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MINUTES ANC 7B PUBLIC MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2020

PATRICIA CHITTAMS, 7B01
INTERIM SECRETARY

LYNNELL HUMPHREY, 7B07

(CHAIR)

TIFFANY L. BROWN, 7B02
(VICE-CHAIR)

BENJAMIN CRANE, 7B03
(TREASURER)

NICOLE SMITH-MCDERMOTT, 7B04

Commissioner Lynnell Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brown moved that the agenda be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith-McDermott.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Outcome: Unanimous Approval

Report of the Secretary

Motion: Commissioner Brown moved that the minutes from July 16, 2020, and October 15, 2020, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard-Chittams.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Outcome: Unanimous approval

Report of the Treasurer

Commissioner Crane presented the monthly Treasurer's Report for Oct 2020.

Commissioner Villareal Johnson was present at 6:42 p.m.

Action Items

End of Year Reports (Commissioner Smith-McDermott)

ANC LawSec. 1-309.10(j)(1) - Due on or before 11.30.20.

ANC Sec. 1-309.10(n-1) – Due by 12.1.2020

At a meeting with the community held on November 9, 2020, Commissioner Smith-McDermott stated that the community came to the agreement regarding, DDOT Public Space Permit application #356353.

Motion: Commissioner Smith-McDermott moved that DDOT Public Space Permit Application #356353 be approved for the following items has been filed for Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Paving: Sidewalk(s), Fixture: Curbside Signage, Landscaping: Tree Removal, Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Paving: Leadwalk Only, Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Landscaping: Tree Planting, Excavation: Catch Basin(s), Excavation: Manhole Installation at 3250 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown

Discussion: There was no discussion

Outcome: Unanimously approved

Motion: Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved that the renewal alcohol beverage license for the following: 2914 MN Ave, SE - Trade Name: Randall Grocery - License Number: ABRA-019046 - Applied for the renewal of an alcoholic beverage license be opposed by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tiffany Brown.

Discussion: Commissioner Howard-Chittams discussed the issues related to the store and how it negatively impacts the community.

Outcome: Unanimously Approved

Motion: Commissioner Smith-McDermott moved that the alcoholic beverage license 3235 PA AVE SE- Trade Name: Patron Convenience Store - License Number: ABRA-086085–be opposed by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patricia Howard-Chittams.

Discussion: Commissioner Smith-McDermott noted that the license was being protested because the business owner fails to meet the minimum standard required by ABRA.

Outcome: Unanimously Approved.

Motion: Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved that the alcoholic beverage license - 2845 AL AVE SE - Trade Name: Safeway - License Number: ABRA-097704–be opposed.

Commissioner Brown Seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Crane noted that Commissioner Johnson agreed in the Executive Committee that the license be opposed.

Outcome: Unanimously Approved.

Commissioner Howard-Chittams informed all that the Executive Committee recommended that the Commission opposes all liquor licenses in 7B. Commissioner Humphry noted that it has always been his position that the liquor stores should operate consistently with ABRA's rules.

Outcome: Unanimously Approved

Motion: Commissioner Howard-Chittams moved that Task Force be established would review the adherence of the establishments to ABRA rules and voluntary agreements at a minimum every six months and to take the lead when liquor licenses are requested or up for renewal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tiffany Brown.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding establishing a standard for liquor stores in 7B.

Outcome: Unanimously approved

Presentation from NDC on traffic control plan for 27th & Minnesota Ave, S.E
Commissioner Benjamin-Crane. Mr. Michael Guilioni presented information regarding the traffic control plan. The presentation showed the various traffic control plans associated with the development of land at the intersection of 27th and Minnesota Avenue, SE. The interruption of the parking for approximately 18th months in various iterations.

The housing will be considered “workforce” housing. Mr. Guilioni presented additional information about the affordability of the housing. The project is not seeking a PUD, it is being constructed consistent with the current zoning. The homes are within inclusionary zoning, there is a fifteen-year period before the home can be sold.

Mr. Guilioni noted that the price point of the homes would not depress the value of the homes already in the community. Long term it should not affect the values of the homes. Mr. Guilioni 15 years down the road, these homes the value will be tied to the market.

Speakers

Commander Habeebullah - For the District, for last year in reference to Homicides 21% increase; Sex Crimes 18% reductions; ADW 3% increase; 12% reduction in robberies; 5% reduction in violent crime; 5% reduction in burglaries; 45% increase in motor vehicle thefts; 22 % reduction in theft from auto. 38% reduction in thefts. Arsons 63% increase. Total overall crime in the city 19% reduction in overall crime. In 6D there is an overall 2% reduction. There are 52 homicides in 6D which is a 27% increase in violent crime. 14% reduction in sex crimes. 9% increase in robberies. Burglaries 14% reduction; 6D has the highest Motor vehicle thefts in the city. 200% increase in arsons.

Commander Habeebullah discussed a few other instances which occurred on Highwood where a young man was shot in the hip, by two persons occupying a vehicle. Video was pulled from many of the homes. Delivery trucks are being robbed which had been occurred on Camden street, when the vehicle was found, many packages were taken.

The police are starting to see trends where individuals are making agreements with individuals to purchase high priced items that are hard to find. These individuals are being robbed as a result. There is a 15-man unit that will conduct traffic enforcement to attempt to stop or reduce speeding in the community.

There are two concurrent investigations regarding the DuBois Place shooting still open in the system regarding how the planning of the event. Some of the information is not Homicide investigation regarding DuBois, they have made some progress but this is a huge investigation but they are still working on it.

The Gun Recovery Unit last year recovered 540 guns and currently, there were 595 guns recovered. Commander Habeebullah noted that they would be willing to collect any gun anyone is willing to turn in. Crime Cards will now provide crime data and stats, this is found on the DC.Gov website.

There is a decrease in the number of violence incidences on Minnesota Avenue as there the officers must touch Minnesota Avenue during every shift.

Commissioner Brown reminded all about the resolution regarding the speeding on various streets.

Commander Habeebullah emphasized that people be aware of their surroundings. Please call 911 if you see something suspicious.

Doug Klein from the US Attorney's Office discussed the overview of the criminal justice system within the District of Columbia. Nicole Battle was also present from the Federal Court of the District of Columbia, and Mr. Julian Brevard Chief of the Juvenile Crime Unit at the Office of the Attorney General.

If an individual who is 16 or 17 years old commits a very violent crime, they can prosecute that individual as an adult. If under the age of 16, will be treated as a juvenile. There are 93 US Attorneys in the country. If in a state, they would be called State District Attorney.

Ms. Battle explained the Federal process related to the prosecution of crimes including the use of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Brevard noted that there is a Juvenile Hotline where the police can ask for their advice and input. One of the options is to elect to not proceed with the charges. There is a very robust restorative justice program, and the office is the only one in the country that has a restorative justice program. Ms. Priscilla Guerrero discussed the process that a juvenile goes through when being charged with a crime. Ms. Guerrero also discussed the victim's rights and their ability to make a presentation to the court on how the incident impacted their life.

Mr. Brevard noted that he can be contacted at Julian.Brevard@dc.gov. Mr. Klein also noted that he can be contacted regarding filing community impact statements. A designated community leader and/or the ANC can provide the letter to Mr. Klein who would provide it to the court.

Issues/Updates

Commissioner Smith-McDermott wanted to enter into the record #1003 Anacostia Road regarding Kris Properties. There is no zoning variance for the Commission to specifically vote on, but it will be forthcoming. Wanted to put on the record a letter of acknowledgment and commitment. They will eventually need a variance, but nothing has been sent to the Commission as of today. The letter of acknowledgment is based on the plans negotiated with those who are directly affected. If those plans change, it is up to the new commissioner to watch the specific application and make sure that nothing has changed and that we are holding the developer accountable.

Moved: Commissioner Smith McDermott approves the letter of acknowledgment of Krish Properties on behalf of Vik Narula as a model developer for ANC 7B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard-Chittams.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding whether or not a letter is needed.

Outcome:

Mr. Narula noted that he does not anticipate making the homes affordable housing unless it is required by the City Council. As of now, the homes will be market priced.

5G installations - ANC 7B An application has been received to place 5G installations at the sites noted below.

https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/Final%20Third%20Version%20of%20the%20Small%20Cell%20Guidelines.pdf

- 2109 28th St, SE (SMD02)
- 2930 Nelson Pl, SE (SMD01)
- 1262 Anacostia Rd, SE (SMD03)
- 1561 Ft. Davis St, SE (SMD07)
- 2751 Terrace Rd, SE (SMD06)
- 2711 31st St, SE (SMD02)

Slow Streets Initiative - ANC 7B(<https://ddot.dc.gov/slowstreets>)

This information is regarding slow streets. DDOT has been asking for more places to do slow streets. If you would like your street to be designated as a slow street, please reach out to Cierra Broderick.

- B Street SE between Benning Road and 54th Street SE (Ward 6/7)
- Fairlawn Avenue SE between K Street SE and Pennsylvania Ave SE (7B01)
- K Street SE between Fairlawn Avenue SE and Randle Circle (7B04)

Community Concerns/Announcements

- Good Hope Market Place Task Force and the Pennsylvania Avenue Task Force. It is to grow into a BID. It is hoped that the commission takes the primary interest in that. A lot of leases will be coming up soon.
- Resident Arnaldo Jimenez noted that since there the Park has been completed. What does one do to encourage people to pick up after their dog? Commissioner Johnson noted that the ANC can invest in it or fund it. Commissioner Brown stated that she would look into DPR providing this information.

Commissioner's Roundtable

Commissioner Johnson noted that the Hillcrest Tree Lighting will take place at the corner of Erie Street and Branch Avenue. It will be lit before the next ANC meeting. They intend to follow DC Social Distancing Protocols. There will be a virtual meeting during the early part of next week.

Commissioner Crane noted that he was very happy with the current development company for the property located at 27th and Minnesota Avenue, NW.

Commissioner Brown is looking to make a distribution to the Francis Gregory Library.

There will be a transition meeting during the next Executive Committee meeting. The next Executive Commission meeting will be on December 3, 2020.

Commissioner Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 915 pm.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Howard-Chittams
Interim Secretary