



# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

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### General Commission Meeting Minutes December 17th, 2024

The meeting of ANC 7F was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairperson Tyrell Holcomb. Initial technical difficulties with audio and video connectivity delayed the meeting briefly but were resolved.

Roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners Holcomb, Nelson, Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, Thompson-Wright, Hughes and Hayes. A quorum was established.

#### Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the evening was reviewed and unanimously approved:

- **Motion:** Commissioner Orendoff
- **Second:** Commissioner Edwards

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes for the November 7th Special Call Meeting and the November 26th General Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved:

- **Motion:** Commissioner Edwards
- **Second:** Commissioner Thompson-Wright

#### Key Discussions and Resolutions

##### Community Safety Updates

- Updates were provided by law enforcement representatives on crime trends and challenges, including youth violence at the Benning Road Metro station and drag racing along East Capitol Street. Increased patrols were noted during peak times to address these concerns.

##### Pipe Dreams Dispensary License Protest

- Commissioner Nelson provided an update on the protest against the proposed medical cannabis dispensary at the Shrimp Boat location.
  - Community concerns included noise, parking, loitering, and building conditions.
  - Commissioner Nelson announced plans for a community meeting to facilitate direct engagement between residents and the licensee.
  - A hearing scheduled for January 15th was postponed to allow more time for mediation and community input.

#### Resolutions Passed

1. **Resolution 24-019:** Holding Minnesota Avenue Main Street accountable for corridor improvements, including signage, tree boxes, and waste receptacles.

- **Amendment:** Expanded the scope to include tree boxes throughout the 7F corridor.
  - **Motion:** Commissioner Ruff
  - **Second:** Commissioner Orendoff
  - **Vote:** Unanimous approval
2. **Resolution 24-020:** Enforcement against illegal activities at gas stations (Exxon, Shell, and Sitco) along the 7F corridor.
 

**Amendment:** Included all three gas stations.

    - **Motion:** Commissioner Ruff
    - **Second:** Commissioner Hayes
    - **Vote:** Unanimous approval
  3. **Resolution 24-021:** Support for a memorial garden in front of Smith's Legacy Wine & Spirits.
    - Tabled for further discussions with the owner and potential collaboration with local artists and community members.
  4. **Resolution 24-022:** Enhanced accountability and communication from city agencies to ANCs, including a system for Commissioners to receive alerts on community-reported issues.
    - **Motion:** Commissioner Ruff
    - **Second:** Commissioner Orendoff
    - **Vote:** Unanimous approval
  5. **Resolution 24-023:** Calling for a DC Council committee to honor the legacy of outgoing Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray.
    - **Motion:** Commissioner Ruff
    - **Second:** Commissioner Edwards
    - **Vote:** Unanimous approval

## Updates from Local Officials

1. **Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative Ebony Rose Thompson:**
  - Discussed upcoming public meetings and educational initiatives, including a focus on school air quality and cell phone policies in schools.
2. **Eric Mullins, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services:**
  - Shared updates on leaf collection, the Joyce Evans Therapeutic Center ribbon-cutting, and the January 1st 5K Run. Contact information: (202) 374-9282, eric.mullins@dc.gov.

## Community Concerns

- Residents raised concerns about insufficient communication regarding community events and initiatives. Commissioners acknowledged the need for improved outreach and emphasized plans for more direct engagement in the coming year.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.