



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019; 7:00 p.m.
DC Scholars Public Charter School

Call to Order

Chair Ebbon Allen (7E03) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm. Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda Green (7E02), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06), and Yolanda Fields (7E07) were present. Chair Allen confirmed that a quorum was present. Commissioner Tate (7E04) was delayed due to unexpected circumstances and arrived at approximately 7:45 pm.

Approval of the ANC's December 11th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Allen moved to approve the ANC's December 11th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Green seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 8th, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Chair Allen moved to approve the ANC's January 3rd, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Houseal seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Commissioner's Introductions

Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda Green (7E02), Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06), and Yolanda Fields (7E07) introduced themselves to the public.

Election of ANC Officers

Election Overview

Commissioner Houseal provided an overview of the election process.

Chair Allen introduced OANC staff member, Kathy Williams.

Election of the ANC's Officers for 2019

Ms. Kathy Williams, OANC Staff member called for a slate. Given that no slate available, Ms. Kathy Williams called for nominations from the floor. Chair Allen announced his desire to step down as chair and moved to nominate Commissioner Houseal as the ANC's Chair. Commissioner Houseal accepted the nomination. Commissioner Green seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). Commissioner Houseal

moved to nominate Commissioner Green for Vice Chair. Commissioner Green seconded and accepted the nomination, which was voted and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). Commissioner Green moved to nominate Commissioner Rasheed for Secretary. Commissioner Rasheed declined. Commissioner Houseal moved to nominate Commissioner Fields for Secretary. Commissioner Fields accepted the nomination, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). Commissioner Fields moved to nominate Commissioner Horton as Treasurer. Commissioner Horton accepted the nomination, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Community Discussion

One community member encouraged the ANC to increase participation in other community meetings. Another community member asked the ANC to increase community funding.

Community Listening Session

Commissioners Houseal and Horton provided guided the community in an exercise to identify community priorities. The Community was given two stickers and asked to place one sticker under the most important issues for 7E. The community could pick from the following categories, 1) Crime and Public Safety, 2) Affordable Housing, 3) Jobs, 4) Economic Development, 5) Support for Seniors, 6) Public Transportation, 7) Abandoned Properties/Vehicles, 8) Quality Education, 9) Trash/Environmental Concerns, 10) Parking, 11) Other Issues. Based on responses, the top issues were 1) Economic Development (22%), 2) Crime and Public Safety (20%), and 3) Affordable Housing (11%). A full report of findings can be found in the appendix. Commissioner Horton led a community in a discussion as to why Crime/Public Safety was a priority and what strategies could be employed to address the issues. One community member mentioned that police need to be more visible in the community. Chair Allen asked Officer Marable to give a presentation on crime stats since we were discussing crime and public safety.

Official Reports

Public Safety and Police Report

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

Officer Marable mentioned that violent crimes and thefts were up. He mentioned that an uptick in thefts were related to packages being stolen. He also encouraged residents to report suspicious activity.

Officer Marable also encouraged residents to participate in the Sixth District Community Meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Sixth District Police Station.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

Wesley Leary, a Ward 7 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged residents to participate in the #DC2Me social media campaign to provide Mayor Bowser with resident's visions and goals for Ward 7.

Mr. Leary said that Mayor Bowser is hosting her Second Term Outlook, which outlines her vision for the next four years at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE.

Mr. Leary also encouraged residents to contact him if they had any issues or concerns. He provided his email address Wesley.learly@dc.gov and his phone number (202) 374-9282 to residents.

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Commissioner Tate also served as a representative for Councilmember Vincent Gray's Office, said CM Gray introduced plans to introduce 10 bills during the upcoming legislation session. She mentioned that nine (9) of the ten (10) bills were directly related to information gleaned from the Action Summit.

Community Announcements

Update from The Horizon, a Short-term Family Housing Program

One community member mentioned concerns with loitering at the Short-term Family Housing facility at 5004 D Street, SE.

Another community member asked if The Horizon had community space for residents and if programs were available to residents to cut down on loitering.

The manager for The Horizon mentioned that efforts were being taken to address the issues.

Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.