



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission**  
**7E**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 10, 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 7:07 pm. Secretary, Commissioner Fields(7E07) conducted the 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 running late, she arrived at 7:14 pm. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the ANC's September Public Meeting Agenda**

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

**Approval of the ANC's June 11th, 2019 Meeting Minutes and Approval of the August 15th 2019 Special Meeting**

Commissioner Rasheed needed a copy of the meeting notes, to review. The executive assistant, Kia James, helped her get on line to review them. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the ANC's June 11th 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. Commissioner Fields moved to approve the ANC's Special August Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded it. Both motions were voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

**Monthly Treasurer's Update**

Commissioner Horton provided June and July's monthly report overview. As well as the third quarterly report. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly report was not voted on at the meeting.

June: Each check number was given and as well as to whom it was paid to, and the total of each check. The opening balance for the month of June was \$ 73,274.29, the closing balance was \$71,303.46.

July: Each check number was given and as well as to whom it was paid to, and the total of each check. The opening balance for the month of June was \$69,244.97, the closing balance was \$76,769.53. Two allotments were received; on 7/1/19 the Second Quarter and Third Quarter Allotments were received in the amount of \$7,657.10. On 7/8/19, the Fourth Quarter Allotment FY2019 was received in the amount of \$3,828.55.

Commissioner Horton spoke on the OANC violation that resulted from the counter check that was drawn by Commissioner Houseal and given to Commissioner Yolanda Fields for the approved FY 2019 budget line item, SMD Special Funds.

Commissioner Houseal responded and stated that the incidence was done without knowledge of the rules regarding counter checks and that the funds were disseminated and used according to the approved FY 2019 budget. She also stated that if ANC 7E's allotment is reduced due to her mistake, she would donate the money to the Commission. Commissioner Fields added that as the counter check withdrawal was for her SMD 7E07 Meet and Greet at the St. Luke Center, she would pay half of the reduction in the event that ANC7E's allotment is reduced by the countercheck amount.

### **Committee Reports**

Commissioner Allen provided a summary on Public Safety Day held on July 13, 2019 at JC Nalle PS. Approximately 110 community members attended Public Safety Day, and there was an overwhelming response from the panel discussion that Commissioner Allen is working with MPD to see about having a follow up in the winter.

### **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 items were approved:

- **PSA #325402:** 5354 CALL PL SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019 (COMMISSIONER HOUSEAL)
- **PSA #332735:** 1683 FORT DUPONT ST, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020 (COMMISSIONER GREEN)
- **NOI # 19-241-TOA:** INSTALLTION OF RESERVED RESIDENTIAL PARKING SPACE FOR DISABLED RESIDENT AT 1670 40<sup>TH</sup> ST, SE (COMMISSIONER GREEN)

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **Commissioner Updates**

**Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):** There will be a Benning Ridge Day Trip to Dover Delaware on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 to see the Temptations Revue. The tickets are \$100, and a \$25 non- refundable deposit will reserve your seat.

The activity on 51<sup>st</sup> and H st is continuous, Commissioner Rasheed is working with MPD and following up with the effected constituents.

**Commissioner Green, 7E02:** Community Meeting for Fort Davis will be held on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 7 pm at the Recreation Center.

There is an approved budget for the Recreation Center of \$150,000 and community members are excited to see the new fitness equipment, new furniture and new computers that will be coming to the rec center.

Children attended a trip to Ocean City, MD paid for by Turner Construction Company.

Move Seniors Move: November 13, 2019. 22 Seniors will attend Toby's Dinner Theater.

**Commissioner Allen, 7E03:** There will be a community meeting scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 7 pm to discuss the plans for the Benning Park recreation center.

The Cynthia Townhome located on E at SE are on track to be completed within the next month.

The Benning Park Saints 6yrs and under football league has started.

The Old ANC 7E sign was removed from the previous office on Hanna PL SE.

**Commissioner Tate, 7E04:** Gave the details of Special Meeting from August. She explained the Fletcher Johnson Project has been ongoing since 2013. 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, which will be discussed in New Business.

**Commissioner Horton, 7E05:** Summer Efforts & Updates (As of August 27, 2019)

-Reported All vacant houses/properties

-Reported All Abandoned Vehicles

-Reported All properties with overgrowth

-Collaborated with SCI to do an investigation on illegal dumping on D Street & St Louis

-All Streets have been paved (PaveDC)

-Happy to announce a partnership with DC Core who has officially made a 2 year commitment to cleaning D St & St. Louis via the "Adopt-A-Block" program.

**Commissioner Houseal, 7E06:** Helping Constituents tackle longstanding issues:

Vacant car removal on C St.

Timely trash services at Apartment Complex on C St.

Grass cut at vacant lot on Drake Pl. SE

Submitted ten (10) 311 tickets

Hosting a self-defense class for seniors on Saturday, October 26, 2019, location TBD

Monthly cleanup on Saturday, September 28, 2019

Collaborated with Councilmember Vince Gray to host Small Cell town hall.

**Commissioner Fields, 7E07:** Commissioner Fields continues to work with students and parents at DC Scholars to get needed supplies. She also does community ride throughs in the morning and evening to speak to constituents.

## **Official Reports**

### **Police Report**

Captain Weaver 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 from the Summer Crime Initiative which ended August 31 2019, six hand guns were removed from the streets.

He encouraged the community to look in to the Camera Rebate Program and as well as use the Anonymous tip line.

### **Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser**

On Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 the Mayor will be at the Congress Heights Parade.

A Ward 7 liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services will have a

table at Ward 7 Day on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, there will be no sales tax on diapers in the district.

Lastly, the ward 7 liaisons from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations are out in the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

There will be a town hall discussion on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Ron Brown Boys College Preparatory High School regarding the Small Cell towers.

Also, on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, Ward 7 Community Festival will take place at IDEA is a public charter school from 11-5 pm.

#### **Community Discussion**

Dr. Welch from the Horizon, which provides families with short term family housing spoke of upcoming community events such as a movie night for residents.

They stated that are always looking for donations of personal hygiene supplies.

A community member asked about The Second Look Act which is A bill to enable incarcerated persons to petition a Federal court for a second look at sentences longer than 10 years, where the person is not a danger to the safety of any person or the community, and has shown they are ready for reentry, and for other purposes.

Commissioner Linda S Green attended the U.S. Attorney's Discussion on Sentencing Reform Bill. She commented on the discussion, and stated that victim family members were in attendance. When additional information is given, she will let the community members of ANC 7E know.

A community member presented program called Community Mediation DC, which is a city-wide movement committed to building strong, peaceful communities. They can be contacted at 240-766-5311 and via email: [info@communitymediationdc.org](mailto:info@communitymediationdc.org).

A community member, asked about the Street Car and when it will arrive to ANC 7E.

Commissioner Houseal stated that there is a meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the DOES building which will discuss the street car plans.

#### **Guest Speakers: Education**

Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Principal from Bard High School Early College (BHSEC) DC. This school offers students the unique opportunity to earn up to 60 transferable college credits and an Associate degree from Bard College alongside a high school diploma, free of charge. BHSEC provides a rigorous course of study across the liberal arts and sciences that emphasizes critical thinking, writing, and inquiry. There are currently 170 students, 150 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 20 11<sup>th</sup> graders. On October 5<sup>th</sup> there will an Open House at Dorthey Heights Library.

Mr. Jacob Lappi, the Principal from J.C Nalle, informed the community that there are 345 students at the school. Over 100 students in early childhood classes. It is currently the only Montessori Class East of the River, which is offered from 1-5<sup>th</sup> grades. They have raised their attendance by 3% points. They offer free before and aftercare. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year as a community school, and they want to continue to partner with ANC7E for programs where they can use the school.

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

PSA #332735: 1683 FORT DUPONT ST, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020: Speed Bumps on the 4300 block of Burns St SE and the 1600 Block of Fort Davis. This was moved by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Allen. Voted on 7-0-0.

### **NEW Business**

#### **Resolution to increase staff pay:**

Commissioner Houseal introduced a resolution to increase the pay rate of the Executive Assistant from \$550 per month for approximately 40 hours to \$20 per hour for approximately 40 hours per week for no more than \$800 per month. Additionally, the pay would be remitted bi-weekly instead of monthly. Commissioner Rasheed expressed that several constituents could assist with the office management duties and that the money should be used to serve the community. Commissioner Green responded that the Exec Assistant has handled her role and

responsibilities well and she has maintained the office at a high standard that having one person to manage the office is ideal. Commissioner Green moved to approved the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Tate. Commissioner Horton moved to amend the main motion to include an hourly rate instead of a flat rate. Commissioner Green motioned to approved the amended motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Tate. The resolution passed 5-0-2.

### **Resolution to encourage development at the Fletcher Johnson Site**

Commissioner Houseal introduced a resouoltion to encourage the development of the Fletcher Johnson site. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Felder, the Community Development Manager in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development offered highlights of the Fletcher Johnson Site project.

A co-chair of the Fletcher Johnson Taskforce, Mr. Keith Towery was disgruntled with the resolution and spoke out against it. Mr. Towery had to be removed from the meeting by security.

The motion was voted on and passed 5-0-2.. Commissioner Horton and Rasheed opposed the motion.

### **Adjournment**

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:38 pm.