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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7E

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2024--Virtual

7:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail for the purposes of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at **7:05 pm**

ROLL CALL: 7E01 – Karla Reid-Witt; 7E02 – Krystal Bagley; 7E03 – VACANT; 7E04 – Natasha Dupee; 7E05 – Vacant; 7E06 – Delia Houseal; 7E07 – Evette Lang

3 Commissioners were present – 7E04, 7E06, 7E07

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA: Commissioner Dupee called for any corrections to May 2024 meeting agenda. Meeting agenda was approved. **3 Y – 0 N**

ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Commissioner Dupee called for the approval of the April 2024 meeting minutes. No corrections were presented. Meeting minutes were approved. **3 Y – 0 N**

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

- **Peter Nohrden and Chris Dyer, DPR | Woody Ward** – Project budget of 1.6 million dollars to do a full renovation of the field at Woody Ward. Project goals include preserving the existing trees and natural elements, installing new field surfacing and increasing usability with the new layout for multiuse, updating seating and site furnishings, improving water fountains with bottle fillers, upgrading field lighting, and improving access control to the park. The concept design was shared.

Key contacts are Cheliese Grove, Community Engagement and Outreach

(cheliese.grove@dc.gov), Peter Nohrden, ASLA/Project manager (peter.nohrden@dc.gov), Chris Dyer/Community engagement manager (christopher.dyer@dc.gov). The project website is

<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/>

- Questions were posed concerning access points. It is currently limited to the driveway of the recreation center. There isn't any additional parking at this time besides what is at the recreation center at this time. The walking track will go continuously around the field as exists, and additional lighting will be provided and updated. The track may not be available during renovations though there will be advocacy for it by Mr. Nohrden. There will be electric outlets on light poles at higher excess so that it will be difficult for noise disturbances because of those with loud music from portable stereos.

REPORTS

- **Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)** - Lt. Roberts

Violent crimes and non-violent crimes to be shared. Violent crime over the last 30 days: homicide has been down 100%, sex abuse crimes are down 100%, assault with a dangerous weapon is down 70%, robberies are up from 3 to 5. There have been on burglaries. Theft overall is down. Property and violent crime are down. All crime is down 41% in the last 30 days. Crime is also down from this time last year by 38%. This is due to active officers (seeing and saying) and people being more attentive and there being more prosecution of offenders.

MPD has summer initiatives such as **drug-free zone** that gives law enforcement to keep large groups from loitering in nefarious acts, **realtime crime center** using AI and cameras to search for evidence and identifying suspects so that more immediate arrests can be made. The CIC is used to monitor the city. **Atlas** (a group of officers tasked with enforcing quality of life crimes) address activity about which the citizens have been complaining.

Commissioner Houseal: 5400 B Street SE has a lot more activity. Aster Place between 49th and 54th has been a challenging area for the community as well. Those neighbors are still hearing gunshots and would like the

- **Lawrence Davin/Lakeisha Morgan | Executive Office of the Mayor** – Technical difficulties; no report provided
- **Brittany Hughes | Deputy Director** No representative present
- **Mrs. Aleja Cooper | CORE DC, The Horizon** – Summer preparation and increase in patrols. Always looking for donations and household items for families. They have 23 families in 35 bed facility. CORE DC is trying to get the kids in summer camp for the program and are open to anyone who would like to assist.
- **Marsha Young | Inspector | DC Department of Public Works (3 min)**
 - **As the representative was not present, the ANC went to the next item.**

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community members were welcomed to join the upcoming Marshall Heights Civic Association meeting on June 1st at Capitol View Library. Members were reminded that this is an election season and early voting and use of drop boxes are currently active.

Question was posed by a constituent for contact information. Information was shared.

No vacancies can be filled currently as there were less than six months until the election. Community members were encouraged to run and participate in the election and governing process.

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CHAIR, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **CHAIR'S REPORT** (*Commissioner Natasha Dupee*) - Report given
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** (*Commissioner Natasha Dupee*) - **Commissioner Reid Witt was not present; no report given. Commissioner Dupee moved that we substitute signers for the 7E Bank account—removing inactive commissioners. 3 Y – 0 N**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** (*No Chair*) - No Report
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (*Commissioner Delia Houseal*) - No Report
- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (*Commissioner Evette Lang*) - No Report
- **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – No Report

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT – Commissioner Houseal communicated that there are several stores in the community that currently have liquor licenses. We are able to review and provide an opinion as to whether we support or don't. There are eight locations: Bowen Discount, Seamoor's Discount, Southern Express Liquors, Denny's Liquors, Young's Global Liquors, DMV Convenience Mart (new license). Commission would like for the community to have more leverage with these stores are requesting licenses. Commission would like to establish a settlement agreement when we support an application with criteria that need to be met. Example is to ask these businesses to have cameras. Commission looking to include the nature of the business (packaging), operating hours from 9 to 9 on Sundays and 9 to midnight, asking that no-loitering signs are posted and that the area be kept clean, footage from cameras should be available for up to 30 days and available to law enforcement. It was suggested that a sample on could be posted online. There was no one who thought that any of the licenses should be opposed. The settlement agreements are good for three years and must be renewed thereafter.

Commissioner Houseal moved that we submit letters of protest to the 6 businesses with liquor license renewals in ANC 7E. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion and it was carried by the majority vote (no opposing votes).

- Commissioner Houseal was contacted by Mr. Royster from the ERFSC for outreach. There are 2 success centers . They are currently submitting an application for the success centers. The city is not funding success centers in the current sites. They would like to partner with the ANC to partner with the families in Marshall Heights and would like a letter of support. East River has been a good partner. She moved that we submit a letter of support for the application to establish a success center in Marshall Heights. The Motion was moved, seconded, and approved by the commission (no opposing votes). **3 Y – 0 N**

- Commissioner Dupee moved that Commissioners Houseal and Lang be appointed as additional signers in the absence of members for our participation in the security fund so that documentation may be submitted as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion was passed with a majority (no opposing votes). **3 Y – 0 N**

Notice of intent for a member of our community have a permanent parking space.

CONSENT AGENDA: none

NEW BUSINESS

- ABCA License Renewals
 - Protest Letters
- Letter of Support - ERFSC
- DDOT Notice of Intent
 - NOI# 24-71-TOA Re: Installation of Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident

COMMISSIONER UPDATES (upcoming events):

- **7E01** - Commissioner Reid-Witt – No Report
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ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7pm

Prepared by E. Lang and N. Dupee

Approved on: July 9, 2024

Attested by:

