



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F
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General Commission Meeting Minutes
Performed by Zoom and Speechnotes / In Person @ MHCDO
Time 06:30pm
December 16th 2025

The meeting of **ANC 7F** was called to order at **06:40pm** by Chairperson Tyrell Holcomb.

Roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners Holcomb, Nelson, Ruff, Orendoff, Edwards, Cunningham and Hughes. A **quorum** was established at **06:41pm**

Excused: Commissioner Thompson Wright

Result: Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the evening was reviewed and unanimously approved:

- **Motion:** Commissioner Hughes
- **Second:** Commissioner Edwards
- **Passed** 7-0

Secretary's Report

Approval of **November 18st 2025**, Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Commissioner Orendoff moved;
- Commissioner Nelson seconded.
- **Discussion:** Chair noted minor grammatical edits may be needed; commissioners have
- **7 days (until Dec 23)** to submit edits before final adoption.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Action:** Minutes adopted with 7-day edit window.
- **Passed** 7-0

Discussion:

- Orendoff discussed continued issues with zoom 7F account accessibilities.
- Any Grammatical input welcome by secretary for updating.

Treasurer's Report: **N/A**

New Business / Old Business

Guest Presentations

A. **DDOT**

Speaker: Keisha Anderson, Community Engagement Specialist (DDOT – Wards 1 & 7)

- Notified that a formal presentation was not requested; open Q&A offered.
- **Highlights**

5a) Sidewalks / General DOT

- Commissioner feedback: Appreciation for Ms. Anderson's support (sidewalk discussion with Charles Island group).
- Request: Email sidewalk concerns (particularly Ridge Rd & Minnesota Ave "block piece" area shared previously).

5b) 44th Street & Brooks St — Traffic Signal vs. Calming

- Community previously opposed traffic signal installation.
- **Question:** Alternatives (e.g., speed humps)?
- **DDOT Response:** No alternative resolution at this time; signal installation remains the plan.
- **Process for Speed Humps:** Submit a **TSI (Traffic Safety Investigation)** via **311** to request study.

5c) Texas Ave SE Bus Stop — No Parking Extent

- **Location:** Near **Texas Ave SE & Dubois (DuBois) Pl SE**, closest address noted **4542 Texas Ave SE**.
- Concern: “No parking” for Metro expanded from ~40 ft to **roughly half the block** (estimated 6–8 rowhomes), despite this being a straightaway—not a turning location.
- **DDOT Context:** “Better Bus”/bus operations can require removing parking to allow wide turns & avoid vehicle strikes; typical standard is 40 ft no-parking from bus stop.
- **Resident Report:** No driveways; alley exists behind homes but no alley turns at the expanded zone.
- **Status:** Ms. Anderson is **reviewing the street** details live; further follow-up needed on whether this specific expansion is standard or tied to a network adjustment.

5c) Texas Ave SE Bus Stop — No-Parking Extent (continued)

- **Clarifications:**
 - No-parking expansion is on the **residential side** of **Texas Ave SE** near **DuBois Pl SE** (closest reference: **4542 Texas Ave SE**).
 - The **opposite side** (cemetery side) is currently **unrestricted parking**.
 - Residents report the no-parking zone now covers **approximately half the block** (estimated **6–8 rowhomes**), creating hardship for **senior residents** who must park farther away.
- **DDOT Notes (Ms. Anderson):**
 - Typical standard: **~40 ft** no parking from a bus stop; DDOT will **ask** why this location is extended beyond the typical length.
 - To regulate the **opposite (cemetery) side** for residential needs, parking would need to be made **RPP (Residential Permit Parking)** via the standard request process; currently it is **unrestricted**.
 - Ms. Anderson is **reviewing the street** and will **connect offline** for precise location details and follow-up.
 - **Email:** Ms. Anderson will **provide her email in the meeting chat**; ANC will follow up with a detailed message (location map, photos, and measurements).

5d) East Capitol Street (toward RFK) — Project Status

- **Question:** Status update on East Capitol work heading toward RFK and recent survey.
- **DDOT Response:**
 - Construction is **planned to begin next year**.
 - The **public survey closed** on **Friday, December 12, 2025**.
 - **DDOT will still accept input** from **ANCs** via email despite survey closure; ANC should submit consolidated comments and priorities.

5e) Bike Lanes / WABA Coordination

- **Context:** Recent email from **WABA** to Commissioners Orendoff, Ruff, Nelson regarding bike lane status and opportunities.
- **DDOT Response (Ms. Anderson):**
 - DDOT held a **Bike Strategic Plan community meeting** last week at **Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church** (Ward 7 focus), covering planned lanes and **Capital Bikeshare** station additions.
 - A new **Capital Bikeshare station** has been installed in **Eastland Gardens** (near **Me St**).
 - **Southern Avenue** will receive bike facilities on the **Maryland side**; additional lane segments are planned in Ward 7.
 - DDOT will **send the strategy information** to ANC 7F for review and questions to the **Strategic Bike Plan** team.
- **Commissioner Ruff:**
 - Expressed support for bike lanes as a **safety need**, noting lived experience as a parent of a Black child who rides a bike and the desire to balance **parking concerns** with **safe mobility**.
 - Shared personal perspective: bike lanes are important for **safety**, especially for children and families.
 - Emphasized that Ward 7 has **green space and walkable areas**, but lacks equitable infrastructure compared to other neighborhoods.
 - Urged community to **voice preferences early** and review plans proactively.
 - Noted missed DDOT bike meeting due to family obligations; stressed need for **better advance notice** and **community engagement**.
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- **Commissioner Orendoff:**
 - Reiterated importance of specifying what ANC wants and does not want (e.g., avoid Minnesota Ave SE scenario where traffic flow was hindered).
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- **DDOT (Kesha Anderson):**
 - Acknowledged communication gaps; committed to improving outreach:
 - Explore **mailers, door hangers, yard signs** for major projects.
 - Work with contractors to ensure **advance notice** for meetings.
 - Goal: better communication starting in **2026**.
 - Encouraged residents and ANC to continue sharing feedback on bike plans and other projects.

B. Department of Public Works (DPW) – Brandy Thorpe

- **Topic:** Leaf Collection & Holiday Tree Collection Updates
- **Leaf Collection:**
 - Recent snow event delayed schedule; crews pivoted to snow duty.
 - **Section C:** Leaf collection ongoing through **Saturday, Dec 20**.
 - **Section D:** First pass begins **Monday, Dec 22** (originally Dec 15).
- **Holiday Tree Collection:** Details forthcoming (likely after leaf collection wraps).
- DPW committed to keeping ANC updated on schedule changes.

Leaf Collection

- **Section C:** Still in progress; expected completion by **Saturday, Dec 20**.
- **Section D:** First pass begins **Monday, Dec 22** (delayed from Dec 15 due to snow).
- **Missed Blocks:**
 - Residents should **wait until Section C is fully complete** before submitting a missed-leaf service request.
- **Two Passes:** Each section receives **two passes**.
- **Between Passes:** Residents may:
 - Bag leaves and drop at **Fort Totten Transfer Station**, or
 - Schedule **yard waste pickup** via 311.

Holiday Tree Collection

- **Dates:** Jan 2 – Feb 28, 2026.
- **Eligibility:** All DC residents receiving DPW trash/recycling service.
- **Process:**
 - Place **natural trees/greenery curbside or in tree box** (remove decorations).
 - Service requests for missed collection open **7 days after Jan 2**.
- **Schedule:**
 - Mon–Thu: Sections A–D (Mon=A, Tue=B, Wed=C, Thu=D).
 - Fri: Address service requests/missed pickups.
- **Drop-Off Locations:**
 - **Fort Totten Transfer Station** (free mulch available).
 - **Bryant Street Sweep Shop** – 2011 Bryant St NW (8 AM–3 PM).
 - **Guy Mason Rec Center** – 3600 Calvert St NW (8 AM–4 PM).
 - **Salt Dome** – 2700 South Capitol St SE (8 AM–2:30 PM).
- Info will be posted on DPW’s website; link shared in chat.

Community Questions & Requests

- **Former Commissioner:** Reported no leaf pickup at **344 Crawford Pl SE**; DPW will verify section and escalate if needed.
- **Commissioner Nelson:** Requested alley cleaning for **Clay, Blaes, Burns, Ames Streets** (older residents impacted).
 - DPW noted alley cleaning typically occurs in **spring/summer**, but urgent cases can be addressed.
 - Commissioner to email **100-block details** for escalation.
- **Frequency of Alley Cleaning:** DPW does not have exact schedule; will follow up with dedicated team.
- **Commissioner Nelson:**
 - Thanked DPW for responding to alley cleaning requests; community expressed appreciation for completed work.
 - Asked about **frequency of alley cleaning**; DPW will follow up with details.
 - Raised prior **resolution** requesting review of **trash/recycling bins and litter cans** in the community; DPW confirmed receipt and will revisit status and feasibility of **additional installations**.
- **DPW Response:**
 - Will check resolution details and respond after review.
 - Encouraged commissioners to email specific requests for alley cleaning and litter can locations.
- **Closing:** DPW reiterated commitment to Ward 7 and shared links for leaf and holiday tree collection info in chat.

Old / New Business

A. Motion: *Resolution Honoring James L. Wright Jr.*

- **Commissioner Holcomb** introduced resolution recognizing the life and legacy of **James L. Wright Jr.**, longtime journalist with *The Washington Informer*, for his contributions to community-centered journalism and advocacy for residents east of the river.
- Resolution text included:
 - Acknowledgment of Mr. Wright's dedication to accurate, respectful reporting on issues impacting Wards 7 and 8.
 - Recognition of his role in strengthening civic engagement and elevating community voices.
 - Expression of condolences to his family and colleagues.
 - Directive to share a copy of the resolution with Mr. Wright's family and *The Washington Informer*.
- **Commissioner Hughes** moved
- **Commissioner Nelson** seconded
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:**
 - **Result:** Unanimous approval.
- **Action:** Resolution adopted; copy to be shared with Mr. Wright's family and *The Washington Informer*.

Key Discussions and Resolutions

A. *Resolution for Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Modification*

- **Location:** Unit block (1–99) Anacostia Rd NE (ANC 7F02).
- **Motion:** Commissioner Ruff moved; Commissioner Hughes seconded.
- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Action:** Resolution adopted; ANC to transmit to DDOT for implementation.

B. *Letter of Support – Public Art Building Community Grant*

- **Presenter:** Mr. C. Darren Thompson.
- **Project Overview:**
 - Upgrade two call boxes on NE side of East Capitol (within 7F02).
 - Includes painting, light metal work, and installation of solar array + outdoor monitor for bus times and community events.
 - Collaboration with Anacostia High School and UDC students.
 - Grant application deadline: March.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Nelson moved; Commissioner Hughes seconded.
- **Discussion:** None; commissioners confirmed review of materials.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Action:** ANC to issue formal **resolution of support** for Mr. Thompson’s grant application.

Community & Safety Updates:

- **Public Safety Report – MPD 6th District** **N/A**
- **Ward 7 Constituent Services Director, Letisha Vinson** **N/A**
- **Q&A** with Commissioners and public
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Letisha.vinson@dc.gov

Updates from Local Officials

- **Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services: Latisha Atkins**
 - **Q&A** with Commissioners and public
 - **Constituents concerns within SMD areas.**
 - **Role:** Ward 7 Manager, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services.
 - **Key Updates:**
- **Fort Dupont Ice Arena:**
 - Ribbon cutting held last week; located in ANC 7F.
 - Only ice arena in DC; free community skating sessions in December (slots filling quickly).
 - Additional free sessions planned for early 2026.
- **Mayor's Announcement:**
 - Mayor Bowser will **not seek reelection**; term ends **Jan 2, 2027**.
 - Commitment to “run through the tape” and continue constituent services until final day.
- **Medicaid Changes:**
 - Starting **Jan 1, 2026**, approx. **25,000 residents** projected to lose Medicaid eligibility due to federal income guidelines.
 - Impact threshold: ~\$1,800/month for single-person household.
 - District will auto-enroll affected residents into **Healthy DC Plan**.
 - Differences: excludes adult vision, adult dental, non-emergency housing, and some behavioral supports.
 - Residents who did not receive notification should contact MOCR for assistance.

- **Hypothermia Season:**
 - Runs **Nov 1 – Mar 31**.
 - If you see unhoused individuals in cold weather:
 - Call **311** or **202-399-7093**.
 - DHS will offer shelter and transportation.
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- **Serve DC – Snow Team Heroes Program:**
 - Volunteers needed to assist seniors and disabled residents with snow/ice removal during winter storms.
 - High demand in Wards 7 & 8; goal is to recruit local volunteers for proximity-based support.
 - Sign up via Serve DC website.
- **Community Events:**
 - **Dec 18:** Last produce giveaway of the year at Lederer Gardens (4801 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE) – 11:00 AM.
 - **Dec 18:** DC Aging & Community Living hosting **27th Annual Senior Holiday Celebration** at Southeast Tennis & Learning Center.
 - **Dec 29:** DPR Sports Clinic at Benning Stoddert Rec Center (10 AM–2 PM) – register at dpr.dc.gov.
 - **Jan 1:** Mayor's **FitDC Fresh Start 5K** at Frederick Douglass Bridge (Ward 8).
 - Bib/t-shirt pickup: Dec 27 at Deanwood Rec Center (and other locations).
 - Ward 7 had highest participation last year—challenge to repeat!
- **Closing Notes:**
 - Encouraged community engagement and volunteerism.
 - Seasonal greetings extended to all attendees.
- **Contact Info:**
 - Amber Wright (Ward 7 Liaison) – details shared in presentation.
 - Leticia Atkins will drop her info in chat.
 - **Latisha Atkins** Contact information: (202) 251-9930, latisha.atkins@dc.gov

- **Ward 7 State Board of Education Representative:** [Ebony Rose Thompson](#)

- **Key Updates:**

- **High School Graduation Requirements:**
 - Proposed changes include:
 - Adjusted math/science credit requirements.
 - New **Practical Studies Diploma** for students on certificate track.
 - Reduced community service hours; option for **paid service**.
 - **Survey link** shared in chat for feedback; SBOE seeking honest input.
- **Public Meeting:**
 - **Dec 17, 5:30 PM** – Topic: **AI in Education**.
 - Registration closed, but testimony accepted after meeting.
- **School Highlights:**
 - Friendship PCS recognized as one of the highest-performing middle schools in Ward 7.
- **My School DC Lottery:**
 - Lottery now open for **PK–12** (includes DCPS and charters).
 - **High school deadline comes first**; no advantage to early submission, but must meet deadline.
 - Link to My School DC shared in chat.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Principal Meet & Greet Holiday Party – **Thursday at East River (4020 Minnesota Ave)**.
 - Event is festive and open to all; opportunity to meet school leaders.

- **Ebony Rose Thompson** Contact information: (202) 374-9282, ebony.rose@dc.gov.

Community Concerns

- **Community Comments:**
 - Constituent awareness of current community events.
 - Concern raised regarding lack of consistent communication.

Councilmember Holiday Party:

- Friday at **The Strand Restaurant**; includes coat drive.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Nelson moved;
Commissioner Ruff seconded.

Time: 7:46 PM.

Closing: Chair thanked commissioners and community for engagement throughout the year;
Wished all a safe and warm holiday season.

/s/:

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