



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

## Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14 2020 7:00 pm (EST)

### Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm. The following commissioners: Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda S. Green (7E02), Ebbon Allen (7E03), T.N. Tate (7E04), Victor Horton (7E05), and Delia Houseal (7E06) were present. Commissioner Yolanda Fields (7E07) was absent.

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

Chairwoman Delia moved April's public meeting agenda. It was motioned and passed.

### Approval of the ANC's March's Public Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Delia moved to approve the ANC's March public meeting minutes. The motion was voted on and passed.

### Monthly Treasure

The treasure's report was given. Approval of the FY 2020 Q2 Quarterly Report was motioned by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Allen.

### Committee Reports

Public Safety: Update from the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), LaToshia A. Butler, Intergovernmental Community Affairs Specialist-6th District was given.

Economic Development: The committee meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting on Friday, April 17, 2020.

There will be a resolution prepared: Resolution to accept new member—Mr. Brandon Scott  
The committee is also working on establishing Committee Charter.

### Approval of the Consent Calendar

Chairwoman Houseal asked if there were any objections to the consent calendar, none were given, therefore the following item was approved:

- Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Paving: Sidewalk(s), Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential at 5509 C STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019.  
(Commissioner Houseal 7E06)

### Commissioner Updates

#### **Commission wide:**

- A moment of silence was taken to remember the life and dedication of Emeritus Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Benjamin E. Thomas, SMD 7E01.
- He passed early in April.
- Visit the new website at [www.anc7e.us](http://www.anc7e.us)
- Please complete your Census papers. Visit [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) to complete the Census as soon as possible.
- The 2020 June primary is approaching (June 2, 2020). There will only be 3 voting locations in Ward 7: Benning Stoddert Community Center, Hillcrest Rec, Deanwood Community Center.

- Contact the Board of Elections to request a mail-in ballot if you are uncertain about your ability to visit the polls
- Download app at [www.vote4dc.com](http://www.vote4dc.com)

**Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):**

- Working diligently on nuisance properties located on Alabama Ave, and 51 st.
- Worked on the removal of a pipe running from a house on Hillside Rd, in to the street, which caused a disturbance.
- Spoke about the excellent, hard work and dedication Mr. Benjamin E. Thomas provided for the community, especially his SMD 7E01.

**Commissioner Green, 7E02:**

- Emailed DDOT on 4/6/2020 DDOT to request a delay in a Traffic Safety Assessment Plans for Pedestrian Safety, and Motorist Safety for the Residents for the Fort Davis Community, Rocketship Charter School, and the Homeowners Association for the Community.
- Working with the Office of the Attorney General and the Sixth District MPD, to Resolve A Nuisance Property, in the Fort Davis Community.
- Program Activities on Hold at the Fort Davis Community Recreation Center, due to Pandemic Covid 19 Virus.

**Commissioner Allen, 7E03:**

- The Benning Park Modernization Project will begin construction on April 17th, 2020.
- DGS will update me on employment opportunities throughout the construction process.
  - Cure The Streets/Martha's Table distributed meals for the Benning Park Families last week.
  - The Cynthia Townshomes Phase 2 on E Street SE are now completed. Phase 3 are set to be completed by Fall 2020.
  - If you see any memorials on vacant properties within your community please contact 311 with your concerns.
  - Please be mindful to check on our seasoned seniors during this COVID19 Pandemic.

**Commissioner Tate, 7E04:**

The following updates were given on the following:

- Glenncrest Tenants Association Mtg.
- Fletcher Johnson FY21 Budget Request – Update
- SMD COVID-19 Response: meal delivery for seniors, resources, and updates

**Commissioner Horton, 7E05:**

- Capitol View Library
- Closed Until April 27
- Digital Resources
- Read, Watch, Listen and Learn from the comfort of your own home. The Library has eBooks, audio books, streaming movies, music, online courses and more, all free with your Library Card.
- Need a Library Card?: <https://www.dclibrary.org/getacard>
- Additional Updates
- 311 Requests
- Conducted a neighborhood walk-through on April 5th!
- -submitted Several 311 requests
- Expect Delays due
- COVID-19 Testing

- -Ward 7 is the number one ward for new cases
- -Have symptoms? Reach out to the Call Center at 855-363-0333
- -Individuals will answer pre-screening questions regarding their signs and symptoms
- -Appointments will be scheduled if the individual meets the testing criteria, the what to bring to the site on the day of their appointment

Contact Info:

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Phone: 202-617-4735

**Commissioner Houseal, 7E06:**

Schools remained closed until April 27, 2020 or further notice.

- CW Harris Modernization progressing as planned.
- Artist are being selected for 7 sites throughout the school. Selected artist will be announced soon.
- Nuisance property reported on Call Pl. Working with landlord to address.
- Vacant property on 5348 Drake Street is for sale!
- Food distribution site at Urban Outreach (5343 C St. SE). Food distributions are on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- If you need food, supplies, or support, please contact (202) 688-5947.
- Established a SMD 7E06 Group on NextDoor. Please join if you can for updates.

Contact information:

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**Commissioner Fields, 7E07:**

Due to Absence, no updates given.

**Unfinished Business**

Update Bylaws

**Guest Speakers:**

- Ronald King, Public Health and Public Relations, DC Department of Health

Mr. King addressed the current COVID 19 pandemic, and shared information regarding testing sites, and their locations. He commented on the extended stay at home order given by Mayor Browser until May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. King also reminded the community to continue to check the website

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/> for up to date information.

- Irwin Royster, Director of Partnerships & Community Engagement

East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, INC. (ERFSC)

ERFSC is continuing to work with the community by feeding seniors. The sites include Benning Park Apts, Benning Terrace, Lincoln Heights/Richardson. Park 7 and Allen House. However, there are other sites throughout the ward. Please call 202 688 5947 if you'd like a meal.

Mr. Royster will also be looking into getting masks to the senior population, as it is a requirement when outside the home.

- Charmekia Martin, Medicaid Plan Marketing Manager, Amerigroup

Ms Martin provided information on programs available to all DC residents by using the website

<https://www.auntbertha.com/>

Once on the website, you enter your zip code and it presents information for free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training, and more in and around your area.

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

N/A

## New Business

Commissioner Veda Rasheed proposed an Honorary Resolution: Mr. Benjamin E. Thomas, Former Commissioner of ANC 7E 01.

## Official Reports

Police Report: Captain Sean Conners, 6<sup>th</sup> District, MPD

He provided the following updates:

On March 7, 2020 we has an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun), that occurred in the 700 block of 51st ST SE. Shots were fired at the victim, but there were no injuries reported. We have an image of the suspect from a nearby surveillance camera that was put out to the public. Anyone with information, please contact us on 202-727-9099 or text 50411. We currently offer up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and indictment of the person (s) responsible.

On March 9, 2020 we have an Assault with Intent to Kill while Armed offense in the 5000 Block of Benning RD SE. This case was CLOSED with the arrest of 19 year-old Jarvis Burl of Capitol Heights MD. Furthermore, Mr. Burl was charged with an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun) from a March 2, 2020 that occurred in the 5000 Block of Benning RD SE.

On March 12, 2020 we had an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun) in the 5300 block of East Capitol ST SE. The suspect and victim were in a verbal altercation, which led to the suspect brandishing a handgun. The suspect fired shots at the victim's vehicle and fled the scene. The victim sustained non-threatening injures and sought treatment at a local hospital. On March 23, 2020 this case was CLOSED with the arrest of 23 year-old Tywone Sommers of Southeast DC.

On March 26, 2020 there was an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun) in the 5000 block of C ST SE. The victim was suffering from a gunshot wound and sought treatment at an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries. On March 31, 2020 this case was CLOSED with the arrest of 21 year-old Devin Ricks of Clinton, MD.

These are some of the gun recoveries that we have had over the last month:

Monday, March 2, 2020

A Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun was recovered in the 5000 block of Benning Road, Southeast. The following people were arrested: 19-year-old Jarvis J. Burl, of Capitol Heights, MD, and 18-year-old Dwayne Antonio McCain, Jr., of Southeast, D.C., for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Carrying a Pistol without a License. CCN: 20-037-604

Monday, March 9, 2020

A .40 caliber "Ghost Gun" handgun and a .40 caliber "Ghost Gun" handgun were recovered in the 5300 block of Astor Place, Southeast. The following people were arrested: 17-year-old juvenile male, of Temple Hills, MD, and 19-year-old Enrico Bryant, of Southeast, D.C., for Carrying a Pistol without a License, Possession of an Unregistered Firearm, Possession of Unregistered Ammunition, Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol. CCN: 20-042-225

A Taurus 357 Magnum .40 caliber handgun was recovered in the 4900 block of G Street, Southeast. The following person was arrested: 54-year-old William Steven Glover, of Northeast, D.C., for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Threat to Kidnap or Injure a Person, Carrying a Pistol without a License, and Obstructing, Preventing, Interfering with reports/Request for Assistance from Law Enforcement or Child Welfare Agency. CCN: 20-042-470

Friday, March 20, 2020

.40 caliber "Ghost Gun" handgun was recovered in the 5000 block of D Street, Southeast. The following person was arrested: 27-year-old Jaquan Tyre Farmer, of Fort Washington, MD, for Carrying a Pistol without a License, Possession of Unregistered Ammunition, Possession of an Unregistered Firearm, Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device, and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance. CCN: 20-048-708

Thursday, March 26, 2020

A Springfield Armory XDS .45 caliber handgun and an Uzi Masterpiece Arms subcompact machine gun were recovered in the 5200 block of Astor Place, Southeast. The following person was arrested: 16-year-old male juvenile, of Northeast, D.C., for Carrying a Pistol without a License, Possession of an Unregistered Firearm, Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device, and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. CCN: 20-051-124

#### Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

Mr. Leary shared information of testing sites, as well as discussed, the social distancing protocols to follow at retail food sellers.

1. Wear face mask or mouth covering
2. Avoid entering if symptoms such as cough, fever, running nose, or have a confirmed case of COVID 19
3. Maintain six (6) feet apart from person who are not a part of household.
4. Cough and sneeze away from others.
5. Avoid shaking hands.
6. Shop quickly and only with family members.

Mr. Leary also encouraged constituents to check the website <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/> for current information.

#### Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Encouraged members of the community to look out for conference call information. Also, continue to follow instructions for social distancing.

#### **Community Discussion**

The Horizon shared information regarding amazon wish list for children.

Community members asked about information to receive face masks.

Resources for meals and food sites were shared and can be located in the ANC 7E newsletter and Facebook page.

Keith R. Hasan-Towery, Chair of The Marshall Heights Civic Association, provided information on the upcoming Ward 7 Democratic Candidates Virtual Economic Vision Debate. The debate will

be on May 16, 2020 at 10:30 am, via YouTube Live.

**Adjournment**

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.