



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

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General Commission Meeting Minutes

December 19, 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 6:36 pm.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve the agenda with the addition of approval for two new operational team members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Also present were Commissioners Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, and Thompson-Wright.

4. Administrative/Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Commission is in the midst of preparing and planning events for 2024. Individual Commissioners continue to plan events in their SMD. Community members are encouraged to inform the Commission of any families in need during the holidays season. Additionally the Commission has elected a new Commissioner for 7F08 who will take the seat on January 11, 2024. Regarding returning citizens matters, the Commission and the community continue to brainstorm ways to foster opportunities to have conversations about the future of returning citizens in Ward 7, in hopes of ensuring Ward 7 does not become a dumping ground and returning citizens have the opportunity to flourish.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. November General Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the November 21, 2023 General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

2. SMD & Committee Reports

Commissioner Ruff (7F02): The Commission had a good day engaging with the community and different agencies on Minnesota Avenue. Interested residents can volunteer for *Takeover Tuesdays* every Tuesday from 9am-11am by emailing Commissioner Ruff. During this time several agencies are on site to provide resources.

Commissioner Edwards (7F06): Commissioner Hughes recently conducted the ribbon cutting for the dog park on Texas Avenue.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright (7F07): Commissioner thompson-Wright will be sponsoring a small toy giveaway featuring games and black Santa Clause at the Greenway Community Center on Friday, December 22, from 4:30pm-7:00pm. Scooters and Bicycles will be raffled and coats will be provided for those in need.

Commissioner Orendoff (7F03): Commissioner Orendoff continues to work on traffic issues, speed bumps, vacant properties, and ensuring businesses have new notices on loitering in 7F.

Commissioner Holcomb (7F01): Commissioners Edwards and Thompson-Wright attended the meeting at Sousa Middle School to hear from students in 7F.

5. Commission Business

a. Consent Agenda

i. **Resolutions 23-027 (Commissioner Holcomb): Supporting the Modernization of Sousa Middle School**

Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 23-027 supporting the modernization of Sousa Middle School. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

ii. **Resolution 23-028 (Commissioner Holcomb): DC Jail Election Provision**

Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve Resolution 23-028 supporting the DC Jail Election Provision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

b. Old/New Business

i. **Renewal of Lindsey Walton's Retainer Agreement**

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve the renewal of Lindsey Walton's Retainer Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruff. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

ii. **Approval of \$500 Donation to the John Philip Sousa Middle School for the Establishment of a PTA.**

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to approve a \$500 donation to Sousa middle school for the establishment of a PTA. The funds will be dispersed according to the association's needs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and 0 against (6-0-0).

6. Presentations/Special Guests

a. **MPD 6th District - Commander Darnel Robinson (darnel.robinson@dc.gov)**



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There has been a significant influx of crime in the city. In the 6th District, MPD has maintained a strong footprint using policing tactics. MPD Statistics show that in the last 30 days, there has been a significant decrease in violence. MPD has been focused on high-crime areas. Additionally, MPD has made significant arrests, connecting a series of robberies and the individuals involved. Regarding the curfew on young people, the 6th District has higher numbers of truancy than with curfew. MPD 6th District has partnered with WMATA to have youth reported to MPD's watch commander when children are seen on the metro after curfew.

b. MPD- Assistant Chief Ramey Kyle, Patrol Services South

Chief Ramey was recently promoted to Assistant Chief and is currently assigned to 1D, 6D, and 7D. MPD has several plans underway including their Operation Atlas and Homicide Reduction Plan. Additionally, MPD will be conducting initiatives similar to the Summer Crime Initiative each quarter.

7. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

a. Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative and President - Eboni Rose Thompson (Eboni-rose.thompson@dc.gov)

The board has been working with OSSE to establish the first financial literacy standards to exist in DC public schools. Public comments will continue until January 10, 2024. Residents can email their recommendations on financial literacy to Eboni-Rose Thompson or visit the OSSE website. The State Board will be having their first conversation on truancy during the new year. Additionally, this past week there was a meeting regarding the modernization of Sousa Middle School. For more information contact Eboni-Rose Thompson.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.