



# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

## Government of the District of Columbia

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### Special Call Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holcomb at 6:42 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Holcomb, Ruff, Nelson, Hughes, Edwards, Thompson-Wright

Excused Absence:

Commissioner Orendoff

#### 2. Special Guest

##### a. Residences at Benning Road; Cardona Group

Representatives Mr. H. Greg and Mr. Sama Swat provided updates on the Residences at Benning Road development. Key points included:

- Construction is scheduled for completion by Spring 2025, with leasing anticipated to begin early summer 2025.
- A crane currently on site is expected to be removed by the end of July 2024.
- Commissioners raised concerns about parking issues during construction, including restricted parking, ticketing of local residents, and construction crew parking in the community.
- Efforts are being made to identify offsite parking solutions for construction crews and improve waste management around the site.

Community Engagement Commitments:

The development team expressed interest in partnering with ANC 7F for community events and job opportunities for residents, particularly in staffing the new facility.

#### 3. Secretary's Report

Commission Secretary, Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve the minutes from May and June 2024, contingent upon commissioners receiving hard copies and a 7-day review period.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hayes.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- ##### a. Resolution 24-008 Calling on DPR & DGS to add Benning Stoddert Rec Center Playground & Facilities to Priority List for FY 2025

Commissioner Thompson-Wright shared additional context:

Despite the modernization enhancements completed in 2016, community members and ANC 7F have identified ongoing needs for further improvements. Resolution 24-008, introduced by

Commissioner Thompson-Wright, calls on the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to prioritize additional upgrades in the FY 2025 budget. The resolution emphasizes the necessity for:

**Playground Renovation:** Updating and enhancing the playground area to ensure safety and engagement for children.

**Facility Expansion:** Further enlarging the recreation center to accommodate growing community programs and activities.

**Parking Modernization:** Redesigning the parking lot to improve traffic flow, safety, and accessibility.

**Lighting and Crosswalk Enhancements:** Installing adequate lighting and marked crosswalks to ensure safe pedestrian access to the facility.

The resolution reflects the community's commitment to ensuring that the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center continues to serve as a vital and safe resource for residents, addressing both current needs and future growth.

Motion to adopt resolution was unanimously approved via voice vote.

## **5. Commission Business**

FY 24 Q3 Quarterly Financial Report

Treasurer Thompson-Wright presented the Q3 FY24 Quarterly Financial Report. Key details included:

Checking Account Balance: \$36,072.22

Savings Account Balance: \$22,323.18

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved a motion to approve the report contingent upon review and potential revisions by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

## **6. Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business, Chairperson Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.