

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D**  
**April Monthly Public Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2023**

6:33: Chair Felder calls meeting to order. Commissioners Felder, Payne, Friend, Astmann, Alcorn, Schapitl, and Eby are present.

6:36: Agenda and March meeting minutes adopted by voice

6:36 Chair Felder turns meeting over to Mayor Bowser. Mayor Bowser is at Skyland's Eden Bridge Pace, celebrating a new residential space for seniors. She begins with the budget. It's a tough budget. This is the first time since 2011 that D.C. has experienced reduced revenues, while, at the same time, costs are increasing. Remote work has had a big impact on city revenues with commercial vacancies downtown. Revitalization of the District will be fueled by public safety and schools. Mayor Bowser discusses how the city has used American Rescue Plan funding and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. Tough decisions had to be made in transportation, like reduced circulator service. There is a \$68 million investment in Hill East to ensure infrastructure is ready. Mayor Bowser highlights other Ward 7 priorities like the Food Access Fund, a full service grocery store at East Capitol Gateway, and work at Fletcher Johnson. The budget does not include any tax increases on residents and businesses, and few new programs. Now is the time to buckle down and focus on the basics and delivering on long-promised projects.

Commissioner Alcorn questions Mayor Bowser about 4-way stop at 16<sup>th</sup> and East Capitol. Mayor Bowser says she will take it back to her team.

Commissioner Payne questions Mayor Bowser about crime and high-profile shootings and car jackings, and thanks Office of Violence Prevention. She asks for an increase in funding for safe passage, stable budget for DPW, and about trash and illegally-parked cars. She also advocates for a return of the left turn on Oklahoma Avenue and says the community was not adequately consulted on its removal. Mayor Bowser talks about public safety priorities, and will take back many of these issues.

Commissioner Friend questions Mayor Bowser about Emergency Rental Assistance Program and urges more funding for it. Mayor Bowser points to actions she has taken on affordable housing, like the revised payment terms for 70% of HPAP borrowers.

Commissioner Schapitl questions Mayor Bowser about a camera at 15<sup>th</sup> and Independence and the status of the D.C. crime lab. Mayor Bowser says the budget addresses the crime lab issues.

Commissioner Astman questions Mayor Bowser about temporary and fraudulent tags. Mayor Bowser agrees it's a problem, but resources for DPW boot crews are limited.

Commissioner Eby questions Mayor Bowser about Vision Zero. Mayor Bowser reiterates support for safer streets, tough budget choices.

Former Commissioner Francis Campbell and current constituent services coordinator for Councilmember Gray questions Mayor Bowser about speeding around St. Coletta's. Mayor Bowser says she will take it back. Former Commissioner Wright asked Mayor Bowser about transportation and circulator cuts. Mayor Bowser stresses tough transportation budget and looming \$250 million bill from WMATA next year.

Community question from Necothia. Necothia urges a skate park at RFK/Stadium Armory. Mayor Bowser will take it back.

Community question from Yvonne. Yvonne thanks Mayor for her handling of pandemic and raises concerns with 3622 Benning Road. There are blighted businesses, trash, and rats. Mayor Bowser will take it back.

Community question from Dalton: Dalton ask about the instructions is DDOT given with traffic calming devices. Mayor Bowser stresses need to find balance on traffic calming projects. Some members of the community think the city is going too fast. Some members think the city is going to slow.

Chair Felder thanks Mayor Bowser for coming to 7D and Mayor Bowser departs.

7:35 Councilmember Gray constituent services coordinator Francis Campbell: No new updates. He will share his new contact info.

7:40 Former Councilmember Alexander, currently working as a consultant for R-13 Community Partners provides brief introduction of her team.

Torti Gallas provides overview of Phase 2: Bundle 2. There will be a mix of rental, retails and hospitality and home ownership. 1000+ rental units, 1/3 affordable, 1/3 workforce, 1/3 market. The development will provide one of first hotels in the area. They are hoping for grocery to be retail. There will also be 126 condo and townhouse units. They are looking for community feedback on park

In response to questions: Torti Dallas clarifies that the hotel will have parking and she is aware of the issues with the drop off with retaining wall and school. It will be approximately a year and half until the start of construction. Her team is working with DC Water. There will be 2-2.5 years of construction. 150 rooms, 8 stories

8:04 CityInterests provide Parkside development updates. CityInterest wants four community support letters, and will have follow-up meeting in-person and virtually to walk through concerns. Concerns raised by community about parking, heritage trees, prevalence of rental units over condos, and retail.

8:20 DDOT presents on NOI, 19<sup>th</sup> Street continuation toward Rosedale. Commissioners will follow up with DDOT team with questions.

8:37 Charter School presentation.

8:49 Capitol Hill Classic presentation. Race organizers provide overview of event and logistics for race day.

9:03 Treasurer agenda adopted unanimously.

9:09: Four community members are unanimously added to committees .

9:11: Opioid resolution presented. Motion adopted unanimously

9:23 Meeting adjourned