

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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# ANC 7B COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Dec. 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm

John F. Adams Secretary	7B01 –	Jamaal Maurice Pearsall  – Vice Chairman	7B02	Travis R. Swanson Treasurer	7B03 –
D.L. Humphrey	7B04	Donna Robinson	7B05	Kelvin Earl Brown Chairman	7806
Lisa D. T. Rice	7B07	Kelly Taylor	7B08	Michelle Hammond	7B09

# **ANC 7B Community Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order: 6:33pm

**Roll Call: In attendance: 01,02, 03,04, 05,06,07,08,09.** Side note: CM Humphries announced the passing of his mom.

Consent Agenda Approval Items: Comm'r Pearsall motioned to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm'r

Adams/Consent agenda approved by majority vote.

- Nov. 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Convert Landline to VIOP {TBD}
- Pennsylvania Ave. SE Décor Project Grant

### 7B Officer(s) Reports

- I. Treasurer: Email from Ms. Dickerson
- II. Secretary:
- III. Chairman's Report
  - a. Operational Update: Commission land line decide on if the cost sho
  - b. Commission Update

# MPD REPORT (15mins Q&A)

- Lt Suku provided crime status updates: Reiterated the ongoing trend of upticks in overall crime within the PSA.
  - o Community comments:
    - Robin Marlin expressed that she forwarded email regarding commuter bus {academy bus, etc. cut cars off from left lane to cross Alabama Ave at Branch Ave SE} – requested police response to traffic violation. Lt. noted he'd respond by placing MPD on patrol at location.
    - Linda Green provided comments which encapsulated a plethora of different points associated with her past experiences/interactions.

#### **o** Commissioners' comments:

 Comm'r Brown commended MPD for their support on community walks/presence.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (10mins Q&A) – No presentation provided. OFFICE OF CM GRAY (10mins Q&A) – No presentation provided. ACTION REQUIRED:

- Notice of Virtual Meeting BZA Application No. 21066 of 2925 PENNSYLVANIA AVE SE, LLC: Sched 3/13/2024 / Comm'r Swanson noted awareness and affirmed that he had been in touch with stakeholders.
- Z.C. Case No. 09-03H Skyland PUD / Comm'r Pearsall reiterated his support and reported that appropriate actions were underway.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE** 

# SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS (15 Minutes including Q & A):

• DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson – Provided comments on pending legislation for the new Council period and the upcoming budget process: Chairman Mendelson offered overview on his newly introduced Public Safety Bill Evidence-based Gun Violence Prevention Act. He noted that the council's commitment to advancing legislation to further address the district's crime issues. FY 2025-Budget: Chairman Mendelson noted that council's preparation on budget review/pending hearings/encouraged the public to follow/participate in hearings. Noted Committee on Economic Dev. Oversight/final approval of newly secured agency director. Committee of the Whole to review/DOB as it pertains to pending oversight hearing(s) regarding rental properties/unit improvements/proactive approaches to building inspections.

# o Commissioners' comments

- Comm'r Pearsall noted concerns regarding CM Mendelson's efforts that
  promote contracting investigators that will follow cases to lessen the load
  on MPD. Mendelson noted that the investigator would be trained by
  MPD but would not have arrest powers.
- Comm'r Taylor suggested that parents be held responsible for their underage children's crime infractions. Comm'r also inquires as to why it's not a prerequisite in DC. Chairman Mendelson noted that due to the structure of the law a parent cannot be held accountable for their child's criminal behavior.
- Comm'r Adams inquired as to the girth of the proposed language for DOB's proactive inspections and that the language be considered for the Housing Authority to adopt as well; particularly, as it pertains to building/unit inspections.
- Comm'r Robinson offered to share her expertise as it pertains to Public Safety/noted her desire to meet with CM. CM Mendelson encouraged that she get on his schedule to meet. Contact Monique Wynn.
- Comm'r Brown inquired as to Public Safety/police deployment.
   Chairman Mendelson noted that MPD application are trending up but it's still a shortage of manpower which impacts capabilities.
- Comm'r Brown inquired as to citing landlords/owners for blighted properties. Chairman Mendelson noted that laws are in on the books to address many measures; however, the process is a bit passive approach. He noted that he's introducing a more aggressive approach for citing violators
- Comm'r Humphrey noted concerns related to inter-agency

- communication as it relates to addressing crime. Chairman Mendelson agreed to the need/noted the arrest records of offenders and the need to correct those numbers.
- Comm'r Pearsall encouraged that DCPS attendance system be accurate if
  that's going to be the bases or criteria to call in CFSA to address the
  measure. Chairman noted that the school's attendance team has the role
  of assessing/addressing truancy measures and agreed that competency
  levels to execute the task required upgrading/monitoring.
- Community comments
  - Linda Green: Inquired as to MPD civilian investigators initiative; noted concerns as to training; investigative skill sets. Chairman Mendelson noted that they would be well vetted and prepared the task.
- DDOT, Christine Mayeur Southern Ave. SE and the Marion Barry Ave. SE projects
  - Ms. Mayeur presented a PowerPoint overview of the project, highlighted Marion Barry Ave SE. DDOT will have the slides.
  - Comm'r Swanson asked if added speed reduction measures would also be taken on added nearby street {Naylor Rd.} for which Ms. Mayeur indicated that would not be considered with the current initiatives underway.
  - O Comm'r Brown inquired as to traffic turn signals at problem intersection {Marion Barry Ave/25<sup>th</sup> st}. Assessment for adjustments is still underway.
  - o Addition questions were asked by Commissioners/Community for which the presenting map was referenced for clarity.
    - See links:
      - Marion Barry Avenue SE Corridor (dc.gov)
      - Southern Avenue Corridor Safety Project (arcgis.com)

# STANDING COMMITTEES (2-3min Q&A) – No year end updates due to time constraints.

- Business and Economic Development
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Parks and Environment
- Planning and Housing
- Public Safety
- Public Utilities
- Transportation

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS** (20 min)

# **SPECIAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES** (10MINS)

- LITTLE LIGHTS to be rescheduled for January 2024 mtg/holiday scheduling.
- COMMUNITY WELLNESS VENTURES
  - Presentation on mental health services for DC Medicaid beneficiaries and noted new early psychosis detection and treatment program through grant from DC Department of Health. The team provided PowerPoint presentation/vital contact information.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:41pm** 

NEXT MTG Jan.18, 2023 @ 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM Meeting Location: VIA ZOOM

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