



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019; 7:00 p.m.
DC Scholars Public Charter School

Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 pm. Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda Green (7E02), Ebbon Allen (7E03), Commissioner Tate (7E04), Victor Horton (7E05)) were present. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present. Commissioner Yolanda Fields (7E07) was absent due to an unforeseen medical condition.

Approval of the ANC's March Public Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's February 2019 public meeting agenda. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's March 12th's, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the ANC's 12th' 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Monthly Treasurer's Update

Commissioner Horton provided the FY 2019 2nd Quarter report and moved to approve the report. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES:6-0-0)

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

No Consent items

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Ebbon Allen (7E03), T.N Tate (7E04), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06), and Yolanda Fields (7E07) provided SMD updates.

Official Reports

Public Safety and Police Report

Captain Clifton Weaver, a representative of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Sixth District, introduced himself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

Wesley Leary, a Ward 7 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), provided residents with an update.

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Commissioner Tate also served as a representative for Councilmember Vincent Gray's Office, she encouraged residents to get involved in the budget process. She also provided an update on the repaving of Southern Avenue.

Community Discussion

Representatives from the Horizon, Core DC, introduced the new management team and discussed their desire to maintain a continued partnership with the community.

Guest Speaker

Jason Wallace, Executive Director of the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys discussed the work being conducted by the Commission and encouraged the Community to get involved.

Archie Williams from the DC Public Library and several staff from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities discussed the external art work being designed and installed on the plaza area of the newly renovated Capitol View library. They also introduced the professional artist selected from the recently released request for proposals to develop the artwork and asked the Commission for support. The artist presented his design concept and asked the community to submit quotations that would be placed on the artwork. Several members from the community voiced concerns about the artwork and the lack of community engagement in the process. Two community members recommended that the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities engage local schools in the design process. Based on community concerns, Chairwomen Houseal encouraged the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities to participate in the May public meeting to provide an update on how they addressed community concerns.

Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning

Chairwoman Houseal discussed the impact of the 2020 proposed Mayoral Budget on CW Harris Elementary School. She also invited the President of the Ward 7 Education Council, Eboni Rose Thompson, to speak on the impact more broadly across all DC Public Schools in Ward 7. Ms. Thompson discussed the impact of the reduced budget and asked the Commission to support a resolution to asking the Council to fully fund Ward 7 schools. Commissioner Allen motioned to pass a resolution to fully fund CW Harris. None of the Commissioners seconded the motion so the motion failed. Ms. Eboni Rose Thompson appealed to the Commission to support a resolution for CW Harris as well as a resolution to support all schools in Ward 7. Another community member also expressed concern that several Commissioners failed to support resolutions that would advocate for fully funding Ward 7 schools. Commissioner Green motioned to support a resolution to fully fund CW Harris and all Ward 7 schools. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed (Vote: 5-0-0).

Nathan Morris, a representative from MCN Builds spoke about an upcoming BZA application to provide a mechanical penthouse special exception. He agreed to come back during the next meeting to address any additional questions and concerns.

NEW Business

Chairwoman Houseal discussed the need to establish standards of decorum and a code of conduct. Commissioner Green motioned to table the discussion until more Commissioners were present. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion to table the discussion. The motion passed. (VOTES: 5-0-0)

Chairwoman Houseal provided an overview of the Commission's progress toward securing an office space. She highlighted that there was no government space available in the Ward and that the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization would provide the space. Commissioner Allen motioned that the Commission enter into a monthly lease with MHCDO according to terms defined in a previously passed resolution. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. The motion passed. (VOTES 5-0-0).

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.