



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

One Commitment, Our Community.

General Commission Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Moment of Silence

A brief moment of silence was held.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Also present were Commissioner Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, Hughes, Orendoff, and Bishop.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Orendoff moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

4. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair Holcomb discussed the proposed halfway house, an issue of emphasis in the 7F community. The halfway house has been proposed for three years. Jesse Herman from Congresswoman Norton's office is going to speak to matters related to the halfway house. Chair Holcomb foreshadowed the disbursement of emails regarding community events sponsored by commission.

Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve the February 2023 General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

b. SMD & Committee Reports

7F02 (Commissioner Ruff):

Upon clean up day for 7F02, Commissioner Ruff reached out to the developers asking them to purchase little pickers for cleaning the community. They were successful in cleaning the entire parking lot behind the funeral home with Lawrence Davin from the MOCRS office.

Commissioner Ruff reached out to Medina for police assistance in addressing areas that are frequented by mental health and drugs. The Peace Jam is moving forward on June 24th. Lawrence Davin is pulling agencies and a few churches are in favor of this event. In addition, there are plans to clean alleys and stop signs for 40th Street and East Capital because of frequent traffic. A developer is asking to have a meeting to discuss the Green Door Apartments on Minnesota Ave, wanting to build a senior citizen home and talk with the residents that will or might be affected from the development. They are also asking to change zoning.

7F03 (Commissioner Orendoff):

Potentially working with the incoming 7F04 commissioner, speed bumps are needed from Benning to Foote to 4th St. There is a proposed mural at 42nd St and Benning and to slow traffic in the intersection. Orendoff spoke with the manager of McDonalds and was given the corporate number in reference to the McDonald's issues. Orendoff spoke with the manager of Safeway about preventing panhandling in the establishment by putting up no panhandling signs there as well as McDonald's. He is to Smothers and DC Prep to inquire about resources or assistance they could give the school before closing. There are issues with management at Chaplin Park. There is a tenants meeting regarding that issue on Thursday, May 20th at 4212 East Capitol Street in their clubhouse meeting room. All ANC commissioners are welcome to join. Commissioner Orendoff has concerns about the speed limit on Benning Road where they only have one speed limit sign. He will reach out to DOT to increase the signage.

7F05(Commissioner Hughes):

Speed Bumps will be installed on the 4300 block of D street soon. Both Commissioner Hughes and Edwards created a resolution regarding Banneker Place Apartments and the issues that the tenants are currently facing.

7F07(Commissioner Edwards):

There was illegal dumping of trash on 37th street. Edwards called DTW and the trash was removed within a few hours. There was an abandoned car that was removed after a call to 311.

5. Commission Business

c. Consent Agenda

- i. **Resolution 23-015 (Commissioner Hughes):** Calling on DOB to Inspect Banneker Place Apartments and Issue a Notice of Infraction for Property Maintenance Code Violations
- ii. **Resolution 23-016 (Commissioner Thompson-Wright):** Calling on the OAG and D.C. Council to Hold Landlords Accountable for Public Safety Violations and Failure to Ensure Residents' Safety.

Commissioner Ruff moved to approve Resolutions 23-015 and : 23-016 In favor of inspecting Banneker Place Apartments and calling on the OAG and D.C. Council to Hold Landlords Accountable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

d. Old/New Business

a. Approval of FY 23 Q2 QFR

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the FY 23 Q2 QFR. The motion was properly moved and seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Chair Holcomb made note of an error regarding the balance in the commission's checking account. The commission is working with the OANC to get resolved. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).



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b. Approval of Printing of Annual Report

Commissioner Orendoff moved to approve the printing of the Annual Report. 100-200 copies, not exceeding past \$650 in cost, will be printed from a reputable printer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

c. Approval to Share the 2023 Meeting Dates Through January 2024.

The motion was moved by commissioner Ruff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

5. Presentations/Special Guests

a. Congresswoman Norton's Office- Jesse Herman

Congresswoman Norton's office is transferring NPS Land, part of Fort Dupont Park, to be part of the Benning style Recreation Center property. Secondly, Herman discussed the halfway house opening on July 3, 2023.

6. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

a. Ward 7 State Board of Education Rep - Eboni Rose Thompson

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- i. DCPS should not be alarmed to see kids outside during this week in April and should inform parents that DPR has programming for kids on spring break including spring break camps. In addition the monthly meeting will be pushed back to the 26th of April at 5:30pm as well as a virtual session on April 24th. Plumber is in need of a new cafeteria as well as a new school. There has been an increase of 3 million dollars for the safe passage budget for wage increases. However, there is still a need for more hours and sites

7. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.