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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024--Virtual

6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail for the purposes of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At time of roll call, Commissioner Dupee was the sole commissioner on the line and acknowledged that the meeting would proceed without quorum as the other commissioners were experiencing technical difficulties, no official actions could be taken.

Commissioner Lang conducted the roll call. The official roll call was done after Mr. Humphrey's presentation. The following Commissioners were present: 7E04 – Natasha Dupee; 7E06 – Delia Houseal; 7E07 – Evette Lang.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA: Commissioner Dupee motioned to adopt the August 2024 meeting agenda as presented via email to the commissioners and the 7E website. Commissioner Houseal seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

ADOPTION OF JULY 2024 MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Dupee moved to adopt the July 2024 meeting minutes as presented via email to the commissioners and the 7E website. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lang. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting thereafter returned to the scheduled agenda.

Guest Speakers:

- **Sharona Robinson- DC Public Schools**

Discussed letter sent to JC Nalle community and the meeting of approximately 200 in attendance.

The purpose was to engage with the community about the swing space options for the school.

There is a limit of brick and mortar spaces available east of the river. The space needed is the size of a football field to build a modular complex. The move wouldn't be done until SY25-26.

September 9th upcoming meeting has been scheduled. Ms. Sharona discussed the difficulty of finding and securing a space to preparing for modernization. The recreation spaces available in the ward are too small. Ms. Sharona provided contact information to submit additional concerns.

- **Lawrence Davin- Executive Office of the Mayor (absent)**

- **DL Humphrey – Office of Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray**

Mr. Humphrey announced event for Marshall Heights at 3939 Benning, Back-to-School giveaway

at Skyline, and other uniform cards and backpack giveaways. Art All Night deadline is August 15, and the event will take place on September 27th and 29th.

There was a shooting in Marvin Gaye Park and on Foote Street; MPD is asking that if the community sees something that they should say something. There is a job fair on August 19th at Deanwood. There will be a walk-through in the area in front of McDonalds where there has been liquor bottles being thrown out. A questions raised about Seamor Liquor store and if anything can be done about the activities occurring in that area.

- **Aleja Cooper – Core DC, The Horizon**

There is currently and AC outage that has been effect since the previous Tuesday. There are other sites where families have been transported during this time. If there is need for additional support, the commissioners will be contacted. Ms. Cooper explained that they are always in search of volunteers.

- Lt. Jimenez – MPD 6D (absent)
- Marsha Young- Inspector, DC Department of Public Works (absent)

COMMUNITY FORUM

- A question arose concerning Commissioner-elect Gail Perkins being sworn in. She had not been sworn in at that time. She would need to be sworn in by someone from the commissioner's office. Additionally, SMD7E05 is vacant. Anyone looking to serve as commissioner should go to the DCBOE website to seek additional information to run for the seats in the November election.
- Question arose about the Fletcher Johnson project. There is a forthcoming meeting. The commission has passed a resolution in support of the change in zoning so there could be an increase in density. There is a community clean-up scheduled for August 31st at the Fletcher Johnson site.
- Krystal Gooby from UPO shared her role within ward 7 designation. She hosts empowerment session in the ward and connects them with resources through hiring fairs, housing, mental health, et cetera. Ms. Gooby is currently raising money to provide hygiene kits and bookbags for different individuals in the ward 7 community. She is within the neighborhood coming to the libraries, parks or wherever those are who are in need. Connections have been made in Benning Park and Benning Terrace.
- Question was raised about how the drug-free zone is implemented.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

· **CHAIR'S REPORT** (Commissioner Natasha Dupee) - Back-to-school events were shared as well as fall festival, state fair, resource fairs, Chuck Brown Day in Fort Dupont Park. There was an emphasis on reminding families to have their students immunized for the upcoming school year.

· **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Commissioner Delia Houseal) - Commissioner Houseal announced that she

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is the newly elected treasurer. The commission has not been able to spend any funds for the past couple of months due to the transition. There is work being done by the secretary and treasurer to get the funds approved. We are still awaiting approval of security funds. Because of this, we are unable to approve any grants. The new treasurer does not have online access to the bank account and is unable to share how much is in the account. The allotment is \$18000 that is distributed over four quarters.

- PUBLIC SAFETY - no report given
- ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT- no report given
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE - no report given.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT, Zoning –

License renewals- A letter was sent from the commission stating that there should be a settlement agreement reached in good neighbor engagements concerning expectations when dispensing alcohol in our community. There will be hearings open to the community taking place in September. The commission intends to have agreements with each of the stores including expectations of safety (cameras) and support. There was a letter written in opposition of granting a license to a 24 hour store on Benning and H as there are already enough liquor stores in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

No official action taken on the resolution. Commissioner Houseal acknowledged that the matter could be tabled, but she wanted to add that there are currently approximately 13 senior villages in and around the city, and unfortunately there is not a senior village in Ward seven. There is a senior wellness center in ward seven that is near the Safeway. A senior village provides resources to seniors and provides them in-home. It serves as a resource for home within the community and it's led by volunteers who are there to be able to provide seniors the support that they need. The commission is looking to let the council know that they did allocate some funding to establish a senior village. The commission wants to put forward a resolution and let the council know that we would like them to make good on that commitment and make sure that those funds are actually going to stand up a new senior village in ward 7.

Prepared by E. Lang and N. Dupee

Approved on: October 3, 2024

Attested by:

Natasha Dupel