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**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7E
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 13, 2026 – Virtual & In-Person
6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail for the purposes of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Dupee

ROLL CALL: 7E01 – Dawn Cook; 7E02 – Aaron Harris (online); 7E03 – Gail Perkins; 7E04 – Natasha Dupee; 7E05 – VACANT; 7E06 – Ravi Perry (absent); 7E07 – Celete Kato (absent)

4 Commissioners were present – 7E01, 7E02, 7E03, 7E04

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion to approve the May 2026 agenda with two amendments: (1) addition of a grant proposal from the East River Dog Park; (2) an edit to Budget Resolution 2601 from the April 2026 meeting. Motion seconded and approved. 4 Y – 0 N.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve the April 2026 meeting minutes. Approved: 4 Y – 0 N.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Thompson (East River Dog Park) – Announced the dog park’s second anniversary community day on Saturday, May 17th. The event will include low-impact workout classes at 10 AM, high-impact classes at 11 AM, a farmer’s market featuring Acadia Farms, and a community meal at approximately 1:30 PM. All neighbors welcome. Also mentioned a forthcoming application for a public art beautification grant at the corner of East Capitol, Texas, and Benning; designs are still in development. Chair Dupee explained the ANC can support a project in spirit prior to finalized designs, and that a special meeting can be called with 7 days’ public notice if timing is needed before the June meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. DC Board of Elections – Ranked Choice Voting Overview

Presenter: Kayla Filson, DC Board of Elections

Key Information:

- DC is using Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for the first time in the June 16, 2026 primary. 73% of voters approved RCV.

- Voters may rank up to 5 candidates per contest. Candidates who do not reach 50% of the vote trigger elimination rounds, with votes redistributing upward.
- Skipping two consecutive candidates in a ranking removes the voter from that round of tabulation.
- Ballots are available via mail (sent May 11; expected by May 18–19), drop boxes (open May 22 – June 16), or in-person voting on Election Day (June 16, 7 AM – 8 PM). Mail ballots must be postmarked by June 16 and received within 10 days.
- Machine voting estimated at approximately 12 minutes per ballot.
- Poll workers are being recruited: \$250 for Election Day; \$100/shift for Early Vote (June 8–14, 7 days). 16–17 year-olds may earn a \$125 stipend or community service hours.

2. DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) – Utility Assistance Programs

Presenter: William Whitfield, Associate Director, Utility Affordability Division

Programs Covered:

- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program): Federally and locally funded; provides up to \$1,800 for regular utility assistance and up to \$500 for emergency assistance. In FY24, assisted over 27,000 DC residents; currently serving over 13,000 in FY26 Q1–2.
- Utility Discount Program (UDP): Additional discounts on PEPCO, Washington Gas, and DC Water bills.
- CREAT (Clean Rivers and Pervious Area Charge): Discounts on DC Water bills.
- Eligibility thresholds: Single person at approximately \$61,000; scales up to \$171,000 for a 10-person household.
- Required documents: Government-issued photo ID, recent utility bills, proof of income (within 30 days), Social Security cards for all household members.
- Programs are annual; residents must reapply each year, with new applications opening in October.
- Note: The President has zeroed out the federal LIHEAP allocation for FY26; Congress is expected to restore the line item. Funding is expected to run out around June 2026. Residents encouraged to apply promptly.
- Seniors may apply by mail or fax. Online applications available at DOEE’s website (search “LIHEAP”).

3. Councilmember Felder’s Office

Presenter: Jalen Jones, Constituent Services Coordinator (new hire, fourth week in role)

Key Updates:

- RFK Redevelopment: April 28 meeting reviewed transportation plans. RRFK.dc.gov has details; two lanes planned on Independence Avenue and C Street. June publication of feedback summary expected.
- Office Hours: Councilmember Felder returns to Fridays at Denny’s on Benning Road; next date June 5, 5–7 PM.
- Ward Wednesdays: Constituent services at BDS on Minnesota Avenue, 9 AM–5 PM, no appointment needed.
- Education Town Hall: Tomorrow evening at Maya Angelou Public Charter School.
- Ward cleanup: Keep Ward 7 Clean campaign; next cleanup May 30 at Woody Ward Recreation Center.
- Budget wins for 7E: Dunbar Middle School – \$4.183M (FY27); Neval Thomas Elementary – \$1.7M (FY28), \$40M (FY29), \$35M (FY30); Fletcher Johnson – \$15M (FY27), \$5M (FY28); Benning Road Bridge reconstruction – \$2.011 billion.

- Internet Gaming and Consumer Protection Act: Legalizes and regulates online casino gaming in DC through the Office of Lottery and Gaming; estimated to generate \$50M annually.
- Supporting Local Businesses and Enterprises Emergency Amendment Act of 2026: Strengthens accountability in contracting and advances economic development for small local businesses. Commissioner Cook (Transportation Committee Chair) requested follow-up from Councilmember Felder’s office regarding DDOT’s upcoming roundtable on the East Capitol Road project and Southern Avenue. Mr. Jones committed to following up.

4. Executive Office of the Mayor (submitted report – no in-person representative)

Point of Contact: Chase Briscoe, Ward 7 MOCR

Highlights:

- 311 follow-up: Residents should use their 311 report number to escalate unresolved requests through MOCR.
- FY27 funding highlights (shared with Felder’s office updates above). Additional items: Deanwood and Rosedale Library modernization funded; Rosedale Recreation Center also receiving improvements.
- RFK spending breakdown: \$773M for site prep, roadway/bridge improvements, ecological restoration, and project management; \$77M for a new state-of-the-art recreation complex; \$27M for a new fire station.
- DPR Summer Camps: Registration still open; sleepaway and in-city camps for ages 3–13. SYEP for ages 14+. Sliding scale fees for DC residents.
- DPR Ward 7 open forum meeting: Thursday, 6 PM, online.
- Ward 7 community cleanup: June 27, 10 AM – 2 PM, at the fields at RFK Lot 8.

5. CORE DC, The Horizon

Presenter: Kiva Pankey, Case Manager Supervisor (filling in for Kimberly Roseborough)

Updates:

- Current population: 38 adults, 14 children on site. Meals (breakfast and dinner) provided 7 days/week through Henry’s Catering.
- Recent increase in male heads of household entering shelter with children. Seeking community partners with resources for male clients.
- Program goal: Transition families to permanent housing within 120 days via FRSP (Rapid Rehousing) or vouchers.
- Current month success: 6 families exited to permanent housing (1 via voucher, 5 via rapid rehousing).
- FY25 outcomes: 57 families leased up; 6 families increased income in the past 30 days.
- Upcoming programming: Monthly career fairs, family literacy programming (launching next month), and summer programs for children.
- Community engagement opportunities: Seeking partners for events. Contact Program Director Kimberly Roseborough for collaboration.

MPD: No representative present.

CHAIR, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR’S REPORT (Commissioner Natasha Dupee) – Glencrest community parking update: DDOT conducted a traffic study in the Glencrest community (Kimmy Gray Court/Avery Walters Lane area) following multiple 311 complaints about parking. DDOT has identified legally permissible parking spots based on curb cut and driveway clearance requirements. Residents are now receiving tickets for previously unregulated parking. Chair Dupee has connected the situation with MOCR, Councilmember Felder’s office, and DDOT. Commissioner Cook offered to CC affected Glencrest residents on correspondence with DDOT liaison Kisha Anderson (email: 7E01@anc.dc.gov with “Glencrest” in the subject line).

ANC commissioner elections: Petition season begins in August. All current commissioners must seek re-election. The 7E05 seat has been vacant for two years. Residents interested in running should contact the DC Board of Elections.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Commissioner Dawn Cook) – Previous balance: \$61,534.57. Disbursements: \$20.67 (MailChimp). Two allotments received totaling \$8,553.36 (Q4 and Q1). Current balance: \$70,067.26.

Motion by Chair Dupee to approve the Treasurer’s report. Seconded. Motion passes 4-0.

SECRETARY REPORT – No report.

VICE-CHAIR REPORT (Commissioner Harris) – Water main break on Commissioner Harris’s block has been repaired. A subsequent break nearby has also been addressed with follow-up items pending.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gail Perkins) – No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Meetings on 2nd Wednesdays at 7 PM.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Commissioner Cook conducted a ride-along with DDOT. Correspondence sent following up on East Capitol Road project. DDOT committed to hosting another community roundtable with project lead Christina Moyer and German engineering consultants. Commissioner Cook will convene another community meeting and will add interested residents to a listserv (email 7E01@anc.dc.gov).

OFFICIAL ACTIONS

Motion 1: Correction to Budget Resolution 2601 (April 2026) – Resolution was incorrectly recorded as 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion to correct the record to reflect the actual vote of 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain (Absent). Motion made and seconded. Motion carries.

Motion 2: East River Dog Park Grant – \$930.68 – Grant application submitted to and approved as permissible by OANC General Counsel. Funds requested for: native pollinator garden enhancements at Palmer Elementary School (rain barrel, irrigation system, plants), asphalt anchor kits and masonry tools for bench installation, and asphalt patch kit. Motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$930.68. Motion made and seconded. Motion carries.

Motion 3: Approval of FY26 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report – Covering January through March 2026. Motion to approve. Motion made and seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

DCRA, ABRA, DDOT – None. Zoning – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Juneteenth Parade Grant Request – Brandon Scott, Fundraising Chair, Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade Committee. The Juneteenth parade, now in its second year, is organized by neighbors in partnership with Marshall Heights Development Collaborative. The parade is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2026, beginning at East Washington Baptist Church (2020 Pennsylvania Avenue). Total parade budget: \$65,000. Corporate sponsors (Amazon, CareFirst, Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors, and others) are contributing approximately 25–35% of the total. Grant request: \$5,000. In addition to funding, participants are encouraged to sign up as youth performers (dancers, singers), vendors at Penn Branch parking lot, or volunteers.

Commissioner Cook (Treasurer) noted that receipts from the prior year’s ANC grant have not been received, which delayed the closeout of that fiscal year’s budget. Motion to approve was not made pending receipt of prior-year documentation. The Committee requested prior-year receipts before disbursement of any new funding. Mr. Scott committed to coordinating with the parade committee (Toya Carmichael) to provide documentation. The Commission will revisit the request upon receipt.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

7E01 – Commissioner Cook: Ward cleanup on May 30th (Commissioner Cook will be out of town; residents encouraged to participate with Councilmember Felder’s team). DDOT roundtable on East Capitol Road project forthcoming. DPW is responsible for vegetation management at Texas and E Street (NE) and the overgrowth plot on Texas Avenue across from Plummer Elementary; 311 requests submitted. Residents asked to submit independent 311 requests to support action.

7E02 – Commissioner Harris: Water main break repairs addressed; monitoring follow-up items.

7E03 – Commissioner Perkins: No additional updates.

7E04 – Commissioner Dupee: See Chair’s Report. Additional updates: Fletcher Johnson demolition site is actively clearing; DGS managing the process. UHS (hospital system managing the freestanding emergency department at the site) had a Certificate of Need hearing. Neighbors will be notified when site walkthroughs are safe. FY27 funding proposed for continued demolition and utility installation at Fletcher Johnson.

7E05 – VACANT. Petitions open in August.

7E06 – Commissioner Perry: Absent.

7E07 – Commissioner Kato: Absent.

COMMUNITY FORUM

• East River Dog Park Community Day – Saturday, May 17th.

- Community Health Day – May 16th at Letterer Gardens, 9 AM–4 PM, in partnership with UDC. Led by Renee Carter.
- Free Produce Giveaway – Wednesdays, 11 AM–12 PM, DPR Community Grow Garden on Nanny Helen Burroughs Avenue and 49th Street.
- Narcan Training – Wednesday at 12:30 PM at Dorothy Height Library on Benning Road (free).
- DC Citywide Baby Shower – Saturday, May 16th, Capital Turnaround; hosted by the DC Office of Paid Family Leave.
- Woodlawn Cemetery Community Service – Saturday morning, 9 AM–noon; historically Black cemetery on Benning Road.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM by Chair Dupee.

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM ET

Prepared by Commissioner Celeste Kato

Approved on:

Attested by:

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