



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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## ANC 7B MEETING AGENDA September 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	7B06
Lisa D. T. Rice	7B07	Kelly Taylor	7B08	Michelle Hammond	7B09

### Call to Order 6:35pm -

Roll Call: All in attendance apart from 7B07; 7B08

### Consent Agenda Items

- July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Q3 QFR -
- Mass. Ave. SE Safety Improvements Resolution
- PAEMS Art All Night Grant Application
  - **Moved approved – Motioned by Comm’r Humphrey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm’r Adams**

### ACTION REQUIRED:

- Public Space Construction Permit application #405476 at 2617 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020 has been resubmitted. Due Date: 10.06.23 (Commissioner T. Swanson) – **Comm’r Swanson noted no added movement as pertaining to engagement. Position of ANC from past commission cycle**

### NEW BUSINESS:

- N/A

### SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS (30 Minutes including Q & A):

- MPD – Asst. Chief of Police, Patrol Services North Tasha Bryant  
Provided safety background overview and noted that most of her career has been spent in Wards 6,7,8. Noted initiatives to partner with federal law enforcement agencies to address the upsurge in crime. The Chief requested that the community partner with MPD to address crime in the city by sharing information and working collectively.

**Chairman Brown aske Asst. Chief Bryan to provide comments regarding prepared question forwarded prior to mtg. Chief noted that they are implementing strategies on Minnesota,**

Branch Ave, Southern Ave.

Commissioners' questions:

- Chair inquired as to expectations for officers to conduct foot patrol:
- Comm'r Adams asked about projected strategies to address continued crime activity within the lower Penn Ave Node and inquired as to recent camera installations within the 7B Commission area.
- Veda Rasheed inquired as to truancy tactics and implementations. The Chief expressed MPD does enforce truancy.
- Ms. Rasheed also asked about traffic enforcement/ticketing will be implemented. The Chief asked that details be shared so traffic patrol could be placed.
- Sheila Brown – Suggested that community give change a chance; noted her appreciation for the new cameras at Branch/Alabama Ave. SE.
  - Lt. Pah Suku: Provided stats for sector 2
    - 30day report 2 homicides, 28 robberies, 27 auto thefts, 7 ADW, 5 Burglaries, 7 thefts from auto.
  - Comm'r Robinson inquired as to some details related to reported crimes. She inquired as to burglaries/drug sales at 3300 blk Gainesville St. as well as Naylor Gardens. And asked why US Attorney's Office only prosecuted less than 66% of arrested suspects.
  - Comm'r Swanson inquired as to 1600 Blk 27<sup>th</sup> street updates. Ref: body found in dumpster. MPD to review details and provide follow-up.
  - Comm'r Pearsall inquired about past work with Lt Johnson to gain added patrol on 36<sup>th</sup> Street/Alabama.
  - Comm'r Humphrey raised concern regarding lack of prosecution after arrest have been made. Suggested that the body invite US Attorney to address the concern.
  - Comm'r Adams reported his recent participation in MPD/Multi Agency walk {Lower Node – business corridor}/commended participants for the effort. Comm'r offered his appreciation to Inspector Fitzgerald/Lt. Johnson's leadership.
  - Comm'r Taylor noted that he felt the area at L'Enfant Sq is a den for opioid sales and encouraged that more attention be given to the area as well.
  - Comm'r Hammond noted concerns related to upsurge of crime 34<sup>th</sup> Street SE; asked about Jump-out engagement on citizens as well as MPD's care checks. Lt noted that car checks are made to reduce auto theft. Lt also expressed officers could be responding to calls made by neighbors which is why you'll see police approaching groups/individuals.
  - Comm'r Brown offered his appreciation to Inspector Fitzgerald, noted upsurge of police presence in Fairfax Village and adjourn.

### Community

- ❖ Frm Comm'r D. Retland: Inquired as to when the speed camera would be placed on the northern side of Branch Ave; running towards Randall Cir. He also noted that 2400 blk/open drug market. Lt Suku noted he just drafted a plan of action and looks to implement those measures. Fr Comm'r Retland requested a report be provided to the community.
- ❖ Wylie Webb: resident of Hillcrest community. Noted concerns related to car being stolen from garage. Det Manning {MPD} and shared concerns related to MPD minimal actions/concerns present by investigating detective. She did note that the most responsive was the officer answering the call at the time of the incident. Lt requested Ms. Webb email him details of the measure and her contact info.
- ❖ Kali Keller suggested that traffic lights be re-synchronized throughout the

- district to aid with alleviating traffic.
  - ❖ Andrea F. 1700 28<sup>th</sup> St sought details related to residential parking zoning asked about update on parking zoning request. She was directed to DPW\Comm'r Swanson. She also noted concerns related to construction/DC Water and impact on parking for which Chair Brown/Emanuel Briggs at DC Water would address.
  - ❖ S Haque noted he's a new neighbor asked about home orchards and fruit growth/sales regulations in the community.
  - ❖ Sheryl Scruggs inquired as to status of introduced resolution by ANC/DC Council resolutions/legislation.
  - ❖ Paulette Tillman – inquired about efforts to address overgrowth at Alabama Ave/Penn Ave SE. She also inquired about a recent parenting class offering. Comm'r Pearsall noted that he has reached out to agencies in the past to address the overgrowth and would continue advocacy to address the measure.
- DDOT – Deputy Director Sharon Kershbaum (rescheduled)
  - Kelly Jeong-Olson, DDOT stood in for Director offered introductions.
  - Sandra Marks, DDOT also reported in and noted measures associated w/Vision 0 initiative geared to combat traffic issues {Hight entry locations, crash trends,} Short term strategies {tactical installations} within the Alabama Ave and Southern Ave corridors; noted traffic calming/safety measures as well as encouraged community input/request. She shared plans for projects on Alabama Ave as they related to safety crossing measures at key intersections and again sought community engagement.
    - Comm'r Pearsall inquired as to speed camara installation update at Ambers Elementary School. Ms. Keller noted the project was being reassessed and they would report back to the ANC to share more information. Ms. Marks noted that she wanted to look in the matter an get back with Commission with a status update.
  - Chrstine Mayerur DDOT noted the progress of DDOT study initiatives along Southern and Penn Ave. and projected buildouts forthcoming.

Community questions:

- Keller noted the need of immediate safety measures.
- Lisa Jenkins noted that 3<sup>rd</sup> St and W St there were no parking signs which prohibits residents from parking on their streets. Ms. Marks noted that DDOT would look into the measure.
- Sheryl Scruggs noted her concerns related to Penn Ave/Southern Ave and lack of cleanliness. Requested timeline for future clean-up and maintenance. Chairman Brown noted brush cuts and clean-up and his intent to reach out to the appropriate agency. Ms. Scruggs inquired as to bus shelter at 38<sup>th</sup> and Penn ave, Comm'r Brown
- Comm'r requested info for requesting traffic light in his area
- Comm'r Hammond asked about speed bumps on her block. Asked about procedure. She was direct to submit request via 311.
- Comm'r Adams requested that Tactical Installs be removed at Randall Cir and Minnesota ave to allow drivers to make safe turns. Ms. Marks noted that she would look and adjust.

Announcements:

Jamila White announced the upcoming Penn East out all Night Events. Uber to provide discount {code created for Ward 7 residents}.

Latisha Atkins, Director PEAMS announced that on 9/29/2023 out all night, small business, Dream Ctr  
Michell Phipps, 11 Annual Hillcrest Day postponed to inclement weather.

Public Comments:

Added concerns:

- Sheila Brown noted that the ANC should remain engaged with the projected Hillcrest Aquatic Ctr and its progress.
- MJ inquired as to status/updates at Suitland Terrace regarding crime/car jackings. Chairman responded that MPD had this on their radar and strategies are being developed.
- Kali Keller noted she was looking to get the tennis light replaced at the Fr Davis Rec Ctr. She also noted her concerns regarding the redesign of Minnesota Ave. and how it causes more traffic and impedes emergency vehicles.

**STANDING COMMITTEES (2-3min Q&A) – Committee check-ins tabled {due to robust agenda}.**

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

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS (20 min)**

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:17pm**

**NEXT MTG Oct. 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM Meeting Location: VIA ZOOM**

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