

**ANC 7B Community Meeting
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020
Thursday, January 16, 2020
6:30 pm**

MINUTES

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Present:

- Patricia Howard-Chittams 7B01
- Tiffany L. Brown - 7B02
- Nicole Smith-McDermott - 7B04
- Villareal Johnson – 7B05
- D. L. Humphrey - 7B07

Call to order

Commissioner Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

The Commission observed a moment of silence in the memory of Miles Stelle, III

Because a quorum was not achieved at the beginning of the meeting, the Chair moved the items on the agenda that did not require action by the Commission. A quorum was achieved at 6:50 pm.

Speaker: DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities – Sarah Gordon along with Justin Wilson and Davide Prete presented on the Playable Art DC. Playable Art Dc is a creative play and placemaking project designed to create interactive works of art. The project is planned for the corner of Minnesota Ave, 34th Street, and D Street.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams made the point that the project is located in the Greenway/Twinning Neighborhood, not Greenway as depicted in the artist rendering.

A constituent asked who was responsible for maintaining the park. The group stated that the Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the upkeep of the park and the Commission on the Arts will maintain the artwork.

Police Report:

Master Patrol Officer Mark Marable presented the crime stats for police services areas in 7B. It was also reported that there was a shooting in the 3900 block of Southern Avenue, S.E.

Announcements:

Wesley Leary, Ward 7 MOCR, announcement that the Mayor is having a webinar on January 17, 2020, titled “New Year, New Housing” from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

There will be several budget roundtables in the City. On February 10, 2020, there will be a Senior engagement Townhall. To RSVP call (202) 442-8150. An in-person forum on February 22, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Kenilworth Recreation Center.

The Mayor will be participating in the MLK Peace Walk on January 20, 2020.

Concerns presented to Mr. Leary:

Ms. Frazier reminded him of the tree pruning that is needed for a City tree that is hanging over onto her property. He stated that he will request once tree pruning season starts.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams asked about a Community walkthrough for the M Street area within her Commission. Mr. Leary stated that the request has been noted but has been placed on hold because of the winter crime initiative.

Ms. Frazier reported that the Welcome to D.C. sign is still down at Southern and Pennsylvania Avenues.

Ambrose Lane reported that speeding is a problem in the 3600 block of Alabama Avenue, S.E leading up and in front of Anne Beers Elementary School. Suggested that a speed camera be placed on both sides of the streets as well as a flashing light or hawk lighting be installed.

DPW – Mr. Davis announced that there is a now a new process for reporting illegal dumping. He also mentioned that leaf season is still going on until February. Street and alley cleaning resumes in March.

Concerns to DPW:

Melinda Lindsey reported that the 3300 block of Gainesville Street, S.E. has several abandon cars.

DDOT- Ms. Teronda Davis announced the DDOT Transit Plan concerning the Circular Route in our area. DDOT is receiving feedback through the website or the interactive map.

Ambrose Lane is seeking the support of the Commission to fund the next phase of the modernization of Anne Beers. Phase I was completed in 2013/2014. Since that time, the funds have not been in the Budget. Mr. Lane will forward to the Commission a resolution for consideration at the February 2020 Executive meeting.

Commissioner Humphrey announced that the Penn-Branch Citizen Civic Association is asking for the support of the Commission and Community concerning the O Street Wall Legislation. There is a full council hearing on January 23, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Agenda

Commissioner Brown moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Smith-McDermmot to that the agenda be accepted as written. The Motion passed.

Minutes

Commissioner Brown moved and it was second by Commissioner Howard-Chittams, to approved the minutes of the December 19, 2019, public meeting with the noted corrections: Presenter –Leary Lewis to Wesley Leary, Community Concerns – “Constituent discussed”, “Cortez Johnson”, and “Commissioner Brown reported”.

The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Howard-Chittams presented the January 2020 Treasurer’s report. It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Smith-McDermott to accept the report. Motion passed.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams presented the Quarterly Report for ANC 7B for Quarter 1. It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Smith Mc-Dermott to accept the Quarterly Report.

Members from the Community inquired about banking fees and office space.

Election of Officers and Installation of Officers:

The Commission presented a slate of Officers for the ensuing year to serve:

Chairperson – DL Humphrey
Vice-Chairperson – Tiffany L. Brown
Secretary – Villareal Johnson
Treasurer – Benjamin Crane

It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Howard-Chittams that the slate presented be elected for the ensuing year. Motion passed.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams swore in the Officers who were present. Officers are in place at the close of the meeting.

Action Items:

Public Space Permit application #343154 – Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception), Paving, Sidewalk (s), Fixture: Playground, Fixture: Bench(es) at 3400 – 3429 Block on Minnesota Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. – Commissioner Howard-Chittams asked that Ms. Brown (Office Manager) request in extension.

BZA- 19984 2908 N Street, S.E. Presentation requested by Sarah Ludmila of District Properties - No presentation was given. No action was taken by the Commission.

Updates:

ZC Case 09-03F (Skyland Holding – Commissioner Brown provided an update of what the request for the change in the PUD to be. Skyland Holding is modifying the PUD to include the Lidl grocery store, the inclusion of a medical office building, and a modification of the site plan.

ABRA - Highland Community Entertainment Hall - Commissioners Brown and Smith-McDermott attended the roll call hearing on January 6, 2020. Because of a miscommunication, Mr. Zander did not appear and he since requested a reinstatement of the application of the Highland Community Entertainment Hall. Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Brown, that the ANC 7B oppose the reinstatement application of Highland Community Entertainment. It was passed by a roll call vote – Commissioner Howard-Chittams voted Yes, Commissioner Brown voted yes, Commissioner Smith-McDermott voted yes, Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting, and Commissioner Humphrey voted yes. The motion passed to oppose the application for reinstatement.

Ms. Tyler, a community member, suggested coming to a settlement with the establishment.

It was noted that ANC 7B will participate in the ANC Security Fund. The deadline is January 31, 2020.

Community Concerns:

Melinda Lindsey stated that Communication has gotten better. She asked about the meeting that Commissioner Johnson had tentatively scheduled for January 13, 2020. Ms. Lindsey asked for a better way of communicating with her SMD Commissioner.

Sheila Brown announced that residents 65 years and older should inquire about the senior tax exemption.

Commissioner's Roundtable:

Commissioner Smith-McDermott announced that there is a developer that is interested in building in the Community. She invited him to attend the February 20, 2020, public meeting.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams announced that there will be a Pope Creek clean-up on MLK Day, January 20, 2020.

Adjourn

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

Tiffany L. Brown
Vice-Chairperson
ANC Commission 7B