

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8D

Public Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by the Chair. It opened with a moment of silence in honor of losses in our community.

Barbara Hare, a longtime resident of Darrington Street and a founding member of the Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center, was remembered for her dedication to civic engagement. She volunteered regularly as an election day poll worker. Ms. Hare passed away on February 1, and her service was held on February 19.

We also remembered Rev. Graylan Hagler, an esteemed activist, pastor, and theologian, who passed on February 17. His service was held on March 1. Although not a resident of Ward 8, his influence reached across the city. Rev. Hagler established a senior center across from his United Church of Christ on North Capitol and Missouri Avenues, successfully advocating against plans to turn the site into a gas station. That senior center remains in use today. He was also a founding member of NACA, a home-buying assistance program.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was established.

AGENDA

A slight adjustment was made to the circulated agenda. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) was originally scheduled to present but requested to postpone their presentation. The DC Public Charter School also wished to present; however, their request had been sent to an inactive commissioner. Due to DDOT's cancellation, the Commission

was able to accommodate the school's request to present today because of their urgent need to do so before their board meeting.

Chair Brown made a motion to accept the modified agenda, which was approved by common consent.

MINUTES

Minutes for the following meetings were presented for approval:

Regular Meetings: September, October, November, December, January

Special Meetings: October, December

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Pugh. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no February meeting due to workload constraints. Every Commission is required to publish an annual report by December 1. Although this is not a strict deadline, ANC 8D completed its report in January.

Initial plans to mail the report via USPS were abandoned due to workload, and copies will instead be distributed by email. Physical copies will be made available upon request.

The 8D04 seat remains vacant and continues to be advertised in the DC Register. To date, no petitions have been filed to fill the vacancy.

At the January meeting, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) addressed ANC 8D's previous resolution to retain the land at 199 Chesapeake Street in the public domain and to construct a community or recreation center there. DPR expressed strong support for the resolution and committed to earmarking funds for the project in the FY27 budget. The process must first be initiated by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which must transfer the property from its inventory to DPR.

Chair Brown sent a letter to the President of DHCD requesting the property transfer and asked for a response within ten business days. No response has been received to date.

During the initial public hearing on 199 Chesapeake Street in June, Chair Brown and Commissioner Hamilton testified that the community supported retaining the land for public use rather than private development. Commissioner Nelson also submitted a statement for the record.

The Commission has appealed to Councilmember White and the Mayor's Office for assistance in advancing the property transfer. Once completed, the community engagement phase will begin to determine specific needs for the proposed recreation center.

In January, Chair Brown testified at both the OANC Performance Oversight Hearing and the Department of Housing and Community Development Oversight Hearing. During the latter, she stated that DHCD has repeatedly ignored ANC 8D's attempts to initiate the 199 Chesapeake Street transfer. Surprisingly, the President of DHCD said during the hearing that she had no knowledge of Chair Brown or any such request. Following that hearing, Chair Brown sent a follow-up email highlighting several previously ignored communications.

Patrice Lancaster informed the Commission that a new Business Improvement District (BID) proposal by Soul for the City encroached upon the boundaries of ANC 8D. Chair Brown sent a letter opposing the encroachment, not the bid itself.

The primary issue was that the applicant had conducted no community engagement. Chair Brown contacted several business owners and stakeholders, none of whom were aware of the project. Additionally, the BID would be funded by an additional property tax charged to property owners, who would likely pass the added cost on to tenants through rent. Many businesses in the area are already struggling and cannot afford the additional expense. A BID that included Bellevue without first consulting the Commission or local business owners could not be supported.

A representative from Soul for the City was present and was invited to provide comments during the Community Concerns portion of the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

January Monthly Report

Opening Balance		99,942.87
Transactions:		
1/5/2026	Harland Clarke E-Service (Checkbook)	90.8
1/6/2026	Staples (ink cartridges/office supplies)	1,435.46
1/14/2026	USPS (Stampes for the commission)	42.9
1/15/2026	Amazon (11 Pet Waste Disposal Stations)	2,757.86
	13 approved in November public meeting	
1/16/2026	Duplicate Entry (typo, system requires value)	0.01
1/22/2026	Costco (food for January meetings)	97.7
1/23/2026	USPS (Bulk Mailing Permit for 8D)	370.00
1/26/2026	PMIWDC (billing error)	10
Change:		-4,804.73
Current Balance:		95,138.14

February Monthly Report

Opening Balance		95,138.14
Transactions:		
2/17/2026	PMIWDC (credit issued - billing error)	10
2/19/2026	Amazon (2 Pet Waste Disposal Stations)	393.98
	13 approved in November public meeting	
Change:		-383.98
Closing Balance:		94,754.16

QFR Q1 FY2026

ANC 8D Quarterly Financial Report FY26 Q1

Balance Forward (Checking)	\$100,266.95
Total Disbursements	\$324.08
Ending Balance: Checking	\$99,942.87

Commissioner Pugh made a motion to approve QFR Q1 FY2026. Commissioner Hamilton seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT STATUS REPORTS

SMD	ISSUE(S)
8D01	Hosted SMD meeting February 19 DDOT will not install curb extensions in unit block of Brandywine Street SW as planned DDOT will not install “No Right On Red” signs at S. Capitol & Chesapeake Streets SW DCHD notice of \$4M RFP award for 195-unit building at 4001 S. Capitol St SW from Housing Production Trust Fund due to financial hardship.
8D02	Learn DC Charter Amendment JBAB Meeting
8D03	
8D04	
8D05	
8D06	Latest report regarding the accumulation of trash in streets and alleys between Darrington and Danbury. Trash has been cleared but property owners were issued a fine. Notice of Intent was issued for a resident on Danbury for residential parking. Comments open until April 24. Academy plans will be commented on in detail at a later date. Currently it is planned to install crosswalks that will impact parking.
8D07	JBAB Meeting with Commissioner Pugh Zoning Application submitted for 133 Galveston Place SW. BZA Application No. 21451. Project: To convert to a four-unit

	apartment house, an existing, semi detached, two-story plus basement.
8D08	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PET WASTE STATION UPDATES

A memorandum of understanding is required before the stations can be placed.

8D MEETING SCHEDULE

Yearly schedule was presented to the community. Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the schedule. Commissioner Nelson seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

BYLAWS

The 8D Bylaws have not been updated in nine years. Updates were drafted and sent to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Pugh made a motion to approve the bylaws. Commissioner Nelson seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

WARD 8 WOODS GRANT APPLICATION

A grant was requested for 5,000 dollars. The OANC reviewed the application and approved a little over half of that amount. Ward 8 Woods presented in November on how they would use the funds.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the grant application. Commissioner Hamilton seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentations

DC Water – Lead Pipe Presentation

Learn DC – Board of Trustees – Government Amendment to School Charter

- Public comment is open until the end of April. A vote will be held at the end of May.
- Chair Brown stated she would take this to the working meeting and bring it to the April meeting for a vote.

MPD 7D – Status Report

Academy of Hope – Overview of Services, Announcement of New Workforce Tracks

Community Concerns

7-Eleven – Community discussed reasons for closure. Persistent crime and the changing business footprint in DC were cited as key factors.

Announcements

Soul for the City provided contact information and website address. They will attend future meetings to engage with the Commission.

Wendy Glenn announced two events: Spring Cleanup and Roll-Off Day. The Commission is invited to extend the reach of the cleanup by organizing teams in their SMDs. EOM and DPW is happy to provide materials and support staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19.

Submitted by: Frederick Nelson, Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Nelson". The signature is stylized with a large "F" and a cursive "Nelson".