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**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7E
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026---Virtual

6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail for the purposes of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Chair Dupee.

ROLL CALL:

- 7E01 – Dawn Cook: Present
- 7E02 – Aaron Harris: Present
- 7E03 – Gail Perkins: Present
- 7E04 – Natasha Dupee: Present
- 7E05 – VACANT
- 7E06 – Ravi Perry: Absent (Joined later)
- 7E07 – Celeste Kato: Present
- **5 Commissioners were present – 7E01, 7E02, 7E03, 7E04, 7E07**

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion to approve the February 2026 agenda. Approved: 5 Y – 0 N.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve January 2026 meeting minutes. Approved: 5 Y – 0 N.

Motion to approve Oct, Nov, Dec 2025 meeting minutes. Approved: 5 Y – 0 N.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) – 6th District Presenter: Lieutenant Hakeem Ayodeji

Crime Statistics (Last 30–60 Days):

- **Homicides:** 1 (200 block of 37th St); no current updates.
- **Assaults w/ Dangerous Weapons:** Up 33% (8 incidents); many noted as domestic violence related.
- **Thefts from Auto:** Down 80% (only 3 incidents).
- **Thefts (General):** Down 21%; primarily occurring at convenience stores.

- **Motor Vehicle Theft:** Down 33%.
- **Robberies:** 2 reported in the area.

Community Concerns & Responses:

- **Visibility:** Commissioner Perkins raised concerns regarding a lack of police presence on Hannah Place and H Street. Lt. Ayodeji noted that while overtime units are assigned 24/7, they prioritize high-crime locations; he committed to ensuring sergeants monitor these areas more closely.
- **Fletcher Johnson/KIPP Traffic:** Commissioner Harris reported safety issues with cars blocking westbound Benning Road during school drop-off while MPD units are stationed nearby.
- **MPD Response:** Lt. Ayodeji will consult with KIPP DC regarding their drop-off protocols and ensure officers enforce traffic laws for non-active drop-offs.

2. DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Presenter: Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Manager

Key Announcements:

- **Summer Camp Lottery:** Open now through February 16th. Notifications sent February 17th.
- **Registration Deadlines:** * **Aquatics:** March 3rd (12:00 PM).
 - **Other Programs:** March 4th.
- **Reduced Rate:** 50–75% discounts available based on income; applications available at [DPRPrograms.com](https://www.dpr.dc.gov/programs).
- **Permits:** Required for organized activities of 10+ people ([DPR.dc.gov/permits](https://www.dpr.dc.gov/permits)).

Project Updates & Responses:

- **Fort Davis Rec Center:** Construction completion currently anticipated for Spring 2027.
- **Text Alerts:** Residents can text "DCDPR" to 888-777 for facility closure updates.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Chair's Report (Commissioner Dupee):

- **Snow Response:** Acknowledged challenges with "Storm Firm." Chair Dupee personally assisted 14 houses with shoveling.
- **Snow Team:** Encouraged volunteers to sign up at snowteam.dc.gov to assist seniors and residents with disabilities.

Guest Announcements:

- **Sari Lee (Fairlawn/Randall Highlands):** Shared that Brandon Scott is offering community service hours for students who shovel snow (Instagram: [@Brandon4DC](https://www.instagram.com/Brandon4DC)).

- **Wellness/Business:** Announced a meeting for "Therm DC" (a proposed spa in Ward 8) on Wednesday, February 4th (Note: likely meant Feb 11th or upcoming date) at 6:30 PM at the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative.
- **KIPP DC:** Lawrence Davin (Community Engagement Manager) provided contact information (laurence.davin@kipfdc.org) for traffic and school-related concerns.

Commissioner Reports:

- **7E01 (Commissioner Cook):** Welcomed Commissioner Kato as the new Secretary. Announced that the Commission has received its allotments after previous Q4 challenges.
- **7E07 (Commissioner Kato):** Formally introduced as the new Secretary for ANC 7E.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED

- **Sanitation:** Delays in trash pickup due to the snowstorm.
- **Snow Removal:** Concerns regarding clear sidewalks, curb cuts, and alley access for parking.
- **Traffic Safety:** Request for better enforcement of "No Stopping" signs near schools on Benning Road.

ACTION ITEMS

- **MPD:** Lt. Ayodeji to coordinate with KIPP DC regarding drop-off safety and monitor Hannah Place/H Street for increased visibility.
- **DPR:** Mr. Dyer to provide follow-up on the Woody Ward turf field timeline.
- **Commissioners:** Forward community flyers and wellness opportunities to Chair Dupee for the monthly newsletter.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm by Chair Dupee.

NEXT MEETING: April 2026

Prepared by Commissioner Celeste Kato

Approved on: April 14, 2026

Attested by:

