



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7F

Government of the District of Columbia

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General Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 6:30p

Via Zoom

The May 2026 General Commission Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F was called to order by Chairperson Tyrell M. Holcomb at 6:47 p.m. Chairperson Holcomb opened the meeting with a brief moment of silence. He also acknowledged May as National Prayer Month and extended belated Mother's Day greetings to mothers and mother figures residing in ANC 7F.

Roll Call

Commissioners present at roll call:

- Commissioner Thompson-Wright
- Commissioner Edwards
- Commissioner Hughes
- Chairperson Holcomb

Commissioners not present at initial roll call:

- Commissioner Cunningham
- Commissioner Nelson
- Commissioner Orendoff
- Commissioner Ruff

Chairperson Holcomb noted for the record that Commissioner Cunningham was unable to fulfill voting duties at that time and stated that the Commission would follow up with the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions regarding quorum and voting eligibility.

Commissioner Ruff joined shortly after the start of the meeting, establishing a quorum of five commissioners.

Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved adoption of the evening's agenda. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services Update

Chase Brisco, Ward 7 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided updates from the Executive Office of the Mayor.

Mr. Brisco reminded residents and commissioners to continue submitting 311 requests and encouraged commissioners to contact him or Amber Wright when 311 issues are not resolved in a timely manner.

Mr. Brisco shared Ward 7 budget highlights related to schools, community facilities, housing and development, RFK, transportation, and public safety. He also shared information on current grant opportunities and stated that he would provide the presentation and related links to the Commission.

Additional updates included:

- DCPS after-school program registration through the My School DC portal.
- DPR summer camp registration and session dates.
- DPW special waste collection events, with the next event scheduled for September 12.
- Mental Health Awareness Month events, including youth mental health first aid training and community engagement opportunities.
- Ward 7 rolloff trash collection scheduled for June 27 at Joy Evans Recreation Center.

Chairperson Holcomb raised concerns regarding overgrowth in the Minnesota Avenue corridor, particularly in the tree boxes. He stated that the issue has been raised repeatedly over several years and that the condition of the corridor remains unacceptable. Mr. Brisco committed to conducting a sweep of the ward, taking pictures, and flagging the matter for follow-up.

Commissioner Edwards raised concerns from a recent community safety walk, including wires still hanging and trees still creating hazards. Mr. Brisco stated that those issues had been flagged and committed to following up for a timeline.

June Meeting Date

Chairperson Holcomb noted that the regular June meeting date fell on the June 16 primary election day. Commissioners discussed whether to keep the meeting date or reschedule given election-related activity, work schedules, and campaign obligations.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to reschedule the June 16, 2026 General Commission Meeting to June 23, 2026, with the meeting remaining virtual and at the same time. Commissioner Ruff seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners also discussed keeping the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The matter was discussed for scheduling purposes and no formal vote was taken.

Community Announcements

Commissioner Thompson-Wright shared that leaf season employment opportunities were available and stated that the information would be posted to the ANC 7F website. Interviews and hiring were scheduled to occur from June 1 through June 5, with registration through Eventbrite.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright also announced the June 6 Fort Dupont Community Block Party organized by Kevin Cotton. She noted that the event is focused on youth and community engagement and has been held in prior years.

Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Holcomb summarized the April 21, 2026 General Commission Meeting minutes.

The April meeting included presentations from Minnesota Avenue Main Street, Capital City DC Boys Club, the Anacostia Murals Festival team, Washington Gas, and the Hill East Parcels B1 and B2 development team. The Commission also considered and approved support for a modification to the Hill East design review application, received the FY26 Quarter 2 Financial Report, discussed summer meeting structure, supported a bus shelter request for Allen House, and heard community concerns and announcements.

Chairperson Holcomb noted that the April meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



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Commissioner Hughes moved approval of the April 21, 2026 General Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Ruff seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, with five commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

Fort Dupont Community Block Party Sponsorship

Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved that ANC 7F provide sponsorship support for the June 6 Fort Dupont Community Block Party organized by Kevin Cotton, in the amount of \$500 for two moon bounces.

Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright stated that the event has been a positive community gathering for youth and families and that it provides a safe and constructive space for young people in the community.

During discussion, Commissioner Ruff stated that she would feel more comfortable if additional commissioners were present and if the event organizer could speak directly with the Commission. She stated that her concern was not opposition to the event, but a desire to better understand the event and make a connection with the organizer.

Chairperson Holcomb acknowledged the concern and noted that commissioners will not always be familiar with events taking place in each single member district. He offered a friendly amendment that ANC 7F be acknowledged in event materials, during the event, or following the event, and that information from the prior year's event be shared with commissioners before funds are released, pending any necessary approval from OANC.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright accepted the friendly amendment.

After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Felder's Office Update

Jaylen Jones, Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Wendell Felder's office, provided updates on behalf of the Councilmember.

Mr. Jones shared that the recent RFK redevelopment meeting included updates on transportation, game day planning, and proposed changes to surrounding streets, including Independence Avenue, C Street, and Oklahoma Avenue. He stated that additional details and images are available at rfk.dc.gov and that the RFK master plan was expected to be released in June.

Mr. Jones also shared the following updates:

- Councilmember Felder's office hours would be held June 5 at Denny's from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Ward Wednesdays continue at the DGS building from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A "Secure Your Legacy" event for seniors would be held June 4, focused on wills, powers of attorney, and related documents.
- The Juneteenth parade was scheduled for June 19, beginning at East Washington Heights Baptist Church.
- A faith leaders breakfast was planned for June 20.

- The office planned to conduct door knocking in July and September and would seek volunteers.
- Ward 7 Week was scheduled for August 3 through August 8.
- A constituent services fund party was scheduled for September 16.
- A Step Up Cleanup was scheduled at Woody Ward Recreation Center.
- Keep Ward 7 Clean signs remain available for areas where residents and community leaders want to discourage dumping and littering.

Mr. Jones also highlighted several budget and legislative updates, including funding related to Hill East, RFK transportation planning, the Internet Gaming Consumer Protection Act, and Certified Business Enterprise compliance and enforcement legislation.

Chairperson Holcomb raised concerns regarding Benning Stoddert Recreation Center and noted that ANC 7F has long advocated for its expansion. He also reiterated concerns regarding Minnesota Avenue tree boxes and corridor conditions, stating that the community has raised the same concerns for years without consistent resolution.

Commissioner Thompson-Wright expanded on the concerns regarding Minnesota Avenue, including conditions around the gas stations, open-air drug activity, bus stops, public safety, and the need for a more coordinated agency response. She stated that community walks have occurred repeatedly, but residents need solutions and follow-through.

Chairperson Holcomb added that ANC 7F used to be one of the most well-attended ANC meetings in the city, but many residents have stopped attending because they are tired of raising the same issues without seeing meaningful results. He also raised concerns regarding construction activity at the proposed halfway house site and the lack of engagement from CORE DC with the community.

Mr. Jones acknowledged the frustration and stated that he would raise the concerns with Councilmember Felder. He noted that Minnesota Avenue is important to the Councilmember's Ward 7

plan and that there needs to be more accountability around clean teams, corridor upkeep, and broader agency coordination.

Administrative Support Discussion

Commissioner Thompson-Wright raised the need to discuss administrative support at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting. She stated that Christian Coven, who has been supporting the Commission's media work, may be willing to take on a broader administrative role to assist with Commission operations.

Chairperson Holcomb agreed that the discussion should occur at the Executive Committee meeting. He also noted that, as he prepares to leave ANC service, he has been thinking about continuity and has discussed with other ANC chairs the possibility of shared executive director support across Ward 7 commissions. He stated that administrative support could help the Commission and potentially the ward more broadly if structured properly.

No formal vote was taken on this matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Thompson-Wright moved to adjourn the meeting.

The May 2026 General Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


Tyrell Holcomb (Oct 9, 2026 15:35:20 EDT)