



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

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General Commission Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:43pm. Also present were Commissioners Ruff, Orendoff, Nelson, Hughes, Edwards, and Thompson-Wright.

Quorum was established with Commissioner Hayes being excused.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Administrative

- a. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the January 16, 2024 and January 31, 2024, General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

4. Special Guest

- a. Christopher Dyer provided an overview of the upcoming spring and summer activities planned by the Department of Parks and Recreation. DPR is #1 ranked park system in the country

The activities include:

Spring Sports Leagues: For various age groups.

Summer Camps: Day camps for children of different age groups focusing on sports, arts, and educational activities.

Community Events: Family-friendly events such as outdoor movie nights.

Fitness Programs: Outdoor yoga, aerobics, and boot camps for adults and seniors.

Environmental Programs: Nature walks, gardening workshops, and eco-friendly initiatives.

For detailed information and registration, visit [DPR.dc.gov](https://dpr.dc.gov).

2. Discussion of Concerns About Benning Stoddert Recreation Center:

Commissioners Thompson-Wright and Ruff expressed several concerns regarding the condition and maintenance of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, which is located in ANC 7F:

Condition of the Facility: They highlighted the need for regular upkeep of the site, including the bathrooms, which require immediate attention.

Designated Parking Spot for Staff: They emphasized the necessity of having designated parking spots for staff to ensure smooth operations and accessibility.

Pedestrian Safety: Improvement of pedestrian safety was discussed as a priority, given the high volume of community members commuting to the recreation center.

Funding for Future Expansion: They advocated for additional funding to allow for the future expansion of the facility. This would enable the center to serve more community members through a wider range of programming and provide more parking.

5. Agency Updates

6. Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative and President - Eboni Rose Thompson
 - a. March vote on city's first ever Financial Literacy Standard to be implemented for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - b. Board is focused on social emotional standards to help ensure young people are prepared beyond school years to enter workforce and beyond
 - c. Board will send a budget letter with 5 priorities which include nurses in every school, fully funding, and building renovations.
 - d. Upcoming meeting will have a vote on truancy solutions to help solve the problem.

7. Meeting Adjourned

On a motion by Commissioner Orendoff the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm