

ANC 7D Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
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6:32: Chair Felder calls the meeting to order. Commissioners Hassan and Eby are not in attendance.

6:35: The meeting agenda is unanimously adopted.

6:38: Chancellor Lewis Ferebee presents on DCPS achievements and focus for the next year, particularly 8th grade algebra preparedness, reading scores, and college preparedness. Chair Felder asks questions on behalf of commissioners on what sets DCPS apart from other school districts, efforts to recover from the pandemic, budgetary challenges, boundaries, public safety, the relationship between public and charter schools, and in-state tuition for D.C. students at Virginia and Maryland schools. In response, Chancellor Ferebee discusses home visits, parental involvement, teacher quality, mental health, school resource offices and crossing guards, and ensuring quality neighborhood schools.

7:00: Commissioner Eby joins.

7:22 Chancellor Ferebee departs.

7:22 Lawrence Davin from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations provides an update on public safety, as well as the Art all Night and World Culture Festivals.

7:33: Former Commissioner Francis Campbell, constituent services representative from Councilmember Vince Gray's office, introduces himself to the community for meeting newcomers.

7:45: Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative Eboni Rose Thompson provides a Back to School update and school initiatives like Safe Passage.

8:01: Evan Muchai from Union Square Partners presents on alley naming for Square 4564.

8:08 Erwin Stierle, Executive Director of the D.C. Chapter of American Red Cross, provides information on Red Cross activities and how community members can get involved.

8:15 Valhana Mulheron, community relations representative from CSOSA provides an update on community events and engagement. She also discusses efforts to ensure returning citizens and citizens released pending their court dates do not engage in violence, as well as efforts to provide housing.

8:25: Councilmember Steve Cain from South Carolina presents on his request to rename the alley behind 15th and A Street SE: Cains Court.

8:33 Brea Govan provides an update on upcoming Events DC programming and RFK demolition.

8:46 Vice Chair Alcorn makes a motion to withdraw vote on meeting minutes following discussion with Commissioner Payne about characterization of a letter to DDOT. The motion is unanimously adopted.

8:48: Committee members are added unanimously. Erin Bzymek and Faith Cole Hall are added to the Transportation Committee. Andria Thomas, Jennifer Coffey and Aerica Kennedy are added to the Public Safety Committee.

8:50: Vice Chair Alcorn presents on the renaming of A street to honor the Eastern High School band. The resolution is unanimously agreed to.

8:55: Commissioners provide their district updates. Commissioner Hasan says he is working on traffic calming measures in conjunction with the civic association. Chair Felder says he is discussing traffic patterns and transportation in Parkside with DDOT as followup to community development meetings. Commissioner Davis provides an update on street paving and resulting closures as well as distribution of the East of the River publication. Commissioner Payne provides an update on the formation of RFK Future and the community survey. Commissioner Friend shares details about his upcoming Resource Fair. Commissioner Astman provides an update on construction of alley homes and an upcoming walkthrough with the developer. Vice Chair Alcorn provides an update on a meeting with Eastern High School principal to ensure public safety, as well as homecoming events. Commissioner Schapitl shares about an upcoming community safety walk and recaps a meeting about park renovations. Commissioner Eby also recaps the meeting about park renovations and discusses rehabilitation of the Boys&Girls Club.

9:10 Meeting adjourned.