

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C General Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026

Prepared by Commissioner Carrie Brown

Edited by Commissioner Dr. Carlos Richardson, Secretary 7C03

ANC 7C Commissioners in Attendance

7C01 Brian Glover

7C02 Patricia Williams

7C05 Mary Gaffney

7C07 Antawan Holmes

7C08 Brandon Scott

7C09 Carrie Brown

Absent

7C03 Carlos Richardson

7C04 Anthony Green

Vacant

7C06

6:30PM Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Staff

6:31PM ANC Administrative business
1. Approval of Past Minutes
2. Review Treasurer's Report

6:40PM Community Concerns / Community Announcements

- Street naming – Dr. Gaffney
- Sargent Mem Church – to hold a financial literacy workshop and approach ANC/community event participation/support
- Rik Freeman – Upcoming art retrospective at the Honfleur Gallery in Anacostia on view June 19 – August 1, 2026.

MPD | Public Safety and Crime Card Updates | Commander Hickman
No representation

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DCPL | Updates | Maria Escher

- Discover Summer with DC Public Library from June 1- Aug. 31
- 4K piece open for community help sponsored by the puzzle society
- Family game night every TH
- A new position starting – mental health specialist – splitting time between libraries = resource for those in need and programming to help people (group or individual centered)

DOEE | Urban Farm Tax Credit | Ms. Wooden & Sky here to discuss programming

- Urban gardening, there are many urban gardens grants given out by organizations and the city
- Residents may be eligible to receive funding for their gardens, tax abatement, and conduct education programming
- The  [Urban Farming Land Lease Program](#) in Washington, D.C. allows qualified residents and local organizations to lease select vacant, District-owned public land rent-free for urban agriculture.
- DOEE's Office of urban Agriculture works with the DC Food Policy Council, sister agencies, the University of the District of Columbia, farmers, and community members to support urban agriculture, increase access to fresh healthy produce, empower communities, and create green jobs.
- River Smart Homes & Communities group will hold a water garden boxes cleanup
- Fix-It DC hosts free community repair events for all District residents. Participants bring their broken household items to an event where they are paired up with a coach who provides them guidance in fixing their items. Fix-It DC provides a wide variety of repair tools but not replacement parts. Saturday, August 8 from 11:00am-1pm at Lederer Gardens (4801 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE). [Please register in advance>>](#)

DCPS | Drew Elem School Modernization | Sharona Robinson + Finan Tesfai

- Graduation season for many W7 schools. Graduations broadcast via you tube
- Last day of school 6/18
- Variety of summer programs for students and families – only open to students that attended a DCPS

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- More than 300 second graders in Wards 7 and 8 received free new bikes, helmets, and locks at Kenilworth Park. This "Graduation on Wheels" event celebrated the completion of the district's "Biking in the Park" Cornerstone curriculum.
- PLEASE ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
- Sharona N. Robinson
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- School Modernization Presenters – Paul Keene, Taylor Sweeney, Finan Tesfai
- Construction presentation detailing the project scope and schedule, and renderings, swing spaces, agency collaboration, etc., monthly updates, dedicated web site and email listserv for updates
- Question from 7C01 re: the plan for a school music room?
- There will be a music room to include instrument and music storage
- Will a wrecking ball used? No
- Construction to begin 9/21/2026
- Community engagement forthcoming please push the information to the community

7:48PM

CM Felder | Updates | Jaylen Jones

- 7C CONCERNS illegal dumping, blighted properties, working across agencies to cleanup vacant and blighted properties, W7 cleanup this weekend @ Norma's on Minnesota Ave, W7 cleanup signs (request signs),
- Felder is the chair of small and local business – grants available for people that provide activations for young people.
- Tax abatement for the Deanwood Metro Project. This wasn't to be the agreement
- Community walk on 1200 49th street @12pm

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SBOE | Updates | Eboni-Rose Thompson

- Woodson SR, Eastern Sr. High today – Woodson is growing and thriving.
- Board voting next week to adopt HS graduation requirements.
- Financial Literacy Standards adopted and students will be required to take a course .5 credit.
- Diplomas will note area of study and focus for HS grad requirements.
- The annual State Board of Edu report is available their site.
- What do residents want to see in high school graduation requirements?
- Budget time – funding for charters tripped, provisions to consider expansion of community schools, vocational front W5 and 8. Kids graduate with college credit.
- W7 doesn't have a vocational school. Put back in the budget – 1.4M for the Washington literacy center. Only provider of adult literacy programming. Big impact items. Eric's law is opt-in, requires training MPD, if passed – W7 students travel farther than all students in DC and back to school event. Many questions – data concerns. Back to school night 3rd sat in Aug 1K backpack goal

8:00PM

Grant Request | Grace Gives | Desair Shaw

- Desair Shaw presented the project purpose, desired outcomes and residents this would serve. This is a W7 grant that is being promoted to 7C and W7.
- Commissioner Brown put forward a motion to approve the grant up to \$2K, pending OANC approval.
- Commissioner Glover seconded the motion
- Vote to approve the grant 7-0-0

8:10PM

Grant Request | Juneteenth Parade | Earl Williams

- Earl Williams mentioned the flyer sent to the commission but did not prepare a presentation. Commissioner Scott recused himself from the vote.
- Commissioner Brown put forward a motion to approve the grant up to \$2500, pending OANC approval, and matching funds from W7 Commissions.
- Commissioner Glover seconded the motion
- Vote to approve the grant 6-0-0

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8:20PM DOH Grant Awardee | Ward 7 Farmers Market | Victual Solutions

- Victual Solutions is a DOH grant awardee that received funding from DC Health's inaugural Farmers and Retail Market Support (FARMS) Grant to launch a new weekly farmers market in Ward 7 at the East Capitol Urban Farm, which officially opened on July 25, 2026.

7:50PM MOCRS | Updates | Amber Wright

- Mrs. Wright shared news and community activations impacting W7.

8:58PM Adjournment

/s/:

Prepared by: Commission Dr. Carlos Richardson

Approved on: June 11, 2026

Attested by: /s/ Carrie N Brown