

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D

May 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	May 12, 2026
Meeting Time	7:00 PM – 9:58 PM
Meeting Location	Virtual (Zoom)
Called to Order	7:15 PM by Chair Brian Alcorn (7D08)

Commissioner Attendance

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

Quorum was established with six commissioners present. Attendance subsequently rose to seven (7), and then eight (8) commissioners as the meeting progressed.

Approval of Agenda - The May 2026 meeting agenda was adopted by unanimous consent as previously circulated.

Approval of Prior Minutes - The formal minutes for the March 2026 and April 2026 monthly public meetings, compiled and distributed by Secretary Pacheco, were approved by unanimous consent contingent upon any minor clerical or stylistic formatting updates.

Reports from Executive & District Officials

Office of Ward 7 Councilmember Wendell Felder

Presented by Letitia Vinson, Constituent Services Representative:

- **RFK Campus Redevelopment Input:** Community data collection and feedback gathering via stickies have paused. Compilation and synthesis of community input are underway, with publication expected on June 3rd.
- **Constituent Engagement Schedules:** 'First Fridays' constituent hours return to evening blocks (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM) starting June 5th at the Denny's location. 'Ward

Wednesdays' continue weekly at the Department of General Services (DGS) on Minnesota Avenue from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. An Education Town Hall is scheduled at Maya Angelou Public Charter School on May 13th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

- **Keep Ward 7 Clean Initiative:** Monthly cleanups are scheduled across various single-member districts. The next cleanup will occur on May 30th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at Woody Ward (off Southern Avenue and 5th Street). A specialized playground cleanup is being executed in partnership with the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) at Stoddard Terrace.
- **FY 2027 Budget & Capital Inclusions:**
 - Rosedale Library: \$30,000,000 combined across FY 2027 and FY 2028–2029 for full facility replacement.
 - River Terrace Recreation Center: \$5,000,000 in FY 2027 and \$4,000,000 in FY 2028 allocated for a new facility. Online placement surveys feature four configuration models near or adjacent to the River Terrace Education Campus.
 - Kenilworth Park Recreation Center: Funded at \$1,000,000 for FY 2027 and \$3,000,000 for FY 2028.
- **Commission Discussion:** Secretary Pacheco raised systemic concerns regarding DCHA-rented single-family homes operating as hotspots for illegal dumping, criminal activity, and child welfare issues. Ms. Vinson requested the specific addresses be submitted directly to her office to coordinate cross-agency enforcement.

Ward 7 State Board of Education (SBOE)

Presented by Eboni-Rose Thompson, SBOE Representative:

- **High School Graduation Requirements Task Force:** The 22-member task force concluded its final evaluation report. Key elements impacting the ANC include:
 - Practical Studies Diploma
 - Financial Literacy
 - Career Technical & Vocational Endorsements
 - Eric's Law Resolution
- **Commission Discussion:** Commissioner Schapitl flagged an uptick in outdoor narcotics use by students in the immediate alleys adjacent to Eastern High School prior to morning bells. Representative Thompson committed to tracking this alongside the safe-passages monitors and working with the interim principal.

Executive Director and Agency Written Notifications

The Executive Director noted that the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) submitted a written summary detailing local summer camp registration numbers and baseline operating budget milestones. No active personnel representatives from MOCRS, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), or the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) were present at the time of calling.

Community Presentations

Big Chair Chess Club Resurgence

Presented by Wendell Hankins (Executive Leader) and Wendell Brown (President):

Established in the 1990s on Sheriff Road, the student-led club has revived its community-based critical thinking outreach using the motto "Always think before you move" to combat youth violence and drug exposure. Free Thursday youth chess programs operate at Martha's Table from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. A 42-student Scholastic Youth Chess Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at Busboys and Poets in Anacostia from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Backed by an SBOE/DPR service grant, the club is deploying two free summer camps in Ward 7 and Ward 8, alongside active therapeutic tournaments inside New Beginnings and the Youth Services Center (YSC).

Events DC (RFK Campus Operations)

Presented by Bria Govan, Senior Cultural Affairs Manager: The RFK skate park is undergoing specialized resurfacing and is scheduled to fully reopen immediately following Memorial Day weekend. Free baseline neighborhood ticket blocks are open for Project GLOW (May 30–31) and the Vans Warped Tour via direct email to bgovan@eventsdc.com. A community hotline will remain operational through live events, remaining active one hour before and after performances. The next virtual campus quarterly briefing is scheduled for June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Blue Sky Development & Zoning Preview

Presented by Scottie Irving and Zoning Counsel Layla Baptiste: The development team provided a zoning preview regarding upcoming Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) variances for a residential layout modification to "The Coretta" building positioned on the historic Hilly Site. Amendments intend to reduce the physical structure envelope while expanding individual unit configurations to formal three-bedroom family sizes. The project team was directed to present next week to the internal ANC Zoning Committee.

Single Member District (SMD) Reports

- **Commissioner Wright (7D03):** Announced an in-person SMD assembly on May 27th at 6:30 PM inside the community room of The Grove at Parkside (600 Kenilworth Terrace NE). Agenda items include an MPD crime update, a localized City Interest developer briefing, and a live voting demonstration on ranked-choice logic. Applauded local 8th graders for coordinating three community cleanup dates.
- **Commissioner Murphy (7D04):** Celebrated the Earth Day River Terrace cleanup, seed swap, and clothing drive. Noted that extensive Ward 7 street repaving schedules remain contingent upon shifting precipitation gaps. Flagged severe residential sleep disruptions from highly amplified sound setups stationed underneath the west span of the

Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge. Urged neighbors to continuously file 311 noise complaints.

- **Commissioner Payne (7D05):** Provided updates on the Kingman Park Community Garden's localized rodent biology mapping project in partnership with Wisdom Goodworks. Live cam collections tracked urban fox patterns and baseline alley rat densities. On-site volunteer field training is set for May 17th (3:30 PM) and May 18th (6:30 PM). The Friends of Kingman Park assembly meets May 21st at 7:00 PM inside St. Benedict's featuring Ward Council candidate Lisa Raymond.
- **Commissioner Pacheco (7D06):** Construction on the 17th Street bike lane corridor (Benning Road to C Street) has commenced, with open utility medians slated for a volunteer community landscaping campaign. Flagged persistent after-hours youth loitering inside the Rosedale Recreation Center parking areas past 9:30 PM. Initiated coordination with DPR Park Rangers, Lieutenant Bird, and Site Director Robert Robinson to restore lockup enforcement on the perimeter parking gates. Reported cross-district enforcement blockages regarding stolen and abandoned baseline vehicles left un-cited for up to 11 months.
- **Commissioner Astmann (7D07):** Confirmed the structural elimination of the dangerous traffic circle configuration at 17th Street and E Street NE. Reported that the Economy Mart corridor project—the sole grocery point inside a five-block radius—has successfully cleared long-delayed building permit hurdles following a \$200,000 municipal development injection. Final inspections are slated for later this week.
- **Commissioner Alcorn (7D08):** Participated in formal ABCA multi-party mediation on April 17th regarding Sahara Market (1504 East Capitol Street). The applicant seeks a Class C Restaurant license and a Class B Beer & Wine off-premise sales package. The draft settlement agreement will stipulate zero outdoor entertainment, strict parking limits, and comprehensive perimeter trash containment. Commended Commander Hall and the First District command structure for a robust showing at the Hill Cafe "Coffee with a Cop" event.
- **Commissioner Schapitl (7D09):** Continued cross-department mitigation tracks with the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety regarding a target problem property linked to the 90-round discharge incident in March. Noted that WMATA's newly released Board brief formally abandoned the proposed Stadium-Armory Metro station platform split layout in favor of fixed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lane links and existing asset structural overhauls.
- **Commissioner Myers (7D10):** Expressed formal gratitude to DDOT for correcting inverted crosswalk directional alerts. Confirmed early-stage multi-agency exploration with the DC Office of Planning to install a permanent historical cultural heritage recognition marker on the Eastern Boys and Girls Club property footprint.

Public Comment

- **Gina Geffard (Interim Executive Director, Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens):** Announced that the Wilderness free outdoor community wellness series is

fully active. General public classes run across the first, third, and fifth weekends of every month through October.

- **Doris Bishop (River Terrace Community Organization):** Extended explicit invitations to community organizations for regular civic assemblies convened at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of every month. Re-emphasized the urgent need for a cohesive Neighborhood Watch apparatus and persistent foot patrols heading into summer blocks following an uptick in bold property vandalism on Mother's Day.

Commission Business & Official Actions

Financial Administration

- **Re-Approval of FY 2026 Quarter 2 Financial Report (QFR):** Treasurer Astmann detailed a modifications correction to the January–March ledger. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions flagged that two independent quarterly allocations (\$6,530 each) were distributed across March and April, which were originally categorized as duplicates. Corrected end-of-quarter cash assets totaled \$104,793.
 - *Motion:* Moved by Treasurer Astmann, seconded by Chair Alcorn.
 - *Roll Call Vote:* Wright (Yay), Murphy (Yay), Payne (Yay), Pacheco (Yay), Astmann (Yay), Alcorn (Yay), Myers (Yay). (Commissioner Schapitl was temporarily offline during calling).
 - *Outcome:* Motion carried (7-0-0).
- **April 2026 Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Astmann presented the monthly cash position and bank reconciliation statement reflecting the secondary disbursement, bringing active capital assets to \$111,324. The statement was officially accepted into the record without objection.

Transportation & Public Space (TPS) Motions

- **Motion 1: Response to DDOT NOI 26-105-MPDD (F Street NE Tactical Interventions):** To send a formal letter to DDOT supporting the structural conversion of F Street NE to a westbound one-way layout bordering the Rosedale campus field lines. Recommendations mandate separating the tactical sidewalk track using fixed raised barriers, shielding crosswalk intersection corners with high-visibility flex posts, and mapping existing streetlights to prevent dark utility pockets.
 - *Motion:* Moved by Chair Alcorn, seconded by Commissioner Payne.
 - *Outcome:* Passed by unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).
- **Motion 2: Comprehensive Rosedale Campus Transportation Study Request:** To petition DDOT to immediately initiate a holistic traffic flow evaluation encompassing the entire Rosedale campus footprint. Per a friendly amendment introduced by Treasurer Astmann and TPS Chair Holmgren, the study scope must explicitly evaluate the baseline structural feasibility of constructing a sidewalk link connecting Monument Academy across 18th Street NE to Rosedale Street NE.

- *Motion:* Moved by Chair Alcorn, seconded by Treasurer Astmann.
- *Outcome:* Passed by unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).
- **Motion 3: C Street and 16th Street NE Safety Overhaul:** To request DDOT permanently convert the confusing half-lane street buffer at C and 16th Streets NE into an aligned parking block, shift the historical parking track into an engineered green bioretention area, and replace temporary perimeter cones with a hard-scaped concrete pedestrian crosswalk landing.
 - *Motion:* Moved by Chair Alcorn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy.
 - *Outcome:* Passed by unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).

Economic Development & Zoning Motion

- **BZA Case 21465 (1724 Potomac Avenue SE):** To send an official letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for special exceptions from Subtitles E-208.4 and U-301.1c. The exception permits completing construction on a two-story rear building extension alongside a separate, secondary principal dwelling unit accessory structure. Project presentation metrics fully cleared the required residential impact thresholds.
 - *Motion:* Moved by Chair Alcorn, seconded by Commissioner Payne.
 - *Outcome:* Passed by unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).

RFK Campus Bus Terminal Resolution

- **Resolution: Disapproval of Current 21st and C Street NE Bus Depot Layout:** To table a preliminary restrictive motion to enter a new resolution addressed to the WMATA Board of Directors and the RFK Campus Project Executive. The document expresses total Commission disapproval of the proposed 21st and C Street NE bus terminal facility layout as currently rendered near dense residential lines. It formally demands that WMATA pause development to analyze alternative designs away from residential frontages, and issues an administrative summons for WMATA leadership to present at the regular June 2026 meeting.
 - *Motion:* Moved by Chair Alcorn, seconded by Commissioner Payne.
 - *Outcome:* Passed by unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).

Adjournment

The regular public meeting was adjourned by Chair Alcorn at approximately 9:58 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Dominic Pacheco, Secretary – ANC 7D

Minutes Approved On: June 8, 2026

Attested By:

Dominic A. Pacheco