

ANC 7B Public Zoom Meeting

Thursday, June 18th, 2020

6:30 pm

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Patricia Howard-Chittams, SMD 7B01

Commissioner Tiffany Brown, SMD 7B02

Commissioner Benjamin Crane, SMD 7B03

Commissioner Villareal Johnson, SMD 7B05

Commissioner April Pradier, SMD 7B06

Commissioner D.L. Humphrey, SMD 7B07

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Absent:

Nicole Smith-McDermott, SMD 7B04

Meeting call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Humphrey at 6:34 pm.

A quorum was established with six members of the commission present.

Motion: Commissioner Brown moved that the agenda presented by Chairman D.L. Humphrey be approved as written.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard-Chittams.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Outcome of Motion: The motion was unanimously approved.

Report of the Secretary - Commissioner Johnson presented the minutes for review and approval.

Motion: Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved that the review of the May 21, 2020, Public Meeting Minutes approval be tabled because there was insufficient time to review the minutes prior to the public meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Outcome of Motion: The motion was approved.

Report of the Treasurer - Commissioner Crane presented the June 2020 Monthly report. The report reflected that the bills had been paid for the month of May and that the total expenditure was \$819.16.

Report of the Metropolitan Police Department - No representative was present.

Skyland Report – Commissioner Brown presented information regarding Skyland Holdings, LLC zoning application and update regarding the ongoing construction.

- Gary Rappaport, Meghan Hottel-Cox, Paul Tummonds presented information from William C. Smith and Design Team regarding the Summer 2019 design plan, the modification of the December 2019 plan, and its significance with the Zoning board.
 - The ANC was informed of the July 23rd zoning hearing.
 - The ANC was notified that Block II is under construction and will contain 257 units of housing, 84K sq ft of retail, and 147 parking spaces.
 - Block I, III, IV is contained in the application to Zoning, and there will be a consolidation of Block I & III as well as a Stage 1 PUD.
 - Block IV will contain residential units but will have a 3 – 5-year timeframe until completion.
 - The proposed usage for Block III will include Starbucks, Lidl, and an inline retail store.

Concept drawings/images were shown. The developer was requesting a letter of support from the Skyland Task Force.

Motion: Commissioner Brown moved that ANC 7B support the Skyland LLC application to the Zoning Commission case #0903F Modification of Significance to approve PUD.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pradier.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Outcome of Motion: The Motion passed unanimously

Pending Zoning Cases

Commissioner Crane presented BZA Case #19984 2908 N street SE – The application of Rupsha 2011 LLC/District Properties is requesting permission to construct an 8 unit apartment house on the premises of 2908 N Street, SE.

Motion: Commissioner Crane moved to support the application for the BZA exception Case#19984 for 2908 N Street SE to allow the Rupsha 2011 LLC/District Properties to construct an 8-unit apartment house on the premises of 2908 N Street SE.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Outcome of Motion: The Motion passed unanimously.

Community Concerns:

Pennsylvania Ave East Community Coalition presentation – Jacquelyn Cannon, Penn Branch Community Citizen Association.

Ms. Cannon shared the coalition's effort to bring attention, awareness, development to a Main Street on the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor. The Penn Branch Citizen Association is requesting a grant from ANC 7B for \$1,000 to satisfy an invoice to CBE JA Stover.

Ms. Cannon committed to sharing a final work product with ANC 7B for in the closeout report. Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of the Office of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission stated that the closeout may contain the discreet activity that the ANC grant paid for.

A request in the chatbox was raised by Ayanna Smith concerning the task force. Commissioner Brown shared the grant guidelines, which require the grantee to submit a report regarding the utilization of the funds within their closeout report.

Chairperson Humphry expressed concern regarding the point organization for the grant.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the grant request to the Penn Branch Citizen Association for \$1,000.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Discussion: Commissioner Crane raised a question regarding allocation and utilization. Gottlieb Simon, OANC clarified that the mandatory report needs to contain specific information regarding utilization.

Motion Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

Good Hope Market Place - Commissioner Johnson informed all that Scott Spector had been present to speak about the development at Good Hope Market Place; however, he had to leave the meeting early.

Commissioner Johnson shared with the attendees that the management of the Good Hope Market place would like to engage the community around its concerns regarding Safeway and Good Hope Market Place. Time will be set aside to continue the discussion with the management group of the Good Hope Market Place at the ANC's next Executive Leadership meeting

DDOT Presentation –David Jones & Engagement Specialist Ciara Boderick.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Boderick provided an update on work being performed in the ANC. They noted that sidewalk work was completed on Q Street along Alabama Avenue to Branch Avenue. They noted that there had been alley restoration along Pennsylvania Avenue. Additionally, pavement work was being completed along the 3200 block of S Street. SE.

Community Question and Answer

Commissioner Howard-Chittams raised the continuing issue of parties on Ely, Dubois, Crofton with large crowds of people and disruption to quality of life with regards to other nuisance matters. Commissioner Howard-Chittams noted that this issue has been reported to 6th District.

Report of the MOCRS – Wesley Leary

Mr. Leary reminded everyone of the Mayor's Town Hall scheduled for Wednesday. He noted the telephone number was 844-881-1314. Mr. Leary noted that there are free anti-body tests for COVID-19 being performed through July 3rd and he encouraged everyone to be tested. The number is 1-855-363-0033. It was noted that there are three new walk-up testing sites. For more information go to [DCCoronavirus.gov](https://www.dccoronavirus.gov).

Mr. Leary informed all that the MVA service center will be open by appointment only for only three services: First-time ID and Drivers licenses, First Titling and vehicle registration, and Driving knowledge test.

This year's Summer Youth Employment Program will be virtual and will begin on June 6th. Phase II for summer camps will be in two-week summer camp sessions and Friday, Mayor Bowser will announce Phase II opening. Additionally, the Real ID extension will continue for 45 days from the end of the pandemic extension.

- a. SYEP will be viral and it begins on June 6th What is SYEP?

Pepco Announcement - Eric Whitfield provided his email address and telephone number (= eric.winkfeild@pepco.com 202-430-9543) for any questions regarding Pepco.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams noted that there are challenges in applying for unemployment insurance. Commissioner Howard-Chittams reported that waits on the phone can last upwards of 1.5 hours, and applications via the computer can be problematic. Commissioners Roundtable

Commissioner Howard-Chittams apologized for the hiccups regarding with the zoom account this month. Commissioner Brown stated she will look into the Commission obtaining their own Zoom account.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Submitted by
Commissioner Johnson
Secretary