



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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## ANC 7B EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA July 20, 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	7B06
Lisa D. T. Rice	7B07	Kelly Taylor	7B08	Michelle Hammond	7B09

**Call to Order:** Forum called to order at 6:33pm

**Roll Call:** All Commissioners present/Full quorum,

**Consent Agenda Approval – Moved by Comm’r Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm’r Rice**

- QFR FY23 – Q3 (Commissioner Swanson / Chairman K. Brown)
- June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Commissioner Adams)

### Regular Meeting Agenda

#### 7B Officer(s) Reports

- I. **Treasurer** – Comm’r Swanson offered brief overview regarding 7B’s quarterly allotment for July 2023, which was not reflected in the earlier report.
- II. **Secretary** – Comm’r Adams provided a status update on 7B Commission’s Exec Assistant hire process. Look to advance process during Aug 2023 and complete by close of Sept 2023.
- III. **Chairman’s Report**
  - i. **Operational Update**
    - ANC7B website work progressing with assistance from OANC
    - ANC7B Committees have fully kicked off and working sessions ongoing
    - Commissioner business cards have been developed/ordered/delivered
    - Commission’s printer still to be shipped to manufacturer {continue to work out logistics}
  - ii. **Commission Updates:**
    - DPW Performing Street Cleaning throughout the Commission
    - DDOT is currently working on adjusting LED light and pruning trees; DDOT is also currently doing roadwork on Naylor Rd. SE near Skyland Towncenter
    - DC Water is currently performing water line testing and tie-ins (7/19-7/30) on Pennsylvania Ave. SE to 40<sup>th</sup> St SE

- Washington Gas *ProjectPipes* infrastructure work underway on 38<sup>th</sup> St. SE and Pennsylvania Ave. SE/Minnesota Ave. SE
- Hillcrest Pool activities are progressing (Design/build contractor selection process is underway)

**MPD REPORT (15mins Q&A)**

- No representative present

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (10mins w/ Q&A)**

- No representative present

**OFFICE OF CM GRAY (10mins w/ Q&A)**

- Comm'r Humphrey/Director of Constituent Services for CM Gray's Office:
  - Provided overview of Fiscal Budget measures and shared website
  - Noted 2300 Blk of Pennsylvania Ave, SE Crime Camera installed.
  - Reviewed trends of homicides in Ward 7/ Noted that MPD staffing still challenged and noted the efforts to retain MPD veterans continued to be underway. Director expressed acknowledged ongoing Crime Crisis in Ward 7/citywide and reiterated details related to MPD's record low staffing issues.
  - Noted CM Grays support for recent Crime Bill as well as other legislation currently being considered and encouraged public to view bills on LIMS on DC Council website.
  - Expressed that continued school visits conducted by Councilmember's Office.
- Comm'r Robinson offered statement regarding crime accountability and prosecution. She expressed her concerns regarding offenders not being prosecuted to the fullest of law. Comm'r Humphrey responded and noted that it's clear that leadership must do more.
- Inquiry as to the conditions of Sousa Middle Sch was also noted. Comm'r Humphrey noted that the building has many deficits {mold, safety issues, etc}that require immediate actions to address them.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- Public Space Construction Permit application #415286 at 2908 N STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019has been resubmitted. Due Date 7.31.23 (Commissioner D.L. Humphrey)
  - Comm'r Humphrey noted no push back on this measure and suggested support from the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- N/A

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

- Office of Tax and Revenue – Executive Director Nicholas Johnson
  - Dir Johnson noted that the commission is an independent body to review DC Tax Code. He expressed how taxes impact infrastructure and impact developmental initiatives. Dir Johnson noted that DC needs to have a broad tax base to be prepared to continue to fund services. He expressed that racial/income disparities protect all classes of DC citizens.
    - Provided link: [About us - DC Tax Revision Commission](#)
  - The commissions efforts to review tax protocols. Following data – good research; joint commissions from City wide areas; engaging DC residents to hear idea, concerns, etc.

Comments:

- Chair asked if there were efforts to review other models nationally to see who's successful. Dir noted they were looking at the State of New Hampshire {their process of taxing businesses}; reviewing how to best strengthen the taxpayer's advocates office {DC}. Chair inquired as to consumer groups and how DC property taxes impact certain cohorts. For which Dir. Johnson acknowledged that they included multiple groups.
  - Gerald Bowen asked what happens after thr research and report is completed {due to the DC Council before the end of the Fiscal Year}
  - Comm'r Robinson noted that certain professions {DC Fire, MPD} could use a break on taxes.
  - Loretta Browner note that retired Teachers could get the same consideration as offered in Md when it comes to tax breaks.
  - Comm'r Rice inquired as to a state plan as it pertains to properties placed in trust and how individuals are impacted by taxes. Dir Johnson noted that there were changes made as to the homeowner's income as opposed to the entire households' earnings. However, he was unable to provide a comfortable response due to not having codes/details on hand. He recommended engaging the Taxpayer's Advocate Office if more details were sought.
- District Department of Transportation: Southern Ave. SE & Alabama Ave. SE Traffic Study Update – Christine Mayeur
    - Christine Mayer {DDOT} provided a project update as it pertained to study due to fatality caused by vehicle incidents. She noted this as a high safety priority for Mayor's administration. She presented a slide which is obtainable through DDOT. Planning/Study deadline noted to end when contract is over.
    - Comm'r Rice – noted that her SMD doesn't fall in the area noted that Branch Ave/Anacostia Rd SE needs traffic calming mechanism. TSI had been submitted and Ms. Mayer noted that she would engage Ms. Powell – DDOT Liaison, Branch Ave SE was noted as an area of interest.
    - Comm'r Swanson – noted the committee's resolution concerning the timeline regarding the study. He also inquired as to the Southern Ave area. He also inquired about traffic light modification and intersection reconfiguration. Ms. Mayerur responded that her goal is to investigate applying for a grant to see if that might serve as an alternative.
    - Comm'r Taylor also noted concerns regarding the intersection and how traffic detours cut through the alley up to 40<sup>th</sup> street which has also caused accidents. Ms. Mayeur noted that she could suggest that a quick curve/strip be placed there to prevent traffic cuts.

Public

- Arnolando Jemenez noted his concerns as it pertains to crossing the street on Branch Ave. Traffic speed between Pennsylvania ave and Randall Circle. Suggested that more attention be placed on traffic calming efforts.
- Kopen Henderson asked about plans to install a speed camera be installed at light near Anne Beers Elementary
- Ashley Emerson noted concerns related to traffic trends near Anne Beers/Library aren't working. Asked about ANC if funding was accessible to complete projects. Ms. Mayerur responded that the area on Alabama Ave is noted as one of the highest traffic incidents areas its DC.

**STANDING COMMITTEES (2-3min Q&A)**

- Business and Economic Development – Comm’r Adams, Chair 7/13/2023 held initial planning Mtg/Next mtg slated for Sept 2023 date tbd. Also, met with Steve Park {Emmanuel Church at 2600 Minnesota Ave SE} – Little Lights, Founder/Executive Dir.
- Education - No report
- Health and Human Services - No report
- Parks and Environment - No report
- Planning and Housing – No reported/activity {Fist meeting forthcoming}
- Public Safety – Comm’r Rice: looking to plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Mtg {Date forthcoming} Focus is Traffic, violence, Opioid use.
- Public Utilities - Comm’r Hammond planning initial meeting / did note she was having a teen summit no date/location provided, and shared that a resource fair was forthcoming.
- Transportation – Comm’r Swanson / No Updates next mtg in Sep 2023

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS (20 min)**

- Veda Rasheed invited 7/22/2023 clean up and Anne Beers Elementary
- Dr. C inquired as to how to learn how to participate in Committee Mtg. Who was interested in Committee on Health. To be directed to Chair of Committee.
- Kopen Henderson inquired as to the Hillcrest Pool and how it impacts green space. Chairman Brown noted that discussions will be planned with DPR and the public would be notified for participation.
- Latisha Atkins reported that DC Council approved enhancement for DC’s Main Streets to include PAEMS. And noted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual out all night on event forthcoming,
- Arnaldo Jimenez noted concerns for vegetation maintenance regarding field M St SE. Comm’r Humphrey noted he’d aid with addressing issue with Comm’r Rice.
- Ashley Emmerson inquired as to concerns for pruning in an area that near/borders her property area. She also noted concerns regarding Hillcrest Pool proposal and lack of public outreach as well as opportunities for public input. Chairman noted that more outreach was promised by DPR and more details pertaining to those efforts were forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:23pm**

**NEXT MTG Sept. 21, 2023 @ 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM Meeting Location: VIA ZOOM**

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