

## **Minutes, ANC 7B Executive Meeting, January 5, 2009**

The ANC 7B meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 since Thursday, January 1, 2009 (scheduled meeting) was New Years Day and the building was closed for the holiday.

The Executive Meeting convened at 7:15pm. In attendance: Commissioners Phillip Hammond, Robert Richards, and Zina Williams and former Commissioners Robin Marlin, Linda Eckles and Raymond Keith. Ken Davis was also in attendance.

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously accepted as written.

The draft December 18, 2008 minutes were distributed and reviewed. December 2008 Executive Meeting minutes were not available for review because Comm. Marlin was not in attendance for majority of meeting and asked the commissioners in attendance to provide comments so she could prepare the December Executive Meeting Minutes.

Robin Marlin asked for clarification as to whether ANC 7B could provide funds for lawsuits and Comm. Richards stated that ANCs could not contribute to lawsuits based on a briefing he attended for ANC commissioners. Linda Eckles indicated that ANCs cannot be a part of lawsuits. She said commissioners can sue but ANCs cannot provide funds or be a party to legal action.

November 2008 and December 2008 minutes will be added to January 2009 agenda for approval.

The November 2008 minutes were prepared by both Comms. Marlin and Moore. Comm. Richards asked that the December minutes reflect that the November minutes were tabled at the December meeting and would be approved at the January 2009 meeting. Robin Marlin agreed to include that statement in the December minutes. A copy of the November 2008 minutes was given to Comms. Richards and Williams.

Comm. Hammond suggested ANC 7B invite Mayor Fenty to be speaker at the January 2009 meeting and Comm. Richards was concerned as to whether sufficient time was being allowed for his attendance at the meeting. The Director of DDOT was also mentioned as a speaker but there was no unanimous decision on a speaker for January.

Comm. Hammond drew up a resolution (a copy distributed to all in attendance) to include interim officers since he was the only sitting ANC 7B officer so that ANC 7B could do business as usual until the Board of Election and Ethics certified appointees to vacant ANC 7B seats.

Board of Elections has declared 3 vacancies in ANC 7B and Gottlieb Simon and the Board indicated that a special election would take place at the February ANC 7B meeting

if there was no clear winner for the vacant seats. There was an extended discussion regarding vacant seats and procedures for occupying them.

Robin Marlin indicated that the resolution was not Comm. Hammond's idea; Gottlieb Simon suggested Comm. Hammond prepare the resolution. Linda Eckles was not comfortable with her name being part of the resolution and suggested election of officers be tabled until the February ANC 7B community meeting.

The building guard interrupted the meeting to inform the commissioners that the building would close at 8:00pm due to new building closing time, effective January 1, 2009. The commissioners agreed to have the election of officers at the February 2009 ANC 7B Community Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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