

**7B-ANC Monthly Meeting  
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church  
3000 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020  
Thursday, September 19, 2019  
6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Present:

- Patricia Howard-Chittams - 7B01
- Tiffany L. Brown - 7B02
- Benjamin Crane - 7B03
- Nicole Smith-McDermott - 7B04
- April Pradier - 7B06
- D. L. Humphrey - 7B07

Roll Call:

Commissioner Humphrey called the meeting to order with a quorum.

Agenda:

Commissioner Brown moved that the agenda be approved. The motion passed.

Minutes:

Commissioner Crane made a correction to the July public meeting minutes. Hillcrest Day will be held on September 28th, not September 27th. Commissioner Pradier moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Brown moved that the report from the Treasurer be tabled until the Treasurer arrived. The motion passed.

Police Report:

Officer Marble presented current crime statistics for the Police Service Areas in ANC 7B. Commissioner Pradier asked how residents can request cameras in neighborhoods because of elevated thefts from vehicles and thefts of tires off of vehicles parked on the street.

Action Items:

**Grant Request**

**Hillcrest Day**

Ms. Karen Williams presented the request by the Hillcrest Civic Association to pay for tables for their Hillcrest Day event to be held on September 28th in the amount of \$186.25. Commissioner Brown moved that the request for a grant be approved. The motion passed.

**BZA #19984 2908 N St SE**

**District Properties**

Tabled because the DC Office of Planning has made new comments on the property plan. New BZA hearing is set for December.

**DDOT Tracking #331707 - 2903 and 2905 Branch Ave SE**

**District Properties**

Mr. Sikder from District Properties was present to answer community questions on the application and about the development of the property.

Residents near the proposed development would like to see a traffic study performed by District Properties and the results of that study to be communicated to residents.

District Properties does not plan to use explosives or extensive jackhammering, but should provide residents with information about how they should go about seeking redress for damages in the event any occur.

Melinda Lindsay provided images of the existing lots and property lines. Branch Avenue is an emergency evacuation route which heightens the potential impact of blocking parts of the road. There is also a public paper alley next to 2903 which seems to be encroached on by the plans provided by District Properties.

Robert Washington asked about utility provision for the properties because DC water pipes do not extend far enough on Branch Avenue to reach the lots. Water from Maryland was considered but the current plan calls for water to come from Gainesville St SE.

Commissioner Brown moved that the ANC oppose the application. Commissioners Howard-Chittams and Humphrey encouraged residents to attend the zoning meeting to have their voices heard. The motion passed.

**Public Space Permit Application #328851**

**3021 P St SE**

The owner of the property submitted an application to put in a curb cut so they could build a driveway. Commissioner Smith-McDermott moved that the application for a curb cut be approved. The motion passed.

Community Concerns:

Residents on Bangor St would like to see existing speed bumps elevated and to have a No Entry period for the street to slow or prevent commuters from using the street to bypass traffic.

The upcoming Penn Branch Civic Association meeting will address concerns and misinformation related to the CVS store at the Penn Branch Shopping Center. It is currently slated to close in mid 2020.

The Skyland development seems to be an apartment building instead of carriage houses as were originally proposed. Residents would like to have a representative from the developer address the intended use of the development.

Abandoned vehicles continue to appear along the border with Maryland, especially on Austin and Bangor St. Residents should call 311 to report them but can also contact Commissioner Humphrey.

Robert Washington asked about the whereabouts of the 7B05 SMD commissioner and the Ward 7 Councilmember.

The area around the post office at Pennsylvania Ave and Minnesota Ave is dirty.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Howard-Chittams presented several Treasurer's Reports. No reports had been filed for several quarters prior to the new commissioners taking office.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Treasurer's report for the third quarter of 2018 be approved. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of 2018 be approved. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Treasurer's report for the first quarter of 2019 be approved pending corrections based on certain unknown charges amounting to roughly \$28. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brown moved that the Treasurer's report for the second quarter of 2019 be approved pending corrections should any arise from the same charges from first quarter of 2019. The motion passed.

#### Announcements:

Office of City Councilmember Gray

5G towers - DC Council cannot oppose but ANCs can.

Office of Mayor Bowser

Mayor will be present at:

Banneker Groundbreaking on Saturday September 21 at 925 Rhode Island Avenue NW.

H Street Festival on Saturday September 21 around 5:00pm

AARP at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church on Monday September 23rd at 11:00am.

Commissioner Smith-McDermott

ANC 7B04 walkthrough with Commissioner Smith-McDermott will be on October 8th at 11:00 am starting at the laundromat at Pennsylvania and Carpenter streets.

Office of State Superintendent for Education will have a representative attend the October public meeting so please submit questions ahead of time.

Condos are being built along 2495 Alabama Ave SE.

Residents who want to be exempted from snow removal requirements must contact 311. Even if you have requested and received the exemption before, you are required to contact them again.

Special Committee Reports:

Tabled.

Commissioner's Roundtable:

Tabled.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.