

Draft November 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes of ANC 7D

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6:33: Meeting comes to order. Commissioners Hasan, Davis, and Astmann are not in attendance. Commissioners Davis and Astmann join subsequently.

6:36: The November meeting agenda and October meeting minutes are adopted by unanimous consent.

6:38: Michael Halvin, President of Friends of the DC Streetcar speaks about the importance of transportation equity and improved transportation options through the extension of the Streetcar to East of the River and the impact of recent budget decisions to not adequately fund extensions. Halvin also answers commission and community questions about ridership levels and the pros and cons of extending the streetcar as opposed to improving bus service.

7:12: D.C. Councilmember Christina Henderson presents on her work as chair of the Health Committee, particularly as it relates to efforts to process Medicaid renewals and preserve the pandemic-era increases to SNAP benefits. Councilmember Henderson answers commission and community questions about public safety, education, transportation and the streetcar.

7:50: Lawrence Davin, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services (MOCRS) Ward 7 Representative shares updates, focusing on the Mayor's legislative proposals to combat crime and the ongoing project to update D.C. streetlights.

7:58: Francis Campbell, Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray shares information about leaf collection and Thanksgiving turkey giveaways.

8:02: Kelly Jeong-Olson, Community Engagement Manager, District Department of Transportation (DDOT) presents on the Traffic Safety Investigation process and how DDOT engages the community on projects. Commissioner Payne raises concerns about a lack of community engagement on projects in her SMD.

8:24 Commissioner Astmann presents the monthly Treasurer Report. The commissioner filed its quarterly financial report. The commission has \$74,745. There were no expenses, debits, or credits.

8:34: ANC 7D Committees and Motions: Commissioners Friend and Payne nominate additional committee members: William Rhinehart for the Transportation Committee, Barry Simpson for Public Safety, Antoine Walker for Public Safety, and Willy Smith for Public Safety.

8:36: Chair Brynn Barnett shares the October report of the Public Safety Committee, noting the committee's election of officers and efforts to establish block captains and community communication network. A motion to send a letter to Verizon concerning property at 580 23rd Place NE is adopted unanimously. Chair Zach Abramovitz shares the October report of the Economic Development, Housing Justice (and Zoning and Alcoholic Beverage) Committee, noting the committee's discussion of the Boys and Girls Club Redevelopment and upcoming BZA cases. Commissioner Alcorn presents on the meeting of the Transportation & Public Space Committee. The committee needs to elect a chairperson.

8:42: Commissioner Astmann presents on a proposed letter to Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) concerning Economy Market (License #0094127). Commissioner Alcorn presents on a proposed letter to DDOT concerning NOI 23-106-TESD and NOI 23-107-TESD to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on 19th Street between Benning Road and East Capitol Street and East Capitol Street between 15th Street and 19th Street. Commissioner Payne proposes adding language reiterating lower existing speed limits in school zones. Commissioner Alcorn also presents on the FY 2023 Annual Report and January 2024 meeting date. The Commission unanimously agrees to all items.

9:02: Meeting adjourns.