



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
Government of the District of Columbia
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General Commission Meeting Minutes

Performed by Zoom / In Person @ MHCDO

Time 06:30pm

February 18th, 2025

The meeting of **ANC 7F** was called to order at 07:04pm Technical Issues 06:30pm-07:04pm by Chairperson Tyrell Holcomb. Initial technical difficulties with audio and video connectivity delayed the meeting briefly but were resolved.

Roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners Holcomb, Nelson, Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, Thompson-Wright, Hughes and Hayes. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the evening was reviewed and unanimously approved:

- **Motion:** Commissioner Orendoff
- **Second:** Commissioner Hayes
- **Passed** 8-0

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the January 21st 2025 General Meeting and January 30th 2025 Special Call Meeting were table and unanimously approved: Until official transcripts are received by Secretary request.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Orendoff
- **Second:** Commissioner Ruff
- **Passed** 8-0

Key Discussions and Resolutions

Community & Safety Updates:

- **Captain Jenkins MPD**

Updates were provided by law enforcement representatives on crime trends and challenges, including youth. District MPD Updates with Q&A with the commissioners & residents concerns pertaining to areas affected. Increased patrols were noted during peak times to address these concerns.

- **6th District MPD Updates**

Minnesota Ave Incident & Benning Road / Statistics Updating also with 311-911 and the new 211 services. / Special Attention areas. Q&A with commissioners and community residents.

- **Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Manager DPR:**

Updates were provided via programming christopher.dyer @dc.gov. 202-702-9453 / visit dprsummercamp.com for more information. / Permit and how to acquire for events. / Q&A with Residents included modernization cycle for Benning Stoddert. No full modernization currently in the budget. / DGS has a much better update. / DPR will present a budget to the council in March 2025. Advisement commissioners continue to advocate so that you're added to a capital budget in future years. Facilities walk invite the director of both DPR and DGS to come on a walk with us as well as we as a commission and community come out and facilitate that walk with them.

- **Keisha Anderson, Community Engagement Specialist DDOT for Ward 7:**

Updates were provided via the East Capitol streets, safety and mobility project, Any issues that DDOT has not cleared, which we handle the bridges, bike lanes. and some public sidewalks please put in a 311 request and send me the confirmation number for that 311 request and we'll get someone to it immediately. Systems operations and agency elevation of requests. Commissioners expressed SMD concerns that need to be addressed. Traffic calming systems currently, yes, we will have projects on both Minnesota and Benning.

New Business / Old Business

- Item for business Commissioner Holcomb **Chief of Staff** approving the chief of staff job description and then identifying the process.
- The motioned was asked for tabling by Commissioner Orendoff with explanation and commissioner dialogue in which Orendoff concerns for formality and structure of the hiring process with all commissioners input in the processes. Commissioner Nelson raised share process concerns. Commissioner Wright & Holcomb expressed detailed views on the Chief of Staff and interns.
- Motion for approval of **Chief of staff Job** description made by Commissioner Thompson Wright, Seconded by Commissioner Ruff.
- Discussion
- Commissioner Holcomb I would amend my motion to state we go through process for internal operations of the commission. I'll rescind my motion and we can revisit in the executive meeting have conversation; see where we are in March 2025.
- Motion that we reconsider this **chief of staff** position to be selected by April.2025 with a description outline attaching the process, on boarding training and a review of it.
- Motion to reconsider has been brought forth by Commissioner Thompson Wright.
- Seconded by Commissioner Hayes and Commissioner Ruff.
- Commissioner Holcomb roll call for the sake of the record motion has been made by Commissioner Thompson Wright to reconsider approving the job description for **chief of staff**.
- By the end of April 2025 with a timeline established around the internal procedures, all of the internal aspects, as well as a thorough on boarding process to be established for them.
- Commissioner Hayes Yes, Commissioner Thompson Wright Yes, Commissioner Edwards Yes, Commissioner Hughes. Yes, Commissioner Nelson Yes, Commissioner Orendoff Yes, Commissioner Ruff Yes, Commissioner Holcomb Yes, Consensus of eight in favor.
- **Passed 8-0**
- **Pipe Dreams**, updating licensed protest status Commissioner Nelson 7F04 had a community forum 02.06.25 where we had the licensee show up and as well as community members virtually and in person, as well as MPD. Q&A with community and potential protest with affected resident concerns on parking and its overall impact on area.
- **BZA#B2205045 Hantz Presentation** Commissioner Nelson Q&A Motioned passed with discussion. Provide letter of support. Residents applied for the variance and they have a second circumstance where because of an error on the dc referral window. Referral memo that we now have to get them to correct is now holding up our application. Interruption of daily life by constantly moving him from place to place.
- **TAF DC Jail & Ward Memorial** updates on properties brief discussion technical assistance fund application. Commissioner Holcomb motion to approve the request for **TAF funds for the dc jail zoning** matter as well as war memorial? The DC jail as well as for Ward Memorial, they sent out a notice the other matter before the BZA. With assurance that we have legal representation. .
- All those in favor unanimously approved: 8-0

Resolutions Passed

Resolution 25-004

Introduced by Commissioner Ruff, resolution in support of the recycling refund and litter reduction amendment Act of 2025 and the establishment of a recycling program in Ward 7F and 7D.

Motion has been made by Commissioner Ruff

Seconded by Commissioner Thompson Wright

Passed 8-0

Resolution 25-005

Introduced by Commissioner Nelson, resolution in support of the **Hantz** residents at 2846 Place Northeast Washington, DC 20019

Resolution and letter of support of the residents in writing to the Zoning commission to say that we support the expansion of their home to allow them to move back into their family house.

Commissioner Nelson amends motion to request a resolution.

Motion properly made by Commissioner Nelson

Seconded by Commissioner Ruff

Passed 8-0

Secretary Recap

- Commissioner's discussion tabling overview and scheduling.

Updates from Local Officials

- **Ward 7 Office of the Councilman Representative: Lawrence Davin**

- Discussed upcoming public meetings and Constituent Services for Councilmember Mr. Davin presented update on Council Oversight Hearings. Upcoming budget concerns for Ward 7. Congressional interference with the budget and how it will affect DC's overall coverage budget.
- Q&A discussion with commissioners and community along info distribution.
- We shared our Ward 7 Budget Priority Survey. So we've been asking leaders from all across the ward, ANC Civic Association leaders. Faith-based leaders, what do you want to see in the budget for Ward 7?
- Black Family Wellness Expo at Kenilworth Rec. on March 15th 2025

- **Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative: Ebony Rose Thompson**

- Discussed upcoming public meetings and educational initiatives, including a focus on school air quality and cell phone policies in schools. Share PTA to involved community in developing relationship with schools through outreach services.

- **Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services: Eric Mullins / [Latisha Atkins](#)**

- Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services presentation Q&A Resolutions of DPR, Mayor's budget engagement forum Summit dates and locations & RFK Developments.
- Q&A with commissioners and residents concerning community engagement.
- Latisha Atkins Contact information: (202) 251-9930, latisha.atkins@dc.gov.
- Eric Mullins Contact information: (202) 374-9282, eric.mullins@dc.gov.

Community Concerns

- Community Comments:
 - Allen House residents living condition via tenant association representatives concerns.
 - Minnesota Avenue thoroughfare to East Capitol and beyond more DC MPD presence.
 - Benning Road continue traffic concerns with DC MPD during Q&A

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.