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In accordance with Sec. 1-309.10(j)(1): ANC 7B submits the following.

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In 2019 Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7B welcomed five newly elected Commissioners to join the two incumbent Commissioners Tiffany L. Brown (7B02) and D.L. Humphrey (7B07), who were re-elected to their seats. New Commissioners Patricia Howard-Chittams (7B01), Benjamin Crane (7B03), Nicole Smith-McDermott (7B04), Villareal “VJ” Johnson (7B05), and April Pradier (7B06) brought a lot of new enthusiasm and valuable experience to the Commission, and quickly became very involved with the Commission’s committees and other business.

The ANC financial reports had not been submitted for several quarters at the beginning of 2019. The newly elected Commissioner Howard-Chittams, who took the role of Treasurer, went to great lengths to find, organize, and submit necessary financial reports to the Office of the ANC. The reports are required for the ANC to receive their quarterly allotments from the District of Columbia government.

This year ANC 7B made a change to their meeting locations to improve public access to meetings, moving the executive and public meetings from Ryland-Epworth United Methodist Church to the Francis Gregory Public Library and to Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, respectively. This included moving the ANC’s archives from the basement at Ryland-Epworth to the ANC office.

In the early months of 2019, there were 8 shootings, resulting in several deaths. The ANC sent a resolution to the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Ward 7 Councilmember, and the Councilmember chairing the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety to

highlight community concerns about the sudden increase in violence and to request action to protect the public.

In April 2019, the Commission held a special meeting to address vacancy challenges to two of the newly elected Commissioners after the DC Board of Elections had determined that residency challenges against them were not permissible. After hearing the evidence, the Commission determined that both Commissioners had not vacated their seats and that the challenged Commissioners had adequate evidence to support their residence in their Single Member Districts.

A frequent piece of official business discussed at public meetings was requests for special exceptions and variances from zoning ordinances, along with public space requests related to construction or development of properties. ANC 7B weighed in on many zoning cases in the neighborhood over the course of the year. Several of the cases were requests by District Properties.

- 3214 O Street SE - rejected due to concerns about public safety
- 1735 28th St SE - approved
- 27th & Minnesota Ave SE - approved
- 2908 N St SE - pending
- 2801 R Street SE - approved
- 3233 Ely Place SE - approved
- DDOT Tracking #331707 - rejected

In addition to coordinating with DC agencies regarding applications and licenses, the ANC also conducted a large amount of other business, weighing in on proposed Council legislation, reaching out to the Mayor's office on issues of public concern, and bringing many other issues such as trash collection, utilization of public space, and public safety initiatives to the attention of the appropriate agencies.

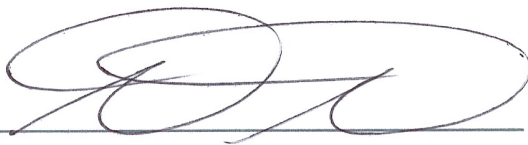
- Resolution Regarding the Residency of Commissioners 7B04 & 7B05 (April 2019)
- Letter of Support for Traffic Study Near Eagle Academy (April 2019)
- 7B Crime Prevention, Intervention, and Implementation Request (April 2019)
- Resolution to Ensure Full, Fair, and Equitable Funding for Ward 7 DCPS (May 2019)
- Letter of support of moving Banneker High School (May 2019)
- Letter of support for amplified sound permit on DC parkland (June 2019)
- Resolution Requesting More Time for Public Comment on Amendments to Comprehensive Plan (November 2019)

Lastly, the Commission allocated a portion of its funds to local organizations and residents in the form of grants. These grants were for events that benefited the entire ANC 7B community and included functions such as block parties and community-building events. The ANC would like to make greater use of its grant program, and this year has taken steps to streamline the process to help with efficiency and record-keeping.

After an eventful 2019, the Commission is thankful to all Commissioners for their service and looks forward to welcoming them all back in 2020.

ANC 7B would respectfully recommend that the Mayor addresses the crime within our Commission by directing that there be an increase in community-police through our Commission to provide the reassurance to the Community that we are not being ignored when it comes to crime. ANC 7B is the most affluent Commission East of the River, yet our needs feel like we are placed on the back burner. We also ask that District agencies are more responsive to the needs and requests of the Commission. To be specific no request should take five years and counting concerning curbs. Finally, we ask that Mayor and other Council Members who are elected to serve this Community provide a quarterly report on issues that they have addressed within ANC Commission 7B.

On behalf of ANC Commission 7B

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D. L. Humphrey, ANC 7B07

Chairperson, ANC 7B