

ANC 7D Meeting Minutes

March 11,2025

Commissioners Present: Brian Alcorn, Marc Friend, Ashley Schapitl, Brett Astman, Ebony Payne, Dev Myers

Presentation: Healthy Housing Program

Presenter: Dr. Lakisa Blocker (DOEE)

- Introduced the Healthy Housing Program.
- Next meeting with residents scheduled for next Tuesday at Benning Courts.
- Program addresses radon and mold to ensure safe housing and hold landlords accountable.
- Offers radon and mold testing.
- Discussed health issues linked to mold exposure, including skin irritation and respiratory difficulties.
- Long-term negative effects of mold exposure, especially for children, were highlighted.

Consumer Protection Bureau

Presenter: Shakira Richardson

- The program ensures businesses comply with regulations and standards to protect residents.

Pepco Update

Presenter: Hakeem Mumford

- Discussed the Ward 7 rental assistance program.
- Provided an update on the Benning Road Pepco power station.
- **Bill Assistance Portal:** pepco/billsupport.com for residents facing high bills.

Free DC Update

Presenter: Peter Clair

- Addressed Republican interference in DC affairs.
- CR Resolution Bill could significantly cut DC budgets.
- Encouraged organizing efforts across all eight wards.

Community Events & Updates

- Spring Clean-up: April 17th (organized by Coach Will).
- Ward 7 MOCR Update: Latisha Atkins
 - **AlertDC:** Residents can sign up to receive neighborhood updates.
 - **FEDsupport.dc.gov:** A resource for federal workers affected by recent budget cuts.
- **Constituent Services Update:** Francis Campbell
 - New hires: Dana Harris.
 - Councilmember Wendell Felder attended a press conference opposing the continuing resolution
- **Events DC Update:** Brea Given
 - "Day of Play" event scheduled.
 - RFK Stadium demolition has begun.

Community Comments

- **Josh Taborn:** Wished all commissioners well.
- **Ahmi:** Applauded Free DC efforts and expressed displeasure over the CR resolution.

Treasurer's Report

- **Balance:** \$96,532.15
- **Expense:** \$15.00
- **Proposal:** Commissioner Alcorn suggested using \$96 for WordPress to enhance communications and website.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee Update

- Chair JP Gresh made the presentation
- Proposed sending a letter to the Metropolitan Police Department requesting traffic law enforcement at North Carolina Avenue and 16th & C Street, NE.
- Discussed NOI addressing the intersection near Nannie Burroughs Avenue.
- Motion passed to send a letter to DDOT regarding maintenance and development plans for Kenilworth Park.

Commission-Approved Motions

- **Traffic Enforcement:** Letter to MPD requesting enforcement at NC/16th/C Streets, NE. ◦
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain
- **Pedestrian Safety:** Letter to DDOT regarding NOI 24-166-TESD for additional traffic and pedestrian safety measures.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain
- **Kenilworth Park Maintenance:** Letter to DPR requesting an update on maintenance and development.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain

- **Capitol Hill Classic:** Letter to the Mayor's Office of Special Events supporting the event on May 18, 2025.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain

Economic Development, Housing Justice, Zoning, and Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Administration Committee (EDHJZABCA) Report

- Chair Zach Abramovitz made the presentation
- Eastern Boys and Girls Club Update
 - **Morningstar:** Seeking renewal of the land disposition agreement before the Council.
- **Langston Bar & Grill:** Petitioned to expand occupancy and alcohol service—approved by the committee.
- **DC Jail Renovation Concerns:** Discussed aesthetics, traffic impact, and overall plans. ◦

Commission-Approved Motions

- **Bella Market LLC:** Letter of support for a stipulated Class B License at 411 18th St, NE.
 - **Vote:** 5 Yes | 1 Abstain
- **Langston Bar & Grill:** Letter of support for a stipulated Class CT license.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain
- **Zoning Commission Case #24-21:** Letter to Zoning Commission supporting the applicant's February 17, 2025 design review submission.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain
- **Miner Elementary Safety Improvements:** Request to extend the closing date for NOI-25-64-PSD.
 - **Vote:** 6 Yes | 0 No | 0 Abstain

Other Updates

- **RFK Stadium Redevelopment:** Attended discussion with the Mayor and Councilmember Felder.
- **Special Election for 7D01:** Must occur by April 12th.
- **Illegal Dumping Concerns:** Addressing ongoing complaints on 17th Street regarding an apartment complex lacking trash services.
- **March 2nd Shooting (1800 Block Potomac Ave SE):** MPD investigating, no public update expected.
- **Community Engagement:** 7D10 Commissioner Myers conducted door-knocking efforts to gather information and assist residents with 311 requests. Planning a second outreach round in late April.
- **7D04 Commissioner Mike Davis Resignation:** Effective April 1st. He extends gratitude to the community for their support.

Next Meeting: April 8th

These minutes were prepared and submitted for ANC 7D, **Submitted by:** Dev Myers
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