



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A
Anacostia, Fairlawn, Hillside, Sheridan

Monthly General Body Meeting
March 3, 2026 | 7:00pm

Virtual Meeting (access found at website oanc.dc.gov)

I. Call to Order / Opening

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.
2. **Welcome/Opening Remarks:** Chair White welcomed attendees and reviewed meeting logistics and agenda highlights (including upcoming agenda changes and April recess).
3. **Quorum:** Quorum confirmed.
4. **Roll Call (Commissioners):**
 - 8A01 – Cmr. Tom Donohoe
 - 8A02 – Cmr. Anthony Foreman – Present
 - 8A03 – Cmr. Andrea Davis – Present
 - 8A04 – Cmr. Fria Moore – Present
 - 8A05 – Cmr. White – Present (as stated in roll call)
 - 8A06 – Cmr. McKinney – Absent (family bereavement noted)
 - 8A07 – Cmr. Tomora Redman – Present

II. Approval of Agenda

1. **Motion:** Motion to approve the agenda.
2. **Second:** Seconded noted by Commissioner Davis
3. **Discussion:** None noted.
4. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (voice vote; “aye” 5-0-0-).

III. Announcements

1. **Chair Announcements:**
 - Noted Women’s History Month and encouraged community engagement.
 - Reviewed agenda changes and upcoming participation (e.g., DPW expected to join in May, per remarks).
 - Reminder: ANC 8A recess in April; meeting expected to resume in May.

- Planned transition to hybrid meetings beginning in May (tech setup in progress with Office of ANC; potential facilities discussed).
- Community engagement reminders (e.g., join Google group / communication channels).
- Ranked Choice Voting Information Session announced (Saturday at Ambassador Baptist Church; partners mentioned included Councilmember Trayon White's office and Board of Elections; recording requested/anticipated).
- Logo update: community encouraged to vote on new ANC logo options.
- Oversight/budget hearings: encouraged community testimony and attendance; noted ongoing hearings and sign-up information to be shared.

2. **Commissioner Announcements (highlights):**

- **Cmr. Donohoe:** Requested MPD 6D/PSA 6070 representation; provided update on a recent residential fire and related safety concerns; requested support for boarding/securing vacant properties; noted targeted enforcement related to solicitation and other public safety concerns.
- **Cmr. Foreman:** Reported ongoing concerns regarding vacant/squatted properties, trash/overgrowth, and parking/resident parking issues; encouraged residents to use 311 and indicated continued follow-up.
- **Cmr. Davis:** Noted community improvement efforts (e.g., local business signage improvements); shared public safety concerns and coordination with property owners and MPD regarding drug activity; shared animal welfare note and community resource announcement (free meals distribution at a church).
- **Cmr. Moore:** Reported ongoing outreach and constituent concerns (quality of life, safety, resources); shared recreation/community center updates.
- **Cmr. Redman:** Shared outreach information and requested residents report unlit/unsafe bus stops; noted upcoming tenant association presentation by 11th Street Bridge project and willingness to arrange additional presentations.
- **Cmr. McKinney (absent):** Chair referenced planned sharing of updates (including Poplar Point development) in chat.

IV. Community Announcements / Public Comment

1. **Faith/Community Meetings:**

- Ward 8 Clergy and Faith Leaders meeting announced for March 14, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (breakfast at 9:30 a.m.), at Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ (address provided in meeting remarks).

2. **Neighborhood Cleanups/Events:**

- Community volunteer cleanup reported (trash removed between 14th and 16th Streets).

- Quarterly neighborhood happy hour announced (Sapodilla's; date/time noted in remarks).
- Upcoming litter cleanup and Sidewalkpalooza co-sponsorship announced; community meeting date announced (virtual).

3. Resident/Business Requests:

- Property owner (Yosef Asmelash) requested support related to property at 1756 W St SE and potential additional unit/subdivision; Chair advised connecting with the relevant SMD commissioner for project details and potential ANC support.

V. Agency and Guest Presentations / Discussions

A. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) – 7th District (PSA 701)

- 1. Presenter:** Lt. A. Mumtaz (newly assigned; indicated approximately two weeks in role).
- 2. Summary:**
 - Introduced assignment to PSA 701; invited residents to contact her and stated contact information would be shared in chat.
 - Noted preliminary review of crime trends (property thefts and domestic-related incidents mentioned) and intent to coordinate with team/leadership on visibility and planning.
- 3. Discussion/Requests:**
 - Request made to attempt to obtain MPD 6D representation during the meeting.
 - Resident concern raised in chat regarding interaction involving federal agencies (DEA/FBI); lieutenant requested contact follow-up.
 - Chair asked about summer planning; lieutenant indicated she would confer with district leadership.

B. Department of Buildings (DOB) – Building Code, Inspections, Vacant Properties

- 1. Presenter:** Dellannea Hutchinson, Community Affairs Liaison (Wards 7 and 8).
- 2. Presentation Highlights:**
 - DOB mission: protect safety in the built environment; overview of director vision (safety/green/economic development).
 - How to file complaints (online recommended; hotline available) and typical inspection timelines (presentation cited scheduling within ~15 days or less).
 - Tenant process emphasized: notify landlord/property manager first; if unresolved after a period (presentation referenced 10 business days), then file with DOB.

- Enforcement overview: notices of infraction; follow-up inspections; escalation to Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) if not abated; discussion of emergency vs. routine issues.
- Illegal construction: permits required; stop-work enforcement; limitations when access cannot be obtained.
- Vacant/blighted properties: registration requirements; inspection and due-process steps; external-only focus for vacant property team; dashboards available for public tracking.

3. Q&A / Discussion:

- Commissioner Donohoe raised urgent safety concerns regarding recent fires and multiple vacant properties; requested board-up/securing actions for identified addresses and other repeat-squatter locations; DOB noted due-process steps and planned follow-up with relevant teams/property owners.
- Commissioner Donohoe asked about tenants receiving NOI documentation; DOB agreed to verify process with staff.
- Commissioner Redman raised ongoing property management issues (trash rooms/conditions) and asked about what happens after repeated complaints; DOB described enforcement pathway and continued engagement efforts, noting limitations once matters transfer to OAH.
- Commissioners requested improved notification to residents when cases transfer to OAH; DOB agreed to raise the request internally and clarify what can be shared.
- Commissioner Davis raised concerns about long-stalled construction sites and site security; DOB noted prior inspections and agreed to re-engage appropriate teams regarding fencing/board-up needs.
- Questions addressed regarding inspector hours and after-hours construction reporting.

4. Follow-ups / Action Items:

- DOB to confirm whether its presentation materials can be shared publicly and provide if approved.
- DOB to follow up internally on tenant receipt of NOI details and on notification practices related to OAH transfers.
- DOB to coordinate review/response on specific vacant property and site-security addresses discussed during Q&A.

C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) – 6th District

1. **Presenter:** Commander Hickman (6D; provided update specific to “6D”).
2. **Summary of Updates (Fairlawn focus):**
 - Reported public safety initiatives following the mayor’s walk (January) and a 30-day plan.
 - Reported arrests in Fairlawn year-to-date (figure cited as over 60 arrests), including drug-related enforcement.
 - Reported prostitution operation (noted focus on “johns,” with outreach support via partner organization; operation resulted in 12 arrests as stated).
 - Noted use/return-to-service of CCTV trailers; a trailer placed near 22nd & Minnesota and another on Eastern Avenue (Ward 7 side noted).
 - Shared awareness update on motor vehicle theft trend involving Toyota/Lexus products and diagnostic/key-cloning devices; encouraged use of anti-theft devices.
3. **Discussion/Questions:**
 - Commissioners requested continued attention to solicitation/prostitution activity and traffic/parking enforcement near Boone Elementary and along Minnesota Avenue.
 - Commander noted coordination limits (e.g., signage not MPD-issued) and resource constraints; agreed to follow up via email for additional questions sent by the Chair.
 - Commissioner asked for clarification on crime statistics categories (“theft/other”) and trend direction; Commander indicated many incidents relate to retail theft in a commercial corridor and offered to review further.

D. Community/Partner Announcement – Small Business Retail Opportunities (Anacostia & Berry Farm)

1. **Presenter:** Anna McCorvey (on behalf of multiple partners including Building Bridges Across the River and others named during remarks).
2. **Summary:**
 - Announced partnership (supported by a Wells Fargo grant) focused on investing in small businesses in Anacostia and Berry Farm.
 - Retail spaces described: one small retail space at/within the Anacostia Arts Center and three spaces planned for the Edmondson building in Berry Farm (sizes ranging from approximately 4,000 to 10,000 sq. ft., as stated).
 - Program described as including technical assistance and an escalating-rent structure (starting below market and moving toward market over time).

- Partners to circulate information; application expected to open later in the month (per remarks) to allow time for technical assistance planning.

Next Steps:

- Community encouraged to identify and share potential local entrepreneurs/businesses for the spaces.
- Attendees encouraged to subscribe to partner newsletters for application announcements.

VI. Motions, Resolutions, and Votes

1. **Agenda Approval:** Passed unanimously (see Section II).
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting- February 3, 2026.
 - **Moved By:** Commissioner Redman
 - **Second:** Commissioner Donohoe
 - **Discussion:** Commissioner Donohoe indicated that links were missing.
 - **Vote:** Passed (6-0-0)
3. **Other Motions/Resolutions:** [Add motions, seconds, vote counts, and outcomes from remaining meeting record.]

VII. Action Items / Follow-Ups (Recap)

- **Chair/Commission:** Share follow-up information/links mentioned during meeting (logo vote, hearings sign-up information, etc.).
- **DOB:** (1) Confirm whether presentation deck can be distributed; (2) follow up on NOI distribution to tenants and notification practices when cases transfer to OAH; (3) coordinate internal review and response on addresses/site-security/vacant-property concerns raised during Q&A.
- **MPD 7D:** Provide/confirm contact information and follow up on resident concerns shared in chat; confer with leadership on summer planning as requested.
- **MPD 6D:** Follow up via email regarding questions posed in chat (per Commander request) and provide any clarifications requested about enforcement/signage/traffic and crime stats.

- **Community/Partners:** Circulate small business retail opportunity information; announce application when live; community members to share potential tenant/business leads.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

- **Moved by:** Chair Jamila White
- **Second:** All commissioners present

Vote: Passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **9:58 PM**.

Next Scheduled Meeting: [May 5, 2026] (Note: ANC 8A indicated a recess in April and anticipated returning in May.)

/s/:

Prepared by: Andrea Davis

Approved on: June 2, 2026

Attested by: /s/ Andrea Davis