

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8D
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 by Commissioner Dionne Yvette Brown, Acting Chairperson. Technical difficulties resulted in her being unable to log into the meeting as host and admit attendees despite being able to schedule the meeting as host. Immediate Past Commission Chair Wendy Hamilton had to be summonsed as account authorization information was still registered to her.

ROLL CALL

SMD	NAME	STATUS
8D01	Dionne Yvette Brown	Present
8D02	(Vacant)	
8D03	Cassandra Matthews	Absent
8D04	(Vacant)	
8D05	(Vacant)	
8D06	(Vacant)	
8D07	Frederick Nelson	Present
8D08	Randell Strickland	Absent

Two of four incumbent Commissioners were present. A quorum was not established. Therefore, no binding votes could be taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Erica Brown has been certified to fill the seat for 8D05, but has not yet been published in the D.C. Register or sworn in. We have an election scheduled for the contested 8D06 seat.

SMD	Issue(s)
8D01	DHCD requested comment on their proposal to provide approximately \$23,602,679 in Housing Production Trust Funds financing to Flats at South Capitol located at 3836-3840 South Capitol Street SE and 3848 South Capitol Street SE. Commissioner Brown wrote a letter in opposition and submitted it for the record. The basis for her position was the saturation of her SMD, and the neighborhood overall, with low income housing without balancing it with retail, amenities or upmarket housing. Notice of an application for a raze permit has been posted at the city-owned property at 199 Chesapeake Street SW. No information is available about the plans for it.
8D02	No report
8D03	No report
8D04	No report
8D05	No report
8D06	No report

8D07	<p>Case No. 21229 to construct a new 11-unit apartment building on the blighted lots at 62-64 Forrester Street SW was heard by the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) on February 26. Two options were two semi-detached houses or the apartment building. Only the latter provided economies of scale to offset the site preparation costs. Commissioner Brown presented on behalf of ANC 8D and submitted her testimony for the record. Although the Commission did not take an official position, she spoke favorably of the proposed construction on vacant land, in consultation with the Commissioner-elect and residents of SMD 8D07. The request was approved and case closed.</p> <p>Ongoing issues remain about the demolition and redevelopment of Martin's View apartment complex. The tenant's association is planning to leverage TOPA during the transition period.</p>
8D08	No report

NEW BUSINESS

Case 21273 has been filed with the BZA to construct an addition to the apartment building located at 4184-4196 Livingston Road SE. The project architect, Dagmawi Gebrekidan, and the project attorney, Alex Wilson were scheduled to present at this meeting, but has requested an extension from the Board. They will appear before the ANC in April in advance of the requested June 11 hearing date. Commissioner Matthews will have the opportunity to present the matter for the Commission to take a position if it is her pleasure since the project is in her Single Member District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

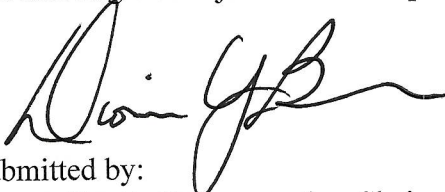
COMMUNITY CONCERNS

ANC 8D residents in attendance introduced themselves. Eugene DeWitt Kinlow II brought greetings from the Executive Office of the Mayor as the Mayor's Ward 8 Community Outreach and Relations Specialist. His role is to connect residents, organizations and government entities together. He can be reached at Eugene.kinlow1@dc.gov or (202) 549-6586 if members of the community are in need of government assistance or require intervention with resolving issues with city agencies due to the lack of a ward Councilmember.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANC 8D will hold the election for SMD 8D06 on Saturday, April 5 at Living Word Church located at 4101 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SW from 10am to 2pm. Only registered voters in SMD 8D06 may cast ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.


Submitted by:
Dionne Yvette Brown, Acting Chair