

### General Commission Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Streamed via Zoom & Youtube

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:36pm. Also present were Commissioners Ruff, Orendoff, Nelson, Hughes, Edwards, and Thompson-Wright.

### 2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

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

### 3. Officer Elections - Kent Boese, OANC

Kent Boese from the OANC presided over officer elections. Commissioner Tyrell Holcomb was nominated as Chairperson. Commissioner Brittany Hughes was nominated as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Frieda Edwards was nominated as Secretary, and Commissioner Thompson-Wright was nominated as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

### 4. Administrative/Reports

### a. Chair's Report

Chairperson Holcomb expressed points of frustration for the lack of response to meeting invitations from agencies. the Commission will send out its 2024 mailer with a survey for community members to give feedback on issues they want the Commission to focus on and agencies they wish to see during monthly meetings.

### b. Secretary's Report

### i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

### 1. December General Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the December 19, 2023, General Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

### 5. Commission Business

### a. Consent Agenda

### i. Resolution 24-001: Participation in the ANC Security Fund for 2024

Commissioner Ruff moved to approve Resolution 24-001, participation in the ANC Security Fund for 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

# ii. Resolution 24-003: Support for former ANC 7F07 Commissioner Joel Caston's appointment to the DC Sentencing Commission

Commissioner Ruff moved to approve Resolution 24-003, supporting former ANC 7F07 Commissioner Joel Caston's appointment to the DC Sentencing Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

### b. Old/New Business

## i. Resolution 24-002 (Commissioner Ruff): Calling on the Committee that Has Oversight on the OANC to Provide Stipends for DC Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

Commissioner Ruff moved to approve Resolution 24-002, calling on the committee that has oversight on the OANC to provide stipends for DC Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

### 7. Agency Updates (5 minutes per speaker)

### a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Lakiesha Morgan (lakiesha.morgan@dc.gov)

The Mayor's Office held their annual Fresh Start 5K Race on January 1st, 2023, and their MLK Peace Parade on January 15th. The Office has been visiting every SMD in Ward 7 to shovel snowed streets. Morgan sent appreciation to Commissioner Edwards for assisting with clearing a nuisance property. Regarding Air Tag distributions, Morgan states that MPD is responsible for the distribution. Additionally, residents are responsible for calling 311 to snow plow allies; however, the Mayor's Office is willing to call on behalf of residents. For more information, contact Lakiesha Morgan.

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

The DC State Board of Education will host their public meeting tomorrow, January 17th, at 5pm. The panel for tomorrow's meeting will be on truancy and the concerning truancy numbers in the District. The panel will include expert witnesses. The meeting will be streamed live on the *District Knowledge Network*. Additionally, the State Board will be doing a budget letter and has released a report about facility issues in DC Public Schools. Finally, President Thompson will



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have an article in *East of the River* this month about Sousa and what the community should do about the school. For more information, contact Eboni-Rose Thompson.

### c. MPD - Lieutenant Robert Anderson (<u>robert.anderson@dc.gov</u>)

Lieutenant Anderson is a new Sixth District Lieutenant. Anderson reports that Commander Robinson was recently promoted to Assistant Chief of Patrol Services North. The new Commander is Commander Jaron Hickman (jaron.hickman@dc.gov). Commander Hickman is a DC Native. Regarding car theft, Anderson reports that there is an increase in car theft compared to last year. Sixth District MPD has created a task force to allow officers to work overtime and patrol areas with an uptick in auto theft.

### 6. Meeting Adjourned

Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm.