



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2019; 7:00 p.m.
DC Scholars Public Charter School

Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 pm. Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05) and Yolanda Fields (7E07) were present. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present. Commissioner Linda Green (7E02) arrived at approximately 7:16 pm and Commissioner Tate (7E04) arrived at approximately 7:45 pm.

Approval of the ANC's February Public Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's February 2019 public meeting agenda. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 8th's, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's January 8th's, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

SMD Update, Issues and Concerns

Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda Green (7E02), Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05), Delia Houseal (7E06), and Yolanda Fields (7E07) provided SMD updates.

Community Updates

Shawn Jegede invited the community to participate in SSS meetings.

Latoshia Butler, a CSOSA provided an update on CSOSA services.

Eric Winkfield, a PEPCO representative, encouraged the community to contact him if they have any PEPCO issues and concerns.

Sharon Shanklin-Brown, President of the Benning Ridge Civic Association, encouraged residents to participate in violence event being held at Peace Baptist Church in ANC 7C.

Commissioner Houseal provided an overview of the election process.

Chairwoman Allen introduced OANC staff member, Kathy Williams.

Official Reports

Public Safety and Police Report

Captain Clifton Weaver, a representative of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Sixth District, introduced himself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Captain Weaver mentioned that felony assaults were up 100%, homicides were up 300%. and thefts from autos were up.

Captain Weaver also encouraged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

Wesley Leary, a Ward 7 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged residents to participate in the Mayor's upcoming Budget engagement forum in Deanwood. He also encouraged residents to participate in the upcoming community meeting on the Fletcher-Johnson Project.

Mr. Leary also encouraged residents to contact him if they had any issues or concerns. He provided his email address Wesley.learly@dc.gov and his phone number (202) 374-9282 to residents.

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Commissioner Tate also served as a representative for Councilmember Vincent Gray's Office, she encouraged residents to get involved in the Budget development process and mentioned that the Council Member would be hosting a crime summit. She referenced that the date was TBA.

Guest Speaker

Representatives from DC Scholars Public Charter School presented on their plans to submit a Charter Amendment application to the DC Public Charter School Board in March 2019. The amendment would provided that DC Scholars terminates its Academic and Business Service Agreement with DS Scholars Community Schools (CS). They asked the ANC for support. Commissioner Fields asked DC Scholars to present at another time because the Commission was not ready to vote.

Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning

A representative from CW Harris Modernization Project requested support for an after-hours work permit for the upcoming holiday. Two (2) community members adamantly opposed the request due to parking issues and trash concerns. Chairwoman Houseal moved to vote on the letter of support. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion failed. (0-0-0)

Zoning

Commissioner Horton discussed an area variance request to construct four new principal dwellings at 5040 A Street, LLC. Community members expressed the need for additional information.

DDOT

A representative from H2 Design Build presented on PSA #324875. Commissioner Allen moved to support the application. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. The motion failed. (5-2-0)

NEW Business

Chairwoman Houseal encouraged the community to review the Commission Goals and Objectives and send over feedback on FY 2020 Budget Priorities.

Commissioner Allen discussed a resolution to establish a public safety committee to address the ongoing violence in PSA 604. Commissioners Tate and Green expressed concerns with establishing the committee. Community member, Sharon Shanklin-Brown also expressed concerns with the establishment of the committee. Concerns centered around duplication of effort given that the 6th District Police Department had a monthly community meeting. Commissioner Allen motioned to establish the committee. Chairwoman Houseal seconded the motion. The motion failed (Vote: 5-2-0)

Commissioner Tate motioned to end the meeting due to time concerns. Chairwoman Houseal motioned to amend the motion to include two critical agenda items: decision to participate in the ANC Security Fund for 2019 and the Treasurer's Update the amended motion passed. (Vote: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Horton reported on the FY 2019 1st Quarter Report. Commissioner Horton motioned to approved the report. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Vote: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Horton discussed the need to participate in the ANC Security Fund for 2019 and motioned for the ANC to participate in the fund. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Vote 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.