



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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ANC 7B MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING 2025

John F. Adams Secretary	7B01 –	Jamaal Maurice Pearsall 7B02 –	Travis R. Swanson Chairman	7B03 –
Keith Hasan-Towery Treasure		Elizabeth Reddick 7B05	vacant	
vacant	7B07	Angela Sydnor 7B08	Michelle Hammond Secretary	7B09

ANC 7B Public Meeting Agenda

Call to Order 6:31 pm

Roll Call :01,03,04,05,08,09 present/02 absent, 06&07 vacant

Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve by Comm. John Adams, 2nd by Comm. Keith Hasan-Towery Good

Treasury Report

Commissioner Keith Hasan-Towery- Our current bank balance is \$59,405.80. We paid our executive assistant Julia Beasley. We also have expenses for our web hosting for our website. We received our allotment in the amount of \$5,802.85 within this quarter. We were able to finally send the printer back and there was a slight charge, those charges are reflected here also. We had keys made for the office for all the commissioner,

Installation: Councilmember Wendell Felder perform the swearing in for Cortez Johnson

MPD REPORT (15mins)

Lt. Robert Anderson- Violent crime in our area is up by 30% which is led by a few outliers. We had a sexual assault in our area, a homicide, a few robberies in the area, we had 6 robberies over the last month. Property crimes are up 18%, we had a few robberies of establishment or a few burglaries of establishment. The one most notable one is the good old carry out where they broke into it and took the cash register. A construction site was robbed or burglarized and a church. Other than that crime in our area is doing well over the last 2 weeks. We've been down 38% in total crime, including 13% down for our violet crimes. Down 38% on our property crime, so its just bringing us back to normal minus those outliers over the last month or so.

QUESTIONS: Community & Commissioners

Kathleen Franks-Have there been any carjackings in the reporting period?

Lieutenant Robert Anderson MPD: Technically with the Uber driver, that is counted as a carjacking because he was robbed. And then they took his car, it's not officially on a report that would count as a carjacking

Alexander Mack: I recently returned to the area about 8 months ago, and I hadn't had a chance to change the registration to my vehicle over yet, and unfortunately my car got papered every night for the last 8 months until they hit me with something like, I think, an \$8,000 in tickets, who sets the policy for parking in our areas?

Lieutenant Robert Anderson MPD: Laws and rules and enforcement that's set by the Commission that goes up through the policymakers and things like that for DC,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (10mins)

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Latisha Atkins, W7 MOCA Manager: and residents in agencies. If there are issues that you are dealing with, and you're not able to resolve them directly with the agency, feel free to reach out to us. If you are not signed up for alerts from your neighborhood, you can do so@alert.dc.gov, and it will give you real time information on emergency alerts from your community and worldwide. If you are not using 311, or the 311 app to report some of the issues that you see in your communities, please do so. You will be given a service request number, and you can track that service request through 311 in terms of where it is in the process. Oftentimes, if there is a hiccup or delay in getting some of those things done you can provide the MOCAs with that contact information, and we will serve as your liaison between the agencies as well. Most of you may have been following what has been happening with the potential 1 billion dollars shortfall. We know that the Mayor, Council, and Congresswoman Norton were advocating really hard last week to get that money back into the budget. This could be a potential 1 billion dollar shortfall to our budget which will impact 3 potential areas, which are public safety, education and health and human services. So just a few quick updates. DC is in the process of revamping its comprehensive plan. The last time we had a full comprehensive plan was in 2006, and so the office of planning and the mayor was in Ward 7, about 2 weeks ago with the director of the office of planning to launch the DC.2050.com process. There will be a number of vision meetings. There's a survey currently that you can take as a resident. Please go to DC.2050.com. You can sign up for updates, take the survey, and then you can find out where other events will be happening in the ward to lend your voice to this process as we look to shape the district's future.

Questions: Community & Commissioners

Alexander Mack: Do you know if that budget shortfall included the half a billion that she said she was going to give the wizards not to leave town last year, and, also what can we do again as residents and citizens? Latisha Atkins, W7 MOCA: Nothing has been submitted to the wizards as of yet.

Gerald Bowen: Should we go to your organization for something and then go to Wendell's group for something else? Latisha Atkins, W7 MOCR Manager: We work in a partnership. I think we have a pretty good relationship with the Ward 7 Council Members Office.

Nura Green: The speeding that happens in front of the school building even though there is a crossing guard out there, and she's very diligent. I do know that our students pay attention, but speeding is still a very big issue. And if there's something more that can be done over time, because it is really a significant problem. Latisha Atkins, W7 MOCA Manager: We can ask Mpd. They have a special team that goes out and enforces speeding during the morning rush hour. So that's led by I believe it's Sergeant Cephas, and he's done a lot of work over and seen a lot of results, so we can. I'll ask him to if he could put this on his radar.

SPEAKERS:

Shannah Cumberbatch (DOEE):

Shannah Cumberbatch (DOEE): I'm here on behalf of the Department of Energy and Environment. I work for the River Smart Homes program. We are a stormwater management program in the district. The purpose of our program is to help mitigate stormwater coming off of your property and entering our waterways. We will go out to district resident properties and do an assessment to determine what type of green installation and best management practices we can recommend for your property. Some of them have a small fee, and some are free. We do offer 5 different installations, and they range from rain barrels, rain gardens, a Chesapeake Bay native landscape, which in our terms is a short bay scape, is what we call it. We also have permeable pavement rebates, and we also partner with Casey trees to provide trees on your property, free of charge. Those are our 5 installations. The process is very simple and voluntary. There is an online application That just require your name, address, email, how you heard about us, and then you'll go through the system, be assigned to myself or another member of the team to come out, you determine what date and time to. have us come out to your property. We do the assessment. You get a report in about 2 to 3 weeks following the assessment and then from there you're partnered with one of either the alliance for the Chesapeake Bay or Casey Trees, who will conduct the installation of your recommended practice and the entire process from start to finish, from the date you apply to having the installation can take anywhere from 10 to 12 months, so short and sweet. We also want to make sure that we're keeping our waterways clear, as some of you may know the water that comes out of your faucets, your drinking water, your shower water, all of that is treated at a water plant just down the road just down the Potomac River. Anything that washes into our waterway systems is getting treated at that plant and sent right back through your pipes. We want to make sure that the water that is being treated is clean and clear of pollutants, pesticides, pet waste, trash, litter, anything like that.

Questions: Community & Commissioners

Commissioner Cortez Johnson: I know that in the specific area that I live in which is a private property which is Fairfax village. You may know it well. We have a lot of areas that I think can benefit from the river smart program, and I think we are already in the registry for that program. But I think it's kind of wonky, because there's so many different addresses, and it's kind of in phases. It's kind of gets a little confusing. But specifically, you talked about earlier permeable pavement. We have a lot of what they call impervious surface ground, which is dilapidated in a lot of areas because it's so old. Some of it's like in parking areas where the concrete has crumbled a lot. We are struggling as a community on how we can come up with funds. I think the last estimate we got was around \$150,000 to kind of pave or repave this specific area. Do you think that a program like this would help with the cost like that, and how we could get some services to a private owned community. **Shannah Cumberbatch (DOEE):** The program is rebate only. It is offered to residential properties that reside within the ms4. So that's the municipal separate storm sewer system. There are 2 different sewer systems in the district. One is the ms4, which accounts for the outskirts of the district. So basically, the perimeter of the DC area and the Csw is the combined sewer system. And that's in central DC. Those residences that reside within the Csw. Do not qualify for the rebate. However, if you fall within the ms4, or you are in ward 7 or Ward 8 you are eligible for the permeable paver rebate.

Joyce Donkor: I was approved for the program I waited a year to finally get the assessment, and then I was told that they couldn't do it because I had an ivy bush in the back of my in my backyard. But when I initially spoke with river smart, when they came out to do the initial assessment. They told me it was fine and that the roof smart program would remove it. So, I feel like I've received conflicting, messaging and now I'm not sure if there's an appeal process, or who to talk to next to see if this can be removed so they can do the base gapping in my backyard, because it was unfortunately I was really looking forward to it.

Shannah Cumberbatch (DOEE): I don't know how recently you had your assessment done, or when that was processed. I'll drop my information in the chat after this, feel free to email me. And we can work

through that. But currently, with our program, our landscape contractors will not remove invasive species through the river smart homes program. That is something. If you're unable to do it on your own, you would have to upfront that cost with the landscape contractor.

Maureen Madden DDOT/William Jones WMATA

William Jones WMATA: I am part of the team working on the better bus network redesign. I was part of the service design team that worked on this the past 2 years. The reason why we're speaking this evening is in relation to comments and questions. During the study phase, it was originally planned to use 25th Street in both directions to and from Naylor Road, which would have required, converting 25th Street from one way southbound to a 2-way operation to operate on 27th Street making a left turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue and heading northwest into downtown. The reason why this change is being made is that 25th Street has been converted to a 1 way street, and it has a cycle track on it, so in coordination with the team at Ddot, we were unable to convert it to 2-way service. In response to comments and based upon the resolution that was done last year, it was requested that the stop at 25th and R. Street was to be removed and that the stop at 25th and Park be relocated to 25th and Q to better balance, spacing, and the question was, Were there any updates on whether the R. Street stop would be removed. Currently the route continues along Naylor Road to Minnesota Avenue, and then over to Pennsylvania Avenue, but with the new route along 27th Street, southeast. The stops on 25th Street, which are at Park and at R will remain and will not be changed or altered as a part of this effort. And we're not planning any stop changes in this area due to the volume of changes being requested prior to June 29, The office of bus planning and scheduling will monitor this area in terms of service after implementing the service change on June 29, and we will the performance of the bus stops for possible adjustments and future service changes in coordination with Ddot staff. It's been acknowledged that there is overcapacity in terms of travel along 27th Street southeast and there was comments and suggestions made of having a morning rush hour one way flow to help facilitate bus movement while minimizing disruption to the residents within this part of the community.

QUESTIONS: Community & Commissioners

Commissioner Travis R. Swanson; If the eastbound, westbound bus is stopping at 27th and R. Where is the next stop after that? Is it not stopping again until Minnesota, or will it stop again in the neighborhood?

William Jones: It's my understanding that this is the stop location on 27th and any existing stops on Pennsylvania Avenue will be used, so if the next one is, in fact, Minnesota Avenue. Then that will be the next location.

ACTION REQUIRED:

No action required at this moment

NEW BUSINESS:

There are 2 DDOT permit requests that are both in 7b03.

1st is that DDOT intend to install 2 speed humps on the 1600 block of 28th Street, southeast. This was at the request of residents.

2nd is that there's a public space use. There is going to be a bus bench installed not a shelter, but a bench at 27th and Pennsylvania Avenue southeast going eastbound. This will be the stop directly in front of the police station on Pennsylvania Avenue, serving buses 32, 36, and M6

COMMUNITY CONCERNS (20 min)

1. **Nura Green:** I live on Suitland Road, going towards Southern Avenue. I know that DDOT put these lines and the yellow things in the middle of our road. We are the houses right across from

the Fairfax village apartments, and it's very difficult to pull into and out of our driveway. I believe the purpose of that was to slow traffic down, I don't think it's really working. Commissioner Cortez Johnson: I've seen them when they were installed, I don't know if you said that they're serving the purpose. I would like to get with Ddot to find out if there's some other option to still accomplish what they're trying to accomplish, you know the detriment or the inconvenience of the owners that live there. Kisha Anderson- DDOT we do have a Southern Avenue project that's coming through there to help with safety calming measures. I believe we presented here at Anc. 7B. For Southern Avenue project, phase one and phase 2.

2. **Alexander Mack:** Whatever Ddot does, could y'all not add another speed camera? Kisha Anderson- DDOT: That is a collaboration with Mpd. and Ddot. if Mpd. does request it based on statistics it will go there. It's a safety measure, but also for all residents that travel.
3. **Ayesha Hudson:** I would love to share a new development in the community, and I'm representing Mary's house as a leasing consultant, and I want to share with the community that there's a new 15 unit or 15 studio room building at 401 Anacostia road southeast, and it is serving 55 and older seniors or adults, as well as filling a need for affordable housing for those of us that have modest means, and it is also inspired by the Lgbtq plus community where we want to really make an environment as welcoming as possible for that population. And I wanted to share the information, to encourage people to come and check it out.
4. **Patrick Walker:** There's been a large amount of dumping on Burn Street, southeast, coming off Alabama Avenue. and we've called to have it cleaned up several times. Commissioner Angela Sydnor: I can come past tomorrow and check it out.
5. **Joyce Donkor:** I have a quick question just in terms of development. I noticed that they removed the old funeral home on Pennsylvania Avenue. Does anyone know what's happening to that property over there? Commissioner Travis R. Swanson: I connected once, and that was a couple of months ago when the project was first starting with the developer, and they seem to have kind of disappear. They've not returning calls anymore. I'm sorry I don't have any updates, but I will see if I can find anything out.

Joyce Donkor: What is the status of the Pennsylvania area business plan? Commissioner John Adams: That's a very interesting phase that we're in with this particular plan because part of what we're looking at. And of course I can give you more details offline. But just to give you a brief overview it's really getting someone to truly manage and have oversight for that. We did a resolution last year.

6. **Ann Walters:** I'm the Community Outreach Coordinator for the DC. Plug Project, and I'm on here to just let residents and commissioners now, some of you might have received your hangers. to let you know that DC. Plum project will come in your neighborhood and start on March 24., not all residents will be impacted by this construction, and I just want to let residents know if they're interested in getting more information on this project and the schedule, they can go to Dcpluginfo.com. You can also put your name on the list to serve, and we'll ensure that you receive daily or not daily but weekly updates on this construction.

STANDING COMMITTEES (2-3min Q&A)

- Business and Economic Development
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Parks and Environment-(No Updates)
- Planning and Housing
- Public Safety
- Public Utilities
- Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Comm. John Adams, 2nd by Comm. Angela Sydnor, meeting adjourned @ 8:36 pm.

NEXT MTG MAY 15, 2025 @ 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM Meeting Location: VIA ZOOM

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