacement of The Douglas Street Pedestrian Bridge Over Kenilworth Avenue - Construction Completion July 2021

Safety and Geometric Improvements Of I-295 - Construction Completion Sumer 2021 Benning Road Reconstruction and Streetcar Project.

Community Advocate spoke on how residents on ANC 7E advocate equitably for transportation options by getting informed, get involved by signing by for government email alerts, attend project meetings and get organized by coordinating with civic associations, and follow up with government staff.

Monica Laufer from Bird Sccoters, Aubrey Coachman from Spin Scooters, Yasin Khalid from Revel and Jonathan Stafford, Washington Areas Bicyclist Association (WBAB) came to share additional information on their companies/ organization's methods of transportation in the district.

## Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning

## DDOT

Petition and ANC 7E resolution #2019-003 Regarding the Implementation of Appropriate Traffic Calming Controls in ANC 7E

#### **Official Reports**

#### Police Report

Captain Sean Connors is the new Captain for the 6<sup>th</sup> District. He is eager to work with the community. He can be reached via email: <u>sean.connors@dc.gov</u> or by phone, 202-740-5830.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

The Mayor will be conducting a walkthrough the Greenway community in the end of November/beginning of December.

A roll off day where you can bring junk items and old electronics that are no longer of use to the Ridge road Community Center. The date of this event will be announced.

Lastly, the ward 7 liaisons from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations are out in the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

<u>Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray</u> <u>The Woody Ward Recreation Designation Act</u> Public Hearing Notice- Tuesday November 26, 2019 at 11 am John A Wilson Building- Hearing Room 412 <u>Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution</u> November 23, 2019 at 10 am – 1 pm at the Deanwood Recreation Center <u>Public Oversight Hearing on the "Department of Behavioral Health"</u> Wednesday November 20 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Pennsylvania Ave Baptist Church.

## A conversation on "How to create a genuine health care system on the East end of the city"

November 19,2019, at the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization at 6:30 pm.

## **Community Discussion**

Community members raised questions on the topic of transportation, mainly regarding the street car, as well as completion of road work that has been on going.

There was additional discussion about the comprehensive plan, and what and where upcoming meeting will the held.

#### **NEW Business**

#### N/A Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.