



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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## ANC 7B PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA May 18, 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: 6:34pm**

**ROLL CALL: 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09 {Quorum}**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Comm'r Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm'r Adams**

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Opioid Addiction Resolution (Commr. Pearsall) – Not present
- Transportation Safety Resolution (Commr. T. Swanson) – Motioned to approve by Comm'r Swanson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm'r Rice. Vote unanimously by all Comm'r in attendance. {Resolution approved}

### TREASURER'S UPDATE

- New ONAC process/system has not been activated – Still pending.

### ACTION(S) REQUIRED:

- Public Space Construction Permit application #415286 at 2908 N STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019. Due date: 5/2/23 (Commissioner Humphrey)
  - Commissioner Humphrey noted no knowledge of what's to be constructed; noted the need to check TOPs; and agreed to follow-up. Note: Application was reported as closed by Chairman Brown. Comm'r Humphrey to follow-up with stakeholders via electronic communiques.
- BZA Application for 2909 N Street SE – (Commissioner Humphrey): Sarah Harkcom/Martin Sullivan provider presentation
  - Comm'r Robinson inquired as to the projection regarding the use of the property for which resident expressed desire to create additional space for daughters who are slated to return to the area after completing school.

- Comm'r Adams asked if the nearby neighbors had been vetted as to proposed project for which Ms. Harkom expressed no known opposition; didn't give details as to vetting efforts. She expressed that she reached out to ANC rep - Comm'r Humphrey; but hadn't been able to connect.
- Comm'r Humphrey affirmed that he'd follow-up with Ms. Harkom and highlighted trends of how projects of this nature impact traffic flow and parking during construction periods and encouraged Ms. Harkom to alert neighbors in advance of any foreseeable possible interruptions.
- Comm'r Robinson inquired as to the height difference regarding the proposed structure as it compares to current homes {25ft to 35ft} for which developer noted the project meets prerequisites/city codes.
- Robin Hammond re-asked about the height difference and encouraged that ANC vet the details and provide letter of position.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Public Space Construction Permit application #405476 at 2617 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020 (Commissioner T. Swanson)
  - Comm'r Swanson: Noted that the permit was a resubmission; not sure on of the reason of the resubmittal. Comm'r noted his opposition due to development plan offering no commercial options. Developers reported as having become unresponsive. Property has become blighted and has received citations as per Comm'r Swanson's report.
  - Comm'r Brown noted that 7B Commission consider reaching out to the Office of Planning since developers have become unresponsive in an effort to generate activities of reengagement.

#### **SPEAKERS (15 Minutes including Q & A):**

##### **I. MPD SECTOR 2 REPORT – Sgt Allen:**

Noted an overall crime increase {>37% } with many identified as property infractions {>81% }. He also noted auto theft safety tips {See MPD crime safety tips }; also reiterated that Amazon packages can be sent to MPD substation for delivery. Sgt Allen also indicated MPD's Guns reduction initiatives included \$10,000 reward for tips.

- Comm'r Robinson suggested that car owners secure alarm systems, wheel locks, etc. to serve as auto theft deterrents.
- Comm'r Brown inquired as additional crime prevention measures on the upper node of Pennsylvania/Southern Avenue for which Sgt Allen responded he'd provide follow-up response after consulting/securing details from MPD leadership.

##### **Community questions.**

- Mr. Jackson – Trek Bicycles {Skyland Town Ctr} asked about security/policing measures planned for the bike shop's vicinity. {noted expensive inventory and need for planned uptick in patrolling}. Sgt Allen noted that the immediate area would continue to be on MPD's radar for regular/consistent patrolling.
- Ms. Ficklin - inquired as to the effectiveness of camara's as it pertains to crime abatement. Sgt Allen noted the high effectiveness of footage with solving crimes.
- Sgt Allen responded to chat commits regarding uptick of prostitution at 27<sup>th</sup> and Pope St SE. He noted MPD's awareness; planned increase patrolling and asked the public to continue to report sightings.
- Mr. Barnwell noted concern of safety measures as it pertained to streetlights {they appear dimmer} What is MPD reaction to the dimmer lights? Sgt Allen will forward an inquiry to Lt. Johnson to get this on leadership's radar.

- Detroy Garrett: Inquired as to MPD's training for developmental delayed children. Sgt Allen responded that MPD does provide training to personnel.

## II. OFFICE OF THE MAYOR –

Reported the following:

- New community ctr in Ward 7/Faunteroy Ctr. – MOCA scheduling opportunities; Chief Conte retired {effective June 6, 2023; Public safety: Safer stronger DC; and provided numerous pending events. See the Mayor's website.

Commissioners:

- Commissioner Rice requested location/contact details to be shared: 4800 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave [www.faunteroycenter.org](http://www.faunteroycenter.org) (202) 600-7056

Community response:

- Walter Ficklin inquired as to economic development opportunities along the Minnesota Ave corridor. Comm'r Brown suggested he reach out to 7B commission's Committee on Bus/Economic Dev. – Chair {Comm'r John Adams}. Comm'r Adams encouraged Mr. Ficklin to contact him directly.
- Detroy Garrett – Noted push-back from DDOT/ as it pertained to his inquiries associated to safety measures {signage/traffic calming measures}. Comm'r Hammond is currently working with resident/family.

## III. OFFICE of Councilmember Gray – Director of Constituent Services DL Humphrey presented.

- Comm'r Humphrey provided brief overview of Councilmember's initiatives within the Ward.
- Expressed concerns as they related to continued gun violence highlighting recent shooting at 2300 blk Pennsylvania Ave {victim succumbed to injuries}.

## IV. Mr. Jackson – Trek Bicycles {Skyland Town Ctr} – Hours 10am to 6pm close on Sunday/Mondays.

- Noted his experience working with youth {formerly lead Non-profit cycling that catered to youth engagement}
- Expressed goal to increase cycling activities within the underserved communities.
- Expressed goal to offer bicycle services within the community.
- Noted desired to support safety awareness afforded to cyclists.
- Expressed grand opening event for the community {date tbd}.

Commissioners' response

- Comm'r Adams inquired as to projected merchandise pricing. Ranged quoted as \$400 - \$7200. Shop projected to open in June 2023.

Community response:

- Ashley Emerson – Noted concern about the language presented during Mr. Jackson presentation. She shared concerns about his negative energy as it pertained to the community as well as her perception of how It presents as if the community needed him/his establishment. Which was also echoed Chairman Brown and Comm'r Rice.

## STANDING COMMITTEES UPDATES

- Business and Economic Development - 1<sup>st</sup> committee mtg {tbd}
- Education – Comm'r Humphrey {concerns regarding attendance} 1<sup>st</sup> committee mtg {tbd}
- Health and Human Services - Not present
- Parks and Environment – Not present
- Planning and Housing – Unclear on status

- Public Safety – 1<sup>st</sup> mtg convened on 4/26/2023 / Considering budget response to Mayor’s Budget and to be revisited; opioids abuse continues to be a major committee concern.
- Public Utilities – 1<sup>st</sup> committee mtg {tbd}
- Transportation – Comm’r Swanson noted the following – First meeting completed on {date needed}
  - Committee mtgs slated for 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month. Next committee mgt. sched for 6/7/2023
  - Transportation Safety Resolution completed by committee.

Chairman Brown offered congrats/kudo’s regarding commissioners and their committees’ progress.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS** (20 min)

**ADJOURNMENT: Mtg adjourned at 8:45pm**  
○ **Next mtg. 6/15/2023 at 6:30pm**

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

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