



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 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 7:05 pm. Secretary, Commissioner Fields(7E07) conducted the role call. Commissioner Veda Rasheed (7E01) was absent. Linda Green (7E02) was running late, she arrived at 7:19 pm. Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06) and Commissioner Yolanda Fields (7E07) were present. Commissioner T.N. Tate (7E04) was running late, she arrived at 7:32 pm. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of the ANC's October Public Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's October's public meeting agenda. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's September's Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fields moved to approve the ANC's September 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Monthly Treasurer's Update

Commissioner Horton provided the 3rd Quarterly Report Review. Commissioner Horton moved to approve the 3rd Quarterly Report. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (Votes: 5-0-0).

Commissioner Horton provided the 4th Quarterly Report Review. Commissioner Horton moved to approve the 4th Quarterly Report. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen. It was voted on and passed (Votes: 5-0-0).

Commissioner Horton provided the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget. The community was requested a copy of last year's budget in order to make a comparison, which was not available in a hard copy, but is available on the website. Community members want to ensure that the money is going back to the constituents of ANC 7E and wanted a revised budget. The Treasurer, Commissioner Horton, and the Chair, Commissioner Houseal explained that in order to be in compliance, a budget needed to approved at the October meeting. After recommends, the commission decided to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget with a modification to increase the Grant amount to \$15,000 and add a line item for outreach. Commissioner Horton moved to approve the budget with the modifications and seconded by Commissioner Allen. It was voted on and passed (Votes 6-0-0).

Public Safety Report

Commissioner Allen provided the following report:

The vision of the ANC 7E Public Safety Movement is to engage our communities in working with MPD, Violence Intervention groups and other stakeholders to resolve the crime that is affecting our communities.

We must provide community conversations with the 6th District Metropolitan Police Department and DC Government organizations such as Training Grounds and Cure the Streets.

It is our goal that every constituent in ANC 7E have confidence that our communities will become safe again.

We also must provide the opportunity that our constituents will be able to trust law enforcement again, however it starts with having those conversations.

Sean Coleman Bey was murdered 2 weeks at the young age of 20. Sean was the son of my Godbrother. No parent should have to bury their child from senseless gun violence.

Please join our Commission in working towards a Safer ANC 7E.

Year-to-date, there were 69-gun recoveries in ANC 7E.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Veda Rasheed (7E01): As Commissioner Veda Rasheed was absent, no report was given.

Commissioner Green, 7E02: Fort Davis Recreation Center Updated.

- Currently being renovated and repaired. Additional funding added in the FY 2020 budget. New gym equipment, computers (8), furniture and gym teacher. Move Senior Move on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10-12 pm.

Planning Health and Fitness Day March of 2020

Commissioner Allen, 7E03: Benning Park/Woody Ward Recreation Center

- The Benning Park/Woody Ward Modernization Project is moving forward by way of DPR/DGS procurement to identify a contractor for the 10 M renovation for the Recreational Center.
- -Thanks to CM Vince Gray the Woody Ward Bill will be presented to CM Chair Phil Mendelson and The Committee of The Whole in November.
- Benning Park/Woody Ward Rec Center will be open until Spring of 2020.
- A few Special Events will be open to the public in 2019-2020.
 - Movie Night
 - Skating Night
 - Other Events are being planned by Tommie Jones (DPR)

-Cynthia Townhomes on the 5100 Block of E Street is set for completion in November of 2019.

JW King Senior Center Updates

JW King Senior Center at 4638 H Street SE is looking for community stakeholders to provide activities and resources for the seasoned seniors in ANC 7E.

Please contact Mrs Jones the Senior Center Director.

If you have any further questions please email me at 7E03@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Tate, 7E04: Provided information of the Fletcher Johnson Project. She discussed the issues the community had with the current RFP and discussed the areas for focus for the resolution to encourage development at the Fletcher Johnson site.

Commissioner Horton, 7E05:

- Community Clean-up:

Location: The Horizon 5004 D St SE Washington, DC 20019

When: October 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 am

- Capitol View Neighborhood Library: Halloween SPOOKtacular

When: Thursday, October 31, 2019, 4:00 pm

What: an evening full of fun and fright. Come dressed in costume to earn fun treats.

Updated Contact Info:

Email: 7e05@anc.dc.gov

Phone: 202-617-4735

Commissioner Houseal, 7E06

CW Harris Updates

- Bus stop being moved to the front of the school and will include shelter
- Modernization/construction activities on schedule for completion August 2020

Public Art competition forthcoming

Contractor Parking plan established

Monthly Cleanups

- Next cleanup is on this upcoming Saturday, October 8, 2019. Starting at 10 am/Benning Park Rec
- Established an agreement with CSOSA to have additional volunteers available

Comprehensive Plan

Meet with OCP to learn more about how to take official action on Comprehensive plan. We will need your help, so be on the lookout for more information.

Several vacant lots (on C St.) cleared and abandoned vehicles (B St.) removed.

Commissioner Fields, 7E07: Continue to do rounds in the community and address issues accordingly.

Looking to partner with DC FEMS and MPD to encourage the installation of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the home.

Official Reports

Police Report

Lt. Donna Huntley of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Sixth District, introduced herself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. She encouraged the community to look in to the Camera Rebate Program and as well as use the Anonymous tip line.

Based on time, Commissioner Houseal motioned to modified the agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Allen. The motion was voted on and passed (Votes 6-0-0).

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Guest Speaker: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

CM Vincent Gray spoke on the following areas:

1. **Breaking Ground on Two Affordable Housing Developments in Deanwood.** Providence Place is a new 93-unit apartment development located at 601 50th Street, NE on the campus of the historic Progressive National Baptist Convention headquarters. The Strand Residencies at 5119 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave, NE located next to historic “Strand Theater,” will include 86 one- and two-bedroom apartments. Both properties include units prioritized for Lincoln Heights and Richardson Dwellings residents.
2. **Anti- Vaping Bill to Discourage Youth Vaping Amid Rising Nationwide Vapor- Related Illness and Deaths.** This bill seeks to address the extraordinary health risks brought on from vaping and to prevent our District youth from becoming addicted to nicotine. With this legislation, combat negative vapor- related outcomes.
3. **Gray to seek money to spur grocery store construction east of the Anacostia-** Councilmember Gray says one of his top priorities for the fall will be steering some surplus funds to nine targeted developments in Wards 7 and 8, with the goal of jump- starting the construction of more stores selling fresh foods in the city’s most underserved areas.
4. **Councilmember Vincent C. Gray’s Statement on the Drinking Water Emergency at Saint Elizabeths Hospital-** Patients and staff at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, have been without drinking water for an extended period. Councilmember Gray has been working with the D.C. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) leadership and expects this issue to be completely resolved within the next few days followed by a 48-hour testing period after treatment.
5. **Councilmember Vincent C. Gray’s Statement on a confirmed case of Meningitis at Burrville Elementary School-** DCPS and DC Health officials have confirmed that a student at Burrville ES, located in ward 7, has tested positive for bacterial meningitis. Part if the statement issued by CM Gray stated that “notification should have been sent to parents with children who may have been affected as well as to parents whose children were less likely to have been affected”.

Community members had the opportunity to ask questions. Many of the questions focused on the current grocery store situation in ward 7. People also wanted to know what the Councilmember is doing about affordable housing, loitering, and what is being done with the lot left by Walmart, which did not build on. Councilmember Gray stated that he is aware of all these issues and is working with his team for resolutions. He welcomes feedback from all community members and hopes to work with them to improve ward 7.

Unfinished Business: Economic Development Committee

Commissioner Houseal is interested in forming an economic development committee. She motioned that the Economic Development Committee by formed. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen. It was voted on and approved (Votes 6-0-0).

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.