# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F



# Government of the District of Columbia

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# General Commission Meeting Minutes November 21, 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 6:41pm.

## 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, Nelson, Holcomb, Edwards, and Thompson-Wright.

# 4. Administrative/Reports

## a. Chair's Report

The Commission is still working on several matters regarding the Minnesota Avenue Corridor, including the McDonald's wall and continued conversations with Core DC Community Advisory Board members about the Halfway house.

## b. Secretary's Report

## i. Approval of the Previous Minutes

#### 1. October General Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the October 17, 2023 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).

#### 5. Commission Business

### a. Consent Agenda

### i. Old/New Business

#### 1. Approval of 2022-2023 Annual Report

Commissioner Ruff moved to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

## 2. Approval of Onboarding for Two New Administrative and Operational Support

Commissioner Holcomb moved to approve onboarding two new administrative and operational support along with identifying if either candidate can serve as Chief of Staff or Operations Manager and overlap with the Commission's current Chief of Staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright. The motion passed unanimously with 7 in favor and 0 against (7-0-0).

### 6. Presentations/Special Guests

a. Hill East Parcel B, LLC- Bryan Irving, Leila Batties, Kim Lee, Christopher Cohen, Rosana Torres

Holland & Knight law firm will be representing Donatelli and Blue Skye Development in connection with the zoning application they will be filing for the design review for Hill East Parcel's B1 and B2. The Zoning Commission's review and approval of the buildings are based on compliance with criteria that are set forth in the zoning regulations. Parcel B1 will have 350 residential units, 30% of which will be affordable. Half the units will be reserved for individuals with 30% AMI and below, and the other half for 50% AMI. Parcel B2 will have 144 residential units, 30% of which will be affordable.

The design will include a park and will create a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. There will be retail space and outdoor seating throughout Building 2. The buildings will have a private drive connecting 20th Street and 21st Street. The buildings will have a mixture of studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms. Regarding parking space, the design will include 138 belowground parking spaces in the parking garage.

### b. Department of General Services - John Stokes, Associate Director of External Affairs

The Department of General Services (DGS) is happy to have its headquarters in 7F. The agency builds, maintains, and sustains several municipal buildings in 7F. Building maintenance is done once a DGS work order is submitted. Any DGS building site managers (schools, recreation centers, etc.) can submit a work order. DGS relies on on-site managers to submit work orders, which should be presented with a picture and description. Once DGS has the work order, they have 40-65 days to assess the situation based on priority. The time it takes to fix an issue depends on the complexity of what needs to be fixed. The time it takes depends on the weather, finances, resources, etc.

Regarding the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, there is currently no funding to renovate it. DGS suggests residents visit the site managers at municipal buildings to discuss issues they are having with buildings in the area.

#### c. Benning Road Community Advisory Group-Ronald Lester

The Benning is an organization comprising all the ANCs within the footprint of the Benning Plant Civic Association and Environmental Groups. The group has been meeting with PEPCO once a month since 2013 to advise them of the cleanup of the landside of the Benning Plant and the water side. The landslide component is completed; however, the waterside component won't be completed until next year. DOEE and PEPCO will present the findings of this project in the DOES meeting room **from 10 am-1 pm on December 9th**. Food will be provided for community members. Additionally, the engineers from the project will be in attendance.

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

a. Mayor Bowser's Office - Lawrence Davin (lawrence.davin@dc.gov)



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As of last week, the Mayor has announced two public emergencies, one on the opioid crisis and the other on juvenile crime. The juvenile crime emergency is geared around ensuring available beds at DYRS and ensuring we can expedite contracts for private providers providing services for justice-involved youth. On December 29th, 2023, the Mayor will have a hearing discussing The Addressing Crime Trends ACT of 2023. Additionally, 50% of the District's streetlights are now modernized and energy efficient. The Mayor will also host a ribbon cutting for the District's first Stabilization Center for residents struggling with substance use. The center will drop off residents, and insurance is not needed.

# 7. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.