

ANC 7D Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023
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6:34: Meeting called to order. Commissioner Hasaan and Chair Felder are not present. Commissioner Hassan joined by 6:42

6:35: Aaron Jenkins, the Director of Community Engagement for the D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb, presents on the work of the office. Questions will be tabled due to a personal obligation.

6:52: DCPL asks to go ahead of other updates due to being double booked at another commission. Martha Saccocio leads a presentation from DCPL on Rosedale Library full service replacement. There are four potential sites that meet the 20,000 square foot requirement. Commissioners Payne and Friend asked clarifying questions about the process. Former Commissioner Gilbert wants library to remain in Ward 7.

6:59 Chair Felder has joined.

7:13 Ward 7 MOCRE Lawrence Davin discusses new appointments. The DPW transfer Station at Benning Road is closed but Ft. Totten remains open. There will be a teletownhall on new the police chief.

7:21 Aaron Jenkins returns for questions. Commissioner Eby asks about property tax enforcement against vacant properties. Commissioner Friend asks about Cure the Streets. Commissioner Schapitl asks about attorney general's approach to juvenile crime, crime lab.

7:47 Lieutenant Alali from MPD provides a public safety update. He states that MPD has recalibrated its approach at 15th and Independence. There is an increased police presence, designated traffic car, added business checks and more proactive police tactics generally to address the quality of life issues like open air selling and use of narcotics and marijuana. Commissioner Schapitl thanks for increased presence on 15th and Independence. Commissioner Davis asks the potential for a gun amnesty program.

8:05: Former Commissioner Campbell and current constituent services representative for Councilmember Gray reintroduces himself to the community for newcomers and provides general updates.

8:10 Sean Moore from Lead Free D.C. discusses their program to provide free Lead Service Line replacements. Community member Gladys Mack asks about process to get her block registered for the program

8:28 Commissioner provide SMD updates. Commission Hassan provides an update on potential illegal construction. Chair Felder provides an update on public safety concerns and the funeral of Arianna Davis, as well as the Parkside/City Interest Development. Commissioner Davis provides an update on the River Terrace Community Organization meeting and his SMD meet-and-greet.

Commissioner Payne provides an update on a \$200,000 award for the Kingman Park Community Garden to install a permanent water hook-up, community support on the Oklahoma Avenue turn lane, and testimony before the Transportation Committee on various issues. Commissioner Friend provides an update on Juneteenth programming at the Rosedale Library and the Discover Summer kick-off. Commissioner Astmann provides an update on community construction, alley naming, and Pocket Park improvements. Commissioner Alcorn provides an update on the Smart Street Lighting program. Commissioner Schapitl provides an update on public safety issues around 15th and Independence Avenue. Commissioner Eby provides an update on Hill East Civic Association.

8:44 Community comment. Brea Govan from Events DC reminds the community about the RFK Quarterly Meeting. Sharon Culver expresses concerns about new LED lights not being bright enough. Malissa Freese expresses concern about the \$4,000 advertising expenditure not benefitting seniors in River Terrace, which Chair Felder addresses.

9:00 Commissioner Alcorn makes a motion to add committee members. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Davis, and adopted by voice vote.

9:02: Commissioner Alcorn makes a motion for June 26 virtual meeting with committee members. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Eby, and adopted by voice vote.

9:04 Commissioner Friend makes a motion to adopt amended bylaws. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Alcorn, and adopted by voice vote.

9:06 Commissioner Alcorn makes a motion to send letter to D.C. Department of Buildings and Energy and Environment regarding City Interest installing a playground at Parkside. The motion is adopted by voice vote.

9:13: Marty Sullivan presents on a Board of Zoning appeal. Commissioner Schapitl and Commissioner Alcorn ask questions about the project. The commission does not take action.

9:23 Commissioner Payne makes a motion to urge DDOT to reinstate the left hand turn on Oklahoma Avenue. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Payne asks Commissioner Hasan and Chair Felder about previous community engagement. Commissioner Eby abstains with all other commissioners supporting.

9:43: Commissioner Friend makes a motion to support a resolution Apogee Farms, which is adopted by voice vote.

9:45 Commissioner Alcorn makes a motion to support Eastern High School's historic designation resolution, which is adopted by voice vote.

9:50: The meeting adjourns.