

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D

September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm – 10:43 p.m.

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Commissioners Present At Roll Call (9):

- Josh Taborn, 7D01
- Artilie Wright, 7D03
- Katie Murphy, 7D04
- Ebony Payne, 7D05
- Marc Friend, 7D06
- Brett Astmann, 7D07
- Brian Alcorn, 7D08
- Ashley Schapitl, 7D09
- Devon (Dev) Myers, 7D10

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- **The Commssion agreed to adopt the September 2025 meeting agenda via a unanimous consent motion.**

2. District Official Reports

- **Ward 7 Councilmember Wendell Felder provided an update to the Commission.**
 - o Office is fully staffed.
 - o First budget passed, securing funding for several recreational facilities and the Hill East neighborhood.
 - o Councilmember Felder does not support federalization of MPD.
 - o Hosted a “Know Your Rights” session for families navigating the military surge in DC.
 - o Announced launch of a Constituent Services Fund, with individual contributions capped at \$500 and organizational contributions at \$40,000.
 - o Unveiled “Cain’s Way” and attended ribbon-cutting for Yeleen Beauty.

- **Amber Wright, Ward 7 Representative from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations (MOCRs) provided an update to the Commission.**
 - DC Mayor Bowser issued an Executive Order addressing public safety and beautification.
 - Traffic fatalities are at a 30-year low.

3. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Updates

- **MPD Commander Colin Hall provided an update to the Commission related to MPD’s First District and overall public safety in DC.**
 - Reported 2,300 National Guardsmen deployed across major corridors and Metro stations.
 - Crime reduction trends: robberies down 53%, violent crime down 20%.
 - Partnership with Safe Passages at Eastern High School.
 - Three connected robberies reported on 15th Street.
 - MPD confirmed they are not engaging in ICE-driven activities.
- **MPD Lt. Pah Suku provided an update to the Commission related to MPD’s Sixth District.**
 - Conducted safety walk with community members in Commissioner Taborn’s SMD.
- **MPD Captain Kathleen Monahan provided an update to the Commission related to MPD’s THRIVE presence in the Rosedale Community.**
 - Captan Monahan will be the THRIVE Captain from September 1 through December 31, 2025.

4. Community Presentations

- **Skate DC Collaborative provided an informal proposal to the Commission (“RFK Campus Proposal”):**
 - Requested community and future support for an indoor skating rink, citing DC’s long history of roller skating.

5. Commissioner Reports

- **Commissioners delivered updates of community activity in their respective Single Member Districts.**

6. Community Comments

- **The Commission received updates from 5 community members.**

7. Commission Business

- **Commission Treasurer Brett Astmann provided a Treasurer Report with two items:**
 - Monthly financial update to the Commission.
 - Provided a draft of a suggested FY 2026 budget for Commissioners and Community consideration. A FY 2026 Budget will be voted on in the October 14, 2025 meeting.
 - Commissioners raised the following items in discussion:
 - Commissioner Payne: Noted lack of infrastructure to provide grants to nonprofits.
 - Commissioner Alcorn: Thanked Treasurer Astmann and emphasized budget flexibility
 - Commissioner Taborn: Echoed concerns about nonprofit grant infrastructure.

8. Committee Reports

- **Commissioners received an update from Chair Zach Abramovitz on recent considerations and actions in the EDHJABCA Committee.**
 - Described a briefing the Committee received on Social Housing during its July 2025 meeting.
 - Next meeting: September 15, 6:30 PM.
 - Expressed gratitude to Commissioner Friend.
- **Commissioners received an update from Commissioner Alcorn, on behalf of Chair JP Gresh, on recent considerations and discussions in the Transportation and Public Space Committee.**
 - Committee likely to hear from a speaker on the Bottle Bill in October 2025.
 - Current chair stepping down; seeking new chair.
- **Commissioner Alcorn provided an update on activity within the Community Relations and Grants Committee.**
 - Did not meet in July.
 - Regular meetings scheduled for the 4th Monday of each month.
- **The Public Safety Committee is presently dormant.**

9. Letters and Resolutions

- **Commissioners discussed proposals related to the planned Rosedale Library Expansion and passed two motions:**
 - ANC 7D to send a letter to the DC Public Library (DCPL) to support keeping the library on the Rosedale Rec campus and expanding a replacement library into the existing Rosedale Library/Rec Center parking lot.

- ANC 7D to send a letter to the Department of General Services (DGS), Department of Transportation (DDOT), DCPL and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to request a traffic and parking study to find an alternate parking arrangement that will support the reconstructed Rosedale Library/Rec Center campus.
- *Vote - Both motions carried by a voice vote with majority of Commissioners voting “yea.”*
- **Commissioners discussed an idea to formally name the “pocket park” known as Reservation 239 and seek external grant funding for infrastructure improvements and/or advocate for a “friends group” to sponsor the park.**
 - The matter will be referred to Transportation & Public Space Committee for further review.
- **Commissioners discussed whether to send a letter to the DC Council concerning RFK Stadium Redevelopment prior to the Council’s September 17 vote.**
 - Commissioners did not take any formal action following the discussion.
- **Commissioners discussed two resolutions proposed by ANC 1B on behalf of a voluntary coalition known as the ANC Home Rule caucus.**
 - The resolutions were presented as an opportunity for ANC 7D to join other Commissions in expressing disapproval of the escalating federal law enforcement presence/surge in the District and, separately, disapproval of the use of certain anonymizing tactics by enforcement.
 - The Commission agreed to adopt a resolution in keeping with the ANC 1B proposal to call for identifiability of federal agents operating in the District of Columbia during the “federal surge.”
 - *Vote - The motion carried by a voice vote with a majority of Commissioners voting “yea.” Abstentions noted.*
 - The Commission agreed to adopt a resolution condemning federal overreach in the policing of the District of Columbia, demanding a return of DC FY2025 budgetary funding approved by the DC Council but omitted from recent Congressional Resolutions (CRs), and requiring all law enforcement coordination during a “federal surge” occur in a coordinated manner through the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The Commission will also decline community beautification services being offered by the National Guard.
 - *Vote - The motion carried by a voice vote with a majority of Commissioners voting “yea.” Abstentions noted.*

- Commissioners discussed whether to request funding from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for hybrid videoconferencing equipment. The cost of equipment would be borne by OANC out of funds set aside for this purpose.
 - The Commission agreed to motion to request the funding.
 - *Vote - The motion carried by a voice vote with a majority of Commissioners voting “yea.”*
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10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM.

To be filled out following ANC 7D October 14, 2025 meeting

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Approved on:

Attested by: