



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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ANC 7B MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

John F. Adams Vice Chairman	7B01	Jamaal Maurice Pearsall	7B02 –	Travis R. Swanson Chairman	7B03 –
Keith Hasan-Towery Treasure	7B04	Elizabeth Reddick	7B05	Cortez Johnson	7B06
Jimmie Williams	7B07	Angela Sydnor	7B08	Michelle Hammond Secretary	7B09

ANC 7B Public Meeting Agenda

Call to Order 6:35 pm

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

Consent Agenda Items

- 1. March 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. FY25 Q2 QFR**

Motion to approve by Comm. Keith Hasan-Towery, 2nd by Comm. John Adams. A vote was taken by all commissioners present by responding with a YES or NO, there was **8 Yes** and **0 NO's** therefore it was **approved**.

ABRA

Miss Toyas Southern Cajun Kitchen - 3216 Pennsylvania Ave. SE (renewal)

Highland Café and Grill-32-Pennsylvania Ave. SE (renewal)

Wah Sing-2521 Pennsylvania Ave. SE (renewal)

Creek Clothing-2924 Minnesota Ave, SE (new)

Motion to file a protest from Comm. Riddick, 2nd by Jimmy Williams

Introduction of New Commissioner

Commissioner Cortez Johnson 7b06

Commissioner Jimmy Williams 7b07

MPD REPORT (no report)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (10mins) Latisha Atkins (MOCA) CONTACT INFORMATION, 202.251.9930
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- 8th annual spring cleanup in the 7E community,

Q&A

Commissioner Hassan-Towery- Is there any updates on delaying passing that 1 billion for the city?

Latisha Atkins: no specific updates as of yet from the mayor other than what she has shared, that there could likely be potential layoffs. but as of today, I have no updates

Councilmember Feilder Office

Delia Houseal: chief of Staff for Council Member Wendell Felder's office.

Ward Updates:

- **Budget Season: Released the FY 2026**
- **Grand Opening of Cedar Hill GW Health**

- **Established a new initiative: RIDE & REVIEW**
- **Illegal Dumping & Blighted Property Blitz**

Introduced 1st Legislation:

- **RFK Site Redevelopment plans**
- **CORE DC Engagement**

ANC 7B Updates:

- **RIDE & REVIEW with the Director of DDOT**
- **Swearing in ANC 7B's latest Commissioner Jimmie Williams**
- **Juneteenth Parade**

ANC 7B Budget Priorities

- **Development of the Hillcrest aquatic center**
- **Modernization of Winston Education Campus**
- **Senior Health and Aging Programming and services**
- **Strengthening Library Programming & Service Delivery Model**
- **Neighborhood Signage and streetscape improvements**
- **Continue Funding to support the completion of the final stage of the Skyland development**
- **Implementation of the Pennsylvania ave. east small area**

If there are any issues or concerns that you like to bring to our attention 1st wanted to just share our staff. Just for those of you who may not be aware. Currently, we are almost fully staffed. We have our legislative director, Mr. Chavis. So if you have any legislative ideas, please reach out to Mr. Chavis. We have Miss Donna Harris, who is our communications Director. If you have any speaker requests and things of that nature, we ask that you reach out to Donna as well as Mary Tanway, who is our special assistant. We are undergoing some restructuring of our team. I know many of you are probably used to Director Lawrence Davin coming to speak with you. Mr. Davin is no longer with our team, but we assure you that if you have any constituent services, issues, or concerns, we are still here to serve. So please, in the interim, reach out to Ward 7@dccouncil.gov. It is a unique email address, where all of our constituent services, and issues will be received and responded to accordingly. As I mentioned, because of some of the restructuring that has occurred in our office, we are hiring for 2 positions. We're looking for a constituent services director as well as a constituent services coordinator. If you know of anyone that has the experience, the background, the passion, the energy to serve. Ward 7. Please send them our way. You can access the job links right here via the QR. Code, and then I will also enter a link to the position descriptions in the chat box for those of you who are familiar with the Council website. If you go to the DC. Council's website and look under jobs. You'll also find both of those positions there.

Question & Answer:

Commissioner Braddick, - I know that we're in a situation where budgets may be cut, what is the Council members position on ensuring that we're not affected by certain cuts like, for example, Hillcrest is slated to go under a major renovation in the near future, and we want to ensure that these budget cuts are not affecting Ward 7 schools our rec centers any public domain that is already slated to go through some type of infrastructure or improvement. What is the Council member Planning to do to ensure that those not getting put on the back burner? Delia Houseal: ward 7 has not seen its fair share of investments, and we understand that it's going to be a tough budget season. We're not asking for a whole lot of new things, because we know that's an even tougher ask. But we are asking for the items that have been sent along to us as priorities. We are asking for those items to be funded, so we will continue to advocate.

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Moore, (DC. Water)

Sean Moore- I wanted to give you an update on our lead-free DC program and what we're doing. 1st let free DC, is DC waters plan to eliminate all 42,000 lead service lines from the district and we're doing that 2 ways. We're replacing all the service lines that we know are lead. And we're working to identify the service lines that our records are clear on. And if we find that those service lines are lead, we'll replace those program milestones. That number is 8,411 as of yesterday. We continue to see those numbers go up. What's new is our program status dashboard. You can check on dcwater.com/lead, and you can track our progress and see how we're doing versus reaching our goal. We know lead is a powerful neurotoxin, and there's no safe level of lead

at high levels. Lead can kill you. We know it interferes with the production of red blood cells, and it has adverse effects for both children and adults, but who's most vulnerable of course, that would be pregnant women and infants and children. When we talk about lead free DC, we're really focused on the lead on the water service line, which is the line that runs from the water main in the street into your house.

That water main has 2 sides. A public and a private, DC Water maintains the public side, and the homeowner is responsible for everything on the private side. As a matter of fact, DC, water can't use the money that we have when we pay our water bill, we can't use that money for work on private property, so whenever we have programs like, let free. DC, that means we have special funds that allow us to do that work on private property. We're focused on lead and galvanized iron pipes which both contain lead. We also have a construction dashboard where you can also look up your address and see if we have construction slated in the near future for your house. We're focused tonight. I'm focused on our capital improvement projects which are DC. Water, initiated projects which would be emergency repairs, projects, programs like our small dam and water main replacement as well as our by block program. And if you have questions, you can always reach out to our lead hotline and lead email lead@dcwater.com, (202) 787-4049,

Question & Answers

Linda Fletcher: I am aware of your program. I did see a flyer in one of my water bills, and this was prior to me having a total renovation done on my home, I requested a test kit. My water was tested, and though on the map it said that I don't have lead pipes. I had galvanized pipes, and my water did test positive for lead. It was questioned by DC. Water representatives. They sent one of their people out to retest my water, which still tested positive for lead. So in the process of me doing a total renovation on my home, I decided to have My service line replaced. But I need a water meter that accommodates the size of the new pipe, or rather the new water service line. Do you replace the water mains? Sean Moore - DC Water: The water meter. Yeah. So if you're resizing. So you're sizing, for example, are you going from an inch to an inch and a half service or something. yes, we do. Either adjust the meter the connection size for the meter, or provide. Put a new meter in when we do the service line replacement.

Alex Freedman (DCOP)

I am a community planner with the DC Office of planning, and I am here tonight in part to start to get to know this commission a little bit better, because I am one of the newly chosen ward. 7 liaisons for the DC. 2050 comprehensive plan, and I wanted to take this as an opportunity to share a little bit about what is DC. 2050 for those who are new to the process, or who are looking for some additional information. I will go over some of the background of what comprehensive planning is to begin with, because it's something that a lot of folks are not so familiar with. And then what is this process that we're starting now? And how is it connected to zoning. Why is it important? And then what are the ways to get engaged as community members and as a commission, and then wrapping up with sort of what resources are available, and offering to answer any questions folks might have. What is comprehensive planning? DC 2050 is a rewrite of the district's comprehensive plan, that it includes policies and priorities for land which guide in particular the use of the land, so whether it can be residential or commercial or recreation space, the density which is how many units of a building can be built on a single piece of land. Is it a single family house? Is it a multifamily apartment building? Is it a large box store? Is it a small row of shops, and then also the form of the building. So what do they look like? Are they really close to the curb? Do they have lawns in front? Do they have space between their neighbors and things like that? Part of the reason that we are doing this process is because in the Home Rule charter the district is responsible for implementing a comprehensive plan and updating it or rewriting it periodically. So in the district. Our 1st comprehensive plan was in 1984, and then about every 20 years, we do a full rewrite of the process, with updates in between. So the most recent one was in 2006.

DC, 2050 is a full rewrite. Just taking things that worked well from previous plans. As part of our analysis and going into this is what worked well. And what do we need to hold on to from past plans. But thinking about, how can we adjust the structure of this? And how can we adjust the user friendliness of this so that it provides the vision that we want, which is a vision for the year 2050. How do we want the city to grow and change over the next 2025 years. And what do we need to do today to start that ball rolling?

So how is the comprehensive plan used at its most immediate function? It's used by the zoning commission. So the Zoning Commission uses a comp plan to determine where and how zoning can change across the district for district government. It's the document and set of policies that shape a lot of our budget for facilities and infrastructure across the district as well as acting as sort of an umbrella to a lot of the planning

processes that other agencies do. So. When DOE does a sustainability plan or DDOT does a transportation plan? Those plans all need to align with the values and priorities of the comprehensive plan. Where the Comp plan is also important, is for residents, businesses, property owners, advocates, and stakeholders, because it's an opportunity for us to set a public legislated vision for the future of the district and for your community. It also will yield policies and maps and zoning guidance that help folks, particularly property owners, businesses, and residents understand how their property can be used over time, and it also helps the broader community learn where new housing and shops and public facilities might be added.

So the connection between the Comp plan and zoning is, we felt like it's useful to break this down a little bit because zoning can be its own confusing category of policy making. But essentially what the comprehensive plan does is it's developed in collaboration with community and other agencies and Anc commissions and that one of the main pieces that impact zoning that comes out of this is what is called the future land use map, and the policies that are attached to that and the future land use map needs to be approved by the DC. Council, but it lays out the potential future maximum level of zoning that property all across the district could have. And again, that's like, whether it could be residential, of a certain density, or commercial, of a certain kind, or mixed use, or for industrial uses or for recreation uses, etc.

So once the plan passes, this map is created, and it allows folks to look at what is possible. But it doesn't change anything. What happens next is that either a property owner, the office of planning, or another government stakeholder can request a zoning change for the land based on what the map would allow. Those changes all require public hearing processes that includes a report and recommendations from our office, testimony from agencies, ANC's and community members. And then it must be approved by the zoning commission, once that has happened and any zoning changes have been made. That's when a new development that relies upon that new zoning could start to move forward, and that's initiated by the property owner, and may require some additional

DC. 2050 presents an important opportunity for us to identify challenges and opportunities facing the district and then think deeply about how we want to address those over the next 2 decades. The city is projected currently to grow in population by almost 150,000 residents over the next 20 years.

So, we're facing increased demand for housing, especially family sized units, new transportation needs for getting people between housing and workplaces and new improved civic facilities and new environmental protection needs. As the city grows. And this plan creates a chance to rethink a lot of the opportunities that we face as far as a downtown that's struggling to bring back commercial tenants. Even before this current administration there was a lot of Federal land and Federal buildings in the sort of civic core of the district that are underutilized, or that the government is looking to offload, and those present interesting opportunities for building new neighborhoods where previously there were no residents.

And then also it requires us to take a look at trends and workforce patterns. And obviously we're in a moment of a lot of uncertainty around that, and as we get new information we will continue to feed into our models. How this maps out over 20 years. Recognizing that

DC 2050 we're trying to bring in some new ideas based that are improving upon the last versions we really are bringing this one to be, we hope, the most community centered version of the comprehensive plan to date. We're working hard to reach out to different community groups and really hear from the folks that are not well represented in past planning processes, whether through disenfranchisement or through other structural barriers that have prevented people from participating fully in these processes.

Question & Answer

Lisa Jenkins: Who is looking out for the green space? Who's considering the environmental effects of all the houses. **Alex Freedman:** We are thinking very much about where there are new environmental needs for the district. As we look into the future. Because you're absolutely right. More buildings means we got to put them somewhere, and where do we put them? Depends a lot on how the land is zoned, what the market economics of the world are at the time, but also you know which part of the city is carrying the burden of different kinds of housing. And so one of the things that we will definitely be looking at in great depth during this process is where there are opportunities for more housing. But we make sure that environmental concerns are kept in mind throughout this process.

New Business:

Travis Swanson (ANC7B Chair): 7B. Is looking to transition to hybrid meetings starting next month, so we will continue to have the zoom option. However, we will have an in-person component, too. We are also planning to have a big name speaker. We are planning to meet at the Joy Evans Recreation Center at 3030 G Street, southeast we had decided our regular meeting place is going to be the DC dream center.

ACTION REQUIRED:

No action required at this moment

COMMUNITY CONCERNS (20 min)

1. **Mr. Harrington:** I work for the National Re-entry network for returning citizens. I am an outreach specialist of the organization. I had spoken with you on the phone a few months ago, but that was in my novice level, and I have gained quite experience since the last time we talked you wanted to speak to one of my supervisors when it came to our organization. I just wanted to share what we have been up to. We been engaging with community stakeholders, business stakeholders, creating relationships with everybody so we can be welcomed back into the community as like family. We also been hosting events for them when it comes to financial literacy or exercise for the mind, body, and spirit, and also doing volunteer work. Eventually when it comes to gardening, having the community just work on their own issues, the program is called the Community Led Preventive Model, that it is a 4 year program. But you know, like they say, that the Roman Empire wasn't built in a day. So every 2 days out of a week we try to go out there to make progress, to have it lead into a restorative justice model by focusing on the public health when it comes to the mental, emotional intelligence and the end goal is to have the community come together to settle their differences amongst each other rather than call 911. So instead of calling the law enforcement, we would call community leaders like yourself or Miss Blight from Marshall Heights community the development and other types of community leaders. And I just also wanted to say that I have been participating in these meetings as much as I can. I've been writing down so many notes because I am really serious about the work. I am also a returning citizen, and I also want to thank you all for all the work that you guys have done. I didn't even know that this was going to last that long. But I'm glad I stayed, just to hear everything of this special guest, from the community of what they had to say, and for also what you all had to share about the budget. So, I'm still in the learning process. But I'm really enjoying everything, and I look forward to participating in more meetings, and eventually to meet you all one day in person.

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. Cortez Johnson, meeting adjourned @ 9:17 pm.

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

For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Corona virus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov

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Prepared By: Michelle Hammond 7B09 – Secretary

Approved On: May 15, 2025

Attested By: /s/ Michelle Hammond