

**7B-ANC Monthly Meeting
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020
Thursday, October 17, 2019
6:30pm**

MINUTES

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Present:

- Patricia Howard-Chittams - 7B01
- Tiffany L. Brown - 7B02
- Benjamin Crane - 7B03
- Nicole Smith-McDermott - 7B04
- Villareal "VJ" Johnson - 7B05
- 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 moved that the September public meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

After Commissioner Howard-Chittams arrived, she presented the latest Treasurer's Report for the 4th quarter of 2019, which ended on September 30. Commissioner Brown moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion passed.

Police Report:

Lieutenant Hawkins introduced sergeants Greg Morrison and Scott Schmoeller who have been assigned to PSAs 605 and 606, respectively. Lt. Hawkins also presented crime statistics for the police service areas in 7B.

Action Items:

BZA #19984 2908 N St SE

District Properties

Antoine Heath represented District Properties and answered questions about the development or took note of them and will come back with answers in the November public meeting.

District Properties is seeking a special exemption for their 8 unit building. Zoning requires any development in RA-1 that is not single-family to request approval. The current plan for the development meets requirements for setbacks. It exceeds minimum Floor Area Ratio requirements, so the property will include 1 inclusionary zoning unit.

Questions from the community touched on the following topics:

Cost of units, number of inclusionary zoning units, square footage, projected finish date, why not more parking spaces, and size of bedrooms within units.

Birth to Three for All DC Act

Matthew Hanson

Matthew Hanson presented a sample ANC resolution in support of funding and implementing Birth to Three in DC's FY 2021 budget.

Public Space Construction Permit #264644 at 2910 Pennsylvania Ave SE

House of Ruth

Submitted an application for paving, fences, tree planting, tree removal, landscaping, manhole installation, bike rack but did not appear at the meeting. Commissioner Crane will reach out to relevant parties and ask for an extension before voting on the matter.

Community Concerns:

Constituents had questions about the progress of the bill in the DC Council to decriminalize prostitution in the District of Columbia.

Ms. Tilghman wants to have the meeting minutes available at public meetings since they're being approved publicly.

Constituents are receiving frequent calls soliciting them to sell their property and are concerned about the impact on the community.

Niya Nicolas from Anacostia High School wants more engagement with Ward 7 residents.

Update

DDOT Tracking #331707

District Properties provided a written response based on questions and concerns from community members at the September public meeting. Commissioner Johnson presented the response and coordinated with constituents about appearing at the upcoming hearing before the Public Space Committee.

Presenters:

Andres Alvarado, Director, Strong Start Program, Office of State Superintendent for Education

Mr. Alvarado and Jasmine Price gave a presentation on the opening of their new office at Penn Branch Shopping Center and the Strong Start Program. The program provides early intervention for children with developmental concerns.

Announcements:

Office of City Councilmember Gray

Councilmember Gray presented an update on his legislative agenda and answered questions from the community.

Questions concerned the following topics:

Councilmember Gray's support or opposition to Grosso's prostitution decriminalization bill

Status of Loan reimbursement program for health care providers in underserved areas, including nurse practitioners

Medical facilities in Skyland

Special Committee Reports:

Tabled.

Commissioner's Roundtable:

Tabled.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.