



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019; 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 conducted a role call. Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), 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 absent. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of the ANC's April 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 Fields moved to approve the ANC's April 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Commissioner Linda Green requested that the meeting minutes be read and sought public feedback. The majority of the public was indifferent about the request. Chairwoman Houseal reminded the community that the meeting minutes were available online and that the issue would be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Monthly Treasurer's Update

Commissioner Horton provided the April 2019 monthly report and previewed the May 2019 Monthly report. A community member asked whether or not an allotment had been received. Commissioner Horton replied that no allotment had been received and that he would follow up with the OANC. Chairwoman Houseal discussed needed updates to the budget in the supply, communication and other line items. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the updates to the budget, Commissioner Fields seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES:6-0-0)

Committee Reports

Commissioner Allen provided an update on the Public Safety Movement committee. He provided an overview of the most recent meeting and asked for more participants to join the movement. He discussed several potential activities (i.e. sporting events, etc.) that would be conducted during the summer in coordination with the Summer Crime Initiative.

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 item was approved:

- **C.W. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: BZA Application #20040- Mechanical Penthouse Special Exception X §901.2 (Commissioner Houseal)**

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.

Commissioner Rasheed encouraged the community to participate in her 4th annual Peace Walk and discussed actions been taken to address parked RV. Commissioner Allen provided shared details on upcoming youth talks. He also shared that the Woody Ward Resolution was introduced by CM Gray. Commissioner Horton provided an overview of activities occurring at the Capitol View Library, Commissioner Houseal shared details about weekly community canvassing to begin on Saturday, May 29, 2019 at 5:00 pm on C. St. SE. She also shared an upcoming community cleanup day on Saturday, May 24, 2019. Commissioner Fields encouraged all residents to attend the upcoming Commissioner Meet and Greet on June 22, 2019 at St. Luke's Catholic church.

Official Reports

Public Safety and Police Report

Officer Murabel, 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. He mentioned that over the last 30 days, there were three (3) homicides. One community member asked if crime statistics could be broken down to provide more demographic data. Captain John Knutsen asked if he could present early due to competing priorities. Captain Knutsen presented on the Summer Crime Initiative and shared that there was a Community Blitz occurring on May 22, 2019 at 11:30 am on Hanna/Hillside Road. He also encouraged the community to participate in the Private Security Incentive Program and to contact him if there were any public safety concerns.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

No update given.

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

No update given.

Community Discussion

There was no representative from the Horizon present.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Mark Bjorge, from the Department of Aging and Community Living presented information on the Safe at Home Program. He also discussed several other programs such as the Elderly and Persons with Physical Disabilities Program and the Fit and Well Seniors program. Mr. Bjorge provided the community with his telephone number (202-535-1395) for additional information

Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning

Commissioner Fields discussed an ABRA request for Toni's Market to change their class from Retailer B to a Retailer A liquor store. Commissioner Fields asked if the community supported this change and an overwhelming majority of members opposed the Class Change. Specific concerns included saturation of liquor stores, noise, crime, loitering, etc. Commissioner Fields moved to oppose the class change. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed (Vote: 6-0-0).

Commissioner Houseal discussed BZA# 20056, Children in Safe Hands, LLC. Special exception to permit a child development center for 40 children at 5216 Astor Place. Mr. Thomas Dorsey provided an overview of the permit requested. Commissioner Green raised concerns about the certification of staff and staffing numbers. A community member raised concerns about the center being located next door to a juvenile substance abuse treatment home. Commissioner Houseal invited Mr. Dorsey to participate in the upcoming Executive meeting on June 4, 2019 to discuss in greater detail.

NEW Business

Chairwoman Houseal shared that at the May 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting a vote was taken between two potential candidates for the Executive Assistant Position. The Candidate selected was Ms. Jamila Kia James-Daniels (VOTES: 3-1-0). Ms. Daniels spoke briefly about her background and eagerness to join the team. Commissioner Allen moved to approve a resolution to select Ms. Daniels for the position. Commissioner Fields seconded the Motion. Upon opening the floor for discussion, Commissioner Rasheed voiced concerns about the candidate's qualifications. Commissioner Fields asked Commissioner Fields to share the concerns. Commissioner Rasheed did not share any specific concerns. Commissioner Green voiced concerns about receiving appropriate background checks. Commissioner Allen amended the main motion to include start date contingent upon a clean background check. The amended motion passed. (VOTES: 4-2-0).

Chairwoman Houseal provided an overview of the Commission's grant application process and invited Keith Towery, President of the Marshall Heights Civic Association to present on a recently submitted grant application. Mr. Towery presented that the purpose of the grant was to support the MHCA's community activities in support of the Mayor's Summer Crime initiative.

Specifically, the funds would support equipment rental cost and supplies (i.e. napkins, plates, giveaways, etc.) needed to successfully host the Marshall Heights Day on May 18, 2019. The total funds requested was **\$1,475.00**. Commissioner Horton moved to approve the grant award. Commissioner Rasheed seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. (VOTES 6-0-0).

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.