

Minutes ANC 7B Meeting, March 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm with a moment of silence and reflection. Roll Call: A quorum was declared with Commissioners Richards, Moore, Hammond and Williams in attendance.

The Chair asked Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to explain his role in the Special Election. He explained the special election being held for registered voters in SMDs 7B05 and 7B06 from 7:00pm-8:30 pm.

Police Reports

Officers, Sgt. Barnes-Tutt and Lt. Jamieson of PSA 607. Lt. Jamieson shared some tips on crime prevention. Carjackings and robberies were up in PSAs 606 and 607.

There was no fire department report.

Comm. Hammond presented the Treasurer's Report, the Corrected Treasurer's Report for February and Quarterly Financial Report for Oct – Dec 2008. All three reports were approved unanimously.

Commissioners' Roundtable

Comm. Richards spoke about upcoming construction of new traffic lights and pedestrian/bike paths. He also spoke about people living along Penn. Ave. and how their driveways will be affected by the construction. Also, there will no longer be reverse lanes during rush hour traffic--there will be 2 lane traffic in each direction.

Comm. Williams announced she had been out sick with the flu; however was glad to be back.

The Chair announced that Mr. Short was the new Chairman of Marshall Heights Community Development Organization.

ANC 7B Minutes for February 2008 approved unanimously.

DCWASA gave a presentation on Impervious Water Runoff. Impervious surface area is based upon the amount of impervious surface on your property, which is man-made surface that cannot be easily penetrated by water such as rooftops, driveways, patios, parking lots and other paved areas, tennis courts, swimming pools, and any path or walkway that is covered by impervious materials.

Community Concerns

Mary Ross, Hillcrest resident, was very concerned about the land erosion taking place near her property due to water overflow at Hillcrest Drive and Park Drive.

Councilmember Alexander made several announcements:

- She is head of the committee that oversees ANCs and that there will be hearings in the upcoming weeks in which all ANCs are requested to participate.
- 6D Police Substation will be opened until January 2011. She urged citizens to let DC officials as well as new ones elected in 2010 know that the community wants the substation to remain open after 2011.
- Spoke about the use of plastic bags and that they are lettering the Anacostia River. Citizens should begin using reusable bags that will not harm the environment.
- AIDSs Awareness Counseling Group, Dir. Toni Young., at Penn Ave and Carpenter St., which was once a women's clinic. The staff there will address HIV/AIDS issues in Ward 7 which has one of the highest rates in the city. Approximately 1550 people in Ward 7 have HIV/AIDS. She urged everyone to get tested for HIV/AIDS and practice safe sex.
- Penn Branch Shopping Center owner not sure he can develop shopping center because of lack of government leased space. ANC 7B needs to have the owner and DC Property Mgmt office come out and brief the community on proposed changes to the Shopping Center. The community needs to let them know what you would like to have at the shopping center.

Announcements/New Business

Comm. Richards addressed speed bumps--one neighbor stated the speed bumps on Carpenter St are too high. Comm. Richards said most neighbors want speed bumps in order to slow down traffic speeding through the neighborhoods.

Chair announced results of Special Election. The new Commissioner for ANC 7B05 is Robin Marlin and ANC 7B06 is Richard Evans.

Comm. Richard Evans was sworn in by Councilmember Alexander.

Comm. Evans addressed the audience and asked his constituents to call him when they need his assistance.

Comm. Marlin thanked everyone who came out to vote for her and asked her constituents to call her anytime and she will be there to assist them.

Chair thanked Gottlieb Simon, his assistant and the Board of Elections and Ethics for conducting the Special Election. She then asked Mr. Steele to come up and give a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned 9:15pm.