



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11th 2020 7:00 pm (EST)
DC Scholars Public Charter School

Call to Order

Chairwoman Delia Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm. Commissioner Allen conducted role call. The following commissioners were present: Ebbon Allen (7E03), Victor Horton (7E05), and Delia Houseal (7E06) and Commissioner Fields (7E07) were present. Commissioner Veda Rashad (7E01), Commissioner Linda Green (7E02) and Commissioner T.N. Tate (7E04) were delayed, and did arrive prior to 7:45pm. Chairwoman Houseal confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of the ANC's February Public Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's February public meeting agenda, the change of moving the up the Guest speaks to present after the Commission Report. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January's Public Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's January public meeting minutes. The motion was voted on passed (Votes: 4-0-0).

Monthly Treasurer's Update

Commissioner Fields was not feeling well, therefore Commissioner Houseal provided the Treasure's update.

Committee Reports

Public Safety: Eric Mercer's homicide case has been closed. Suspect is on custody. Eric was a victim of homicide on November 26th, 2019. Eric was 17 yrs old. Commissioner Allen will meet with Captain Connors of 6th District next week with plans to initiate more public safety strategies for our communities.

Commissioner Allen will also meet with Cure The Streets to coordinate more events discussing strategies to decrease crime in ANC 7E.

Economic Development: Resolution to announce chair of Economic Development Committee (Mr. Carlos Speed) was passed. The Commission requested the Committee present definition of roles, as well as back ground information on the Chair.

Guest Speakers:

Ms. Baretta Francis and Mr. David Klein, U.S Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.
Ms. Lindsay Morton, Director of Community Engagement, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

Representatives explain the roles of those courts in general, and the various courts

- youth vs. adult prosecution
- approval of warrants

- division of courts

Ms. Morton explained that the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is working with Cure the Streets to decrease crime in ANC 7E, and throughout our ward.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

N/A

Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):

- Hillside Rd is undergoing construction.
- Working with MPD to stop the prostitution along Southern Ave.

Commissioner Green, 7E02:

- There are Learning and Training Classes for our Residents, Seniors, Youth, and our teens.
- The Move Seniors Move is an Exercise Program for Fun and Fitness, participants exercise two days a week: Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10am to Noon.
- The Fun and Fitness program is under, Fitness Coach, who is a Certified, Trained and is License to teach exercises.
- The Youth Alliance, and the Teen Club, have a host of Educational Programs, and Life Skills.
- Fort Davis Civic Association, and DC Department of Parks and Recreation, met with Dept of General Services as a Partnership Focus Group to determine what was needed for improvement at our Fort Davis Community Recreation Center to improve the Quality of Life, and to Upgrade the Building with Renovations and Remodeling, until we can have a "New Building Built. The meeting was in February 26, 2019 and April 11, 2019. From these two meetings; we discussed Ordering of New Furniture, Computers, Computers Desk with Chairs. New Gym Equipment, upgrading Security Cameras in Front and Rear of Building.
- We received Furniture Items that were order from the Fiscal Budget 2020, we spent the money from 2020. This 2021 Budget will be used to order the remainder of the Furniture, the New Gym Equipment, the Bar Bells for Exercising, and Mats.

Commissioner Allen, 7E03:

- The DC City Council is scheduled to vote on The Woody Ward Designation Act This Month!
- The New Cynthia Townhomes Phase 2 located on 51st and E Street SE should be completed this summer.
- Please contact Ms. Jones at The JW King Senior Development for any programs that will engage our seasoned seniors of Ward 7. JW King is located on H Street SE.
- Benning Park Rec Center will be open to the public until Spring of 2020.
- Basketball season has kicked off for DPR.
- Please see Coach Chris or Coach O'Neil to sign up your kings and queens ages 10 and under.

Commissioner Tate, 7E04:

Activities and Upcoming Plans for January- March 2020

- Crawford Landing Development Project
- Met with MHCDO, Carver Terrace Tenants Association, and stakeholders
- Community Liaison MOU established with MHCDO, Carver Terrace, and Crawford family
- Fletcher Johnson Development Project
- Provided updates to Glenncrest Tenants Association, Benning Ridge Civic Association, and other stake-holders on Fletcher Johnson.
- Plans for FJTF community event - Spring 2020.

- FJTF FY21 Budget Request Submission
 - Community Engagement
- B St. Day aka Mrs. Perry Day & Ceremonial Resolution (May 2020)
- Bass Circle Girls Scout Troop (Spring & Summer 2020 Events)

Commissioner Horton, 7E05:

Capitol View Library

Tax Assistance:

- When: (Mondays & Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.-2 p.m.):
- Meet with a qualified AARP tax aide to help answer your tax questions and prepare your 2019 income tax filing.

SAT Test Prep:

- When: Thursdays @ 4 p.m.
- The SAT is March 14th. Come join CVL for SAT online practice tests. 10 seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each week we will do a different section of the test.

Recent Event: Fight/Brawl

- Reached out requesting for additional Library Police and MPD patrol
- Currently collaborating with FCVL to draft some testimony for increased programming for Teens in the community

Please Visit <https://www.dclibrary.org/capitolview> for more information.

Other Updates

- In partnership with CORE DC will we be having a Community Cleanup on March 21, 2020.

Commissioner Houseal, 7E06:

- Starting Petition to get Street Sweeper on Southern Avenue from East Capitol to Benning Rd.
- We need your help to get petitions signatures. If you live off Southern Avenue, please contact us at 7e@anc.dc.gov
- CW Harris Renovations are on schedule. Targeted completion date is August 2020
- Submitted 311 ticket to address mattress dumping on Central Ave, Household debris on Southern Avenue.
- Commissioner Houseal has submitted and followed through on over fifty (50) 311 request that has most notably resulted in the removal of abandoned cars, clean up of vacant lots and illegal dumping.

Commissioner Fields, 7E07:

- Upcoming event: Partnership with FEMS to conduct smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector checks.
- Interest meeting for all community members who would like to participate in helping check smoke detectors will be held on Saturday February 22, 2020, at 3939 Benning Rd NE, Washington DC, 20019, time TBA.

New Business

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning

Resolution 7E_20 003 Fully Fund the East End Grocery Incentive Act was passed

- ANC 7 E 2019 Annual Report was approved.
- Resolution 7E_20_006 Opposition of Halfway House Opening in Ward was passed with the recommended amendments of mention to Public safety and number of occupants to be added.

Concerns were expressed about lack of detail regarding the circumstances and plans.

Commissioner Fields offered information on locations to get additional information on this matter.

Official Reports

Police Report

Captain Sean Connors is the new Captain for the 6th District. He is eager to work with the community. He can be reached via email: sean.connors@dc.gov or by phone, 202-740-5830.

He reminded constituents to not leave items in cars or leave keys in cars to warm them up, as auto theft and robbery has increased.

He shared information that Eric Mercer's homicide case has been closed. Suspect is in custody.

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

Mr. Wesley Leary shared information about the upcoming Budget Engagement event on Saturday, February 22nd.

Time: 11:00 AM @ Kenilworth Recreation center 4321 Ord Street NE

Mr. Leary is also out in Ward 7 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He can be contacted at : Wesley.Leary@dc.gov

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray attended our Public Meeting.

He expressed his support for the Grocery Incentive Act.

Community Discussion

- The Horizon: Introduced new permanent staff member and shared information on March Trash Clean up.
- Mr. David Koch shared information on The DC Circulator. You can also find more information about the project on our website at: <https://www.dccirculator.com/tdp2020/>
- Mr. Ronald King shared methods to reduce spread of flu and coronavirus report
- Information regarding the upcoming Shirley Chisolm play was shared:
 - free tickets given to council for kids
 - looking for youth to serve backstage

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.