



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

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General Commission Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2024

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Time: 6:41 PM
- Chairperson Holcomb called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence.
- Roll Call:
 - Present: Commissioners Thompson-Wright, Edwards, Hughes, Nelson, Ornedoff, Ruff, and Holcomb.
 - Absent: Commissioner Hayes (*excused absence*).
 - Commissioner Hayes later joined the meeting.
- Quorum: Established.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the evening's agenda made by Commissioner Thompson-Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ruff.
- Discussion: Noted that resolutions omitted from the initial draft had been added under the Consent Agenda.
- Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. Guest Presentation: DC Water – Sean Moore

Sean Moore from DC Water provided updates on the Lead Free DC Program:

- Program Overview:
 - Goal: Replace all lead service lines in DC.
 - 7,252 replacements completed to date; completion date adjusted to 2037 due to updated inventory (42,000 lines).
- Community Impact:
 - Prioritizing environmental justice and underserved populations.
 - New online tools for homeowners: Lead Map, Construction Dashboard.
- Service Line Replacement:
 - DC Water handles public side; homeowners are typically responsible for private side.
 - Free replacements offered through grants and funding.
- Key Discussion Points:
 - Commissioner Thompson-Wright raised concerns about water damage during replacements and the right-of-entry waiver.
 - Sean Moore clarified that damage is rare and DC Water commits to full restoration.
 - Concerns about uneven street restoration following work; Sean committed to full repaving after projects conclude.
 - Residents raised questions about identifying lead pipes in apartments and issues of water quality.
- Next Steps: Residents were encouraged to sign the Right of Entry Authorization and utilize DC Water resources.

- Contact: Sean Moore, (202) 787-4049 | lead@dcwater.com

4. Public Safety Update: MPD Lieutenant Ayodeji

Lieutenant Ayodeji provided an update on crime trends in PSA 603 and 602:

- Crime Statistics:
 - Violent crime is down across both PSAs.
 - Property crimes, particularly motor vehicle thefts and theft from autos, remain a challenge.
- Discussion:
 - Commissioner Nelson inquired about a recent homicide on 44th and Blaine; Lieutenant confirmed the case is under investigation.
 - Concerns were raised about youth violence near Benning Road Metro Station (incident on November 15th).
 - MPD has increased Safe Passage presence and patrols during peak times.
 - Community members expressed frustrations about drag racing on East Capitol Street and loitering on Minnesota Avenue.
 - MPD encouraged residents to report incidents via 911 for timely responses.
- Next Steps: Lieutenant Ayodeji committed to escalating concerns to district lieutenants and improving outreach efforts.

5. Special Item: Pipe Dreams ABRA License Application

- Presentation: Mr. Jeff Jackson and Ms. Ida Leon (licensee) presented on the proposed medical cannabis dispensary at 4510 East Capitol Street NE.
- Highlights:
 - Hours of Operation: 9 AM - 9 PM (public) and 9 AM - 10 PM (delivery).
 - Security Measures: Armed guards, private entrance, parking availability.
 - Compliance: Customers must have a medical cannabis card.
- Community Concerns:
 - Building conditions and lack of upkeep at the Shrimp Boat location.
 - Safety concerns given the area's high crime rate (near Benning Road Metro Station).
 - Questions regarding prior gifting shop operations and transparency.
- Motion: Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve funds for legal representation to protest the application at ABRA.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Hayes.
 - Vote: Unanimous approval.
 - Legal counsel will be retained prior to the December 11th protest hearing.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from September 17th, October 15th, and November 7th meetings was made by the Secretary Commissioner Edwards.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Thompson-Wright..
 - Vote: Unanimous approval.

6.2 Consent Agenda

- Resolutions adopted as read:
 1. Resolution 24-015: Install speed humps in the 300 block of 37th Street SE.



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2. Resolution 24-016: Support for Bill 25-918, *Secure Apartments for Everyone Act*.

3. Resolution 24-017: Traffic study and safety improvements at Benning Road and 40th Street NE.

4. Resolution 24-018: Remove/renovate tree boxes along the Minnesota Avenue corridor.

- Motion by Commissioner Thompson-Wright; seconded by Commissioner Orndolff.
- Vote: Unanimous approval.

7. Updates from the Mayor's Office

- Latisha Atkins, Ward 7 Manager for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), shared updates:
 - Upcoming Presidential Inauguration preparations.
 - Safe Passage Program: \$10 million awarded for student safety.
 - Efforts to address encampments along the Minnesota Avenue corridor.
 - Employment opportunities through DC Government: Residents encouraged to apply.
- Contact: Latisha Atkins, 202-251-9930 | latisha.atkins@dc.gov

8. Chair's Report

Chairperson Holcomb provided updates:

- Scheduled a meeting with DOC Director Faust regarding the new DC Jail project.
- Advocacy priorities for the 2025 budget cycle include addressing encampments and improving city services.
- Future meeting: Invitation to Commander Hickman from 6th District MPD to address public safety.

9. Adjournment

- Time: 8:41 PM
- Chairperson Holcomb adjourned the meeting.
- Next Meeting: December 17, 2024.