

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D

March 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	March 10, 2026
Meeting Time	7:00 PM
Meeting Location	Virtual (Zoom)
Called to Order	7:33 PM by Chair Brian Alcorn (7D08)

Commissioner Attendance

Present	Absent
Katie Murphy – 7D04	Josh Taborn – 7D01 (Vice Chair)
Ebony Payne – 7D05	Vacant – 7D02
Dominic Pacheco – 7D06	
Brett Astmann – 7D07	
Brian Alcorn – 7D08 (Chair)	
Ashley Schapitl – 7D09	
Dev Myers – 7D10	
Artlie Wright – 7D03	

Quorum was established with six (6) commissioners present. Commissioner Pacheco (7D06) joined shortly after roll call. Commissioner Wright (7D03) rejoined later in the meeting after experiencing technical difficulties.

Approval of Agenda

The March 2026 meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the February 2026 meeting minutes by unanimous consent.

Reports from District Officials

Metropolitan Police Department – Lieutenant Byrd (5th District PSA): Lieutenant Byrd introduced himself as a new PSA Lieutenant and resident within the ANC 7D area. He reported on two community walks conducted in the area (near 15th Street NE and in Rosedale), described efforts to address juvenile activity, and noted the 5th District has seen the largest crime reduction in the city. Commissioner Payne (7D05) raised three topics with the Lieutenant: (1) MPD redistricting and Kingman Island – Kingman Island is currently divided among the 1st, 5th, and 6th Districts, creating confusion about emergency response

jurisdiction; Lt. Byrd offered to raise the matter with the command chain; Mr. Robert Pittman (Chair, MPD Police Advisory Council and 1D Citizens Advisory Council) added that Chief Carroll does not expect redistricting this calendar year given the complexity involved but committed to raising the Commission's concerns with the Chief; (2) Juveniles accessing vacant buildings – Lt. Byrd advised calling MPD directly and offered to assist in securing abandoned structures through Mayor's Command; (3) Kingman Park shooting update (approximately 3 weeks prior) – Lt. Byrd reported that most cameras in the area were non-functional, that he has personally canvassed for better footage, and that he has requested overtime units for early morning patrols. Commissioner Pacheco (7D06) raised concerns about MPD response at the fire-damaged Kramer Street properties; Lt. Byrd clarified that officers cannot safely enter condemned structures but committed to ensuring they check for occupants from outside.

DC Office of Planning – Diamond Thompson-Smith and Heba ElGawish (RFK Campus Master Plan): Ms. Thompson-Smith (Community Planner and Deputy Project Manager) and Ms. ElGawish (Associate Director of Neighborhood Planning) presented an overview of the RFK Campus Master Plan. The 180-acre site was transferred to DC government in January 2025 via the RFK Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act and will include a new stadium, mixed-use development, and enhanced community amenities. The master plan will address building form, density, open space, connectivity, sustainability, and zoning designations. Timeline: upcoming open houses (March 24, 2026, 6:30–8:30 PM at the Department of Employment Services building; March 28, 2026, 10 AM–12 PM at St. Coletta of Greater Washington; gallery-style format, partial attendance welcome; online module also available at ourrfk.dc.gov); draft plan for public comment in summer 2026; final plan to DC Council in fall 2026. Commissioner Payne asked about parking garage map updates; OP confirmed updated maps will appear at the open houses. Zoning Committee Chair Zach Abramovitz asked about flexible zoning tools for affordable housing and commercial uses; OP indicated zoning strategies will follow development framework decisions. Transportation Committee Chair Meredith Holmgren asked whether the DDOT 15% transportation design plan would be released publicly before the open houses; OP committed to following up on the timeline. Community member Francis Campbell (former ANC Commissioner, Hill East) raised concerns about loss of east-west road access for neighborhoods on Burke Street, Bay Street, and Independence Avenue; OP acknowledged the feedback for incorporation into the plan.

Ward 7 Councilmember's Office – Letisha Vinson: Ms. Vinson, representing Councilmember Wendell Felder's office, provided updates on First Friday community hours (alternating morning and evening); Ward Wednesdays at 3924 Minnesota Avenue NE (9:30 AM–5 PM, drop-in); upcoming Education Town Hall (April) and Youth Town Hall (May); ward-wide community cleanup on Earth Day, April 22; DC Council budget hearings beginning imminently (testimony available in person, by phone, or in writing); and summer door-to-door constituent outreach. Commissioner Pacheco asked for advance notice of the canvassing schedule; Ms. Vinson confirmed commissioners will be notified, noting the Rosedale area of 7D is among the next planned stops.

Ward 7 State Board of Education – Eboni-Rose Thompson: Representative Thompson provided updates on the upcoming SBOE public meeting (in-person or written testimony only due to DGS technical issues; topic: English curriculum); recent visits to Eliot-Hine (mock interviews) and Eastern High School (CTE program showcase); ongoing work on high school graduation requirements with focus on students at River Terrace and St. Coletta who currently receive certificates of completion rather than diplomas; and a “Recess at the Capitol” event on March 13 (Senate side, in partnership with Free DC).

Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services – Amber Wright: Ms. Wright provided updates on: 311 service requests and escalation; DC TAG award increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year beginning 2026–27 (first increase in the program’s 25-year history); Potomac Interceptor update (E. coli levels returned to normal, contact advisory lifted March 6); DPR spring programming open; DPW street cleaning resumed March 2 through October 30; SYEP application deadline March 6; special waste collection and roll-off event at RFK Fields, Lot 8, the coming Saturday (8 AM–2 PM; shredding, hazardous materials, electronics, and bulk trash accepted); Kenilworth Black Family Wellness Expo the following Saturday; and the Mayor Bowser Spring Cleanup for Ward 7 on April 25 at the Senior Wellness Center on Alabama Avenue.

District Department of Transportation – Keisha Anderson (Ward 5 and 7 Community Engagement Specialist): Ms. Anderson provided transportation updates relevant to Ward 7 communities and noted ongoing community engagement opportunities.

Rodent Abatement Presentation – Max Broad: Mr. Broad presented on rodent abatement strategies for the ANC 7D area, emphasizing the link between trash accumulation and rodent activity, the importance of continued 311 reporting to create an evidentiary record, and the need for community education alongside government enforcement. Community member Jarvis (via ASL interpreter) echoed these concerns, noting trash overflow in certain areas and a lack of visible action following 311 submissions. The Commission expressed interest in continuing to work with Mr. Broad on a formal proposal.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioners provided updates on constituent services and neighborhood issues within their respective SMDs. Commissioner Murphy (7D04) announced the River Terrace Plant, Seed and Clothing Swap coming in April at River Terrace Park (open to all; date TBD). Commissioner Payne (7D05) reported no new neighborhood issues beyond topics covered in the meeting and announced her appointment to the DC District Waterways Commission (inaugural public meeting March 19, 2026, 1:30–3:30 PM). Commissioner Pacheco (7D06) reported on the Kramer Street fire (February 27) that displaced three households and announced an upcoming community cleanup for Rosedale. Commissioner Astmann (7D07) had no updates. Chair Alcorn (7D08) noted concerns from the February 17 Benning Road Bridges Project meeting about a lack of coordination with RFK stadium planning. Commissioner Schapitl (7D09) flagged ongoing vacant property issues and thanked the

Councilmember's office for assistance resolving a trash compliance matter. Commissioner Myers (7D10) is planning door-to-door newsletter distribution and constituent outreach later in the month. Commissioner Wright (7D03), after rejoining, reported that she is working with the DC Board of Elections to host a ranked choice voting demonstration at Victory Square in Parkside ahead of the June primary; she also noted that Parkside City Interest developers are expected to present a community update at the April ANC meeting.

Public Comment

Community member Declan Dwyer reported that he and other community members submitted a protest of the proposed liquor license transfer for 1504 East Capitol Street NE to ABCA, noting that the same owner operates businesses at 1500 and 1508 East Capitol Street NE that have been closed by DC for nonpayment of taxes. An ABCA hearing is scheduled for late March 2026.

Commission Business

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Astmann (7D07), serving as Treasurer, reported that the February Treasurer's Report reflected no expenditures and no credits, with a current balance of \$98,262. An additional \$6,500 in FY25 Q3 quarterly funding was received and will be reflected in the following month's report.

Committee Update – Economic Development, Housing Justice, Zoning and ABCA Committee: Chair Zach Abramovitz reported on the February 17, 2026 committee meeting (approximately 40 attendees). The committee heard from Dr. Emmanuel Arono regarding the proposed liquor license transfer to 1504 East Capitol Street NE; from Robin Young and colleagues at Chapman Holdings regarding a potential casino and hotel-anchored redevelopment of the RFK campus (generating significant community dialogue; no committee vote taken); and voted to recommend the full ANC send a letter to the Navy Museum Development Foundation regarding an RFK-area location for the National Museum of the U.S. Navy. The next committee meeting is March 17, 2026, 6:30 PM, with expected agenda items including the Kenilworth Court planned unit development extension and a potential DGS update on the Department of Corrections annex project.

Proposed Motion 1 – RFK Transportation Coordination Letter: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to DMPED, WMATA, DDOT, the DC Council Committee on Transportation and Environment, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, urging immediate interagency coordination on transportation planning to support development of the RFK campus, and requesting a public meeting with those agencies present. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Commissioner Payne offered a friendly amendment to explicitly request an interagency public meeting, which was accepted. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Proposed Motion 2 – National Museum of the U.S. Navy Letter: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to the Navy Museum Development Foundation urging consideration of the RFK campus or surrounding area (including Reservation 13) as a location for the Museum of the United States Navy. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to include reference to Reservation 13 and surrounding vacant land, which was accepted. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Proposed Motion 3 – No Parking Signs, Bell Apartments Alley: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to the DC Department of Public Works requesting posting of “No Parking Anytime” signs in the east-west alley behind the Bell Apartments on the 1700 block of East Capitol Street SE. Commissioner Astmann seconded the motion. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Proposed Motion 4 – Capital Classic Running Races Support Letter: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to the Mayor’s Office of Special Events and the District Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency expressing support for the 45th Annual Capital Classic Running Races on May 17, 2026. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Proposed Motion 5 – Automated Traffic Signal, 16th Street NE and East Capitol Street NE: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to DDOT requesting installation of an automated traffic signal at the intersection of 16th Street NE and East Capitol Street NE, which currently has no stop sign or traffic light. Commissioner Schapitl seconded the motion. Chair Alcorn noted that the planned narrowing of 17th Street NE increases the urgency of this request. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Proposed Motion 6 – DDOT Alley Regrading, Square 1069: Chair Brian Alcorn made a formal motion that ANC 7D send a letter to DDOT requesting engagement and action to regrade a portion of the alley system in Square 1069, bounded by A Street NE, 15th Street NE, Constitution Avenue NE, and 16th Street NE, to remediate water damage. Chair Alcorn explained that alley concrete laid within the past five years was improperly graded, causing stormwater to drain onto an adjacent residential property, and that 311 requests and informal outreach to DDOT have not resolved the issue. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:49 PM on March 10, 2026. Chair Alcorn announced the next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

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Dominic Pacheco, Secretary – ANC 7D	May 12, 2026
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Prepared By: Commissioner Dominic Pacheco, Secretary – ANC 7D, SMD 7D06

These minutes were approved by ANC 7D on: May 12, 2026

Attested By:

Dominic A. Pacheco