

DECEMBER 31, 2020

# 2021 Brings a New Year and a New ANC!

As you know, my term as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner ends today. It's been great serving the Parkside community in this capacity for the last two years. I enjoyed the serving as a community organizer, advocate, and liaison for Parkside but decided not seek reelection. While I will no longer serve as ANC, I will continue to be active in the community -- staying on to Chair the Parkside Retail Committee (a role I held prior to my being elected as an ANC) and participating in the newly launched Scholarship Committee.

Additional conversations and efforts that I started with city agencies such as DMPED, DDOT, and the Office of the Clean City (among others) will be further shepherded by the new ANC. I also recommended that City Interests partner with neighboring business in and adjacent Parkside to start Ward 7's first Business Improvement District (BID). You've seen the crews on H St and Downtown continuously beautifying the neighborhoods and Parkside should have the same. I am also optimistic that the summer pop-up activations (food trucks, movie night, fitness, etc.) we had can be taken to the next level with assistance from DMPED and other DC agencies. The yet to be developed land is perfect for pop-up and tented restaurants not only during the pandemic when it's difficult to eat indoors but also year-round when things return to normal.

To close, I wanted to highlight some of my ANC successes over the past two years. Some of these successes were interrupted or otherwise postponed because of COVID-19 related shutdowns and funding limitations but they include but are not limited to:

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- ✓ Installation of the first Capital Bikeshare Station in Parkside (NOV 2019)
- ✓ Renegotiated the Parkside Community Benefits Agreement (DEC 2019)
- ✓ Groundbreaking for the new Parkside Pedestrian Bridge (APR 2020)
- ✓ Submitted recommendations for Parkside to be considered a CEA and Regional Center (FEB 2020)
- ✓ Parkside Access and Circulation Study (MAR 2019 - DEC 2019)
  - Recommendations submitted to DDOT and EOM
  - Short-term improvements underway -- the first recommendation implemented was the installation of speed bumps on Anacostia Avenue (Summer 2020)
  - Full recommendations can be viewed here: [http://d92016.eos-intl.net/eLibSQL14\\_D92016\\_Documents/Parkside%20Access%20and%20Circulation%20Study%20Final%20Report.pdf](http://d92016.eos-intl.net/eLibSQL14_D92016_Documents/Parkside%20Access%20and%20Circulation%20Study%20Final%20Report.pdf)
- ✓ Community pop-up events featuring fitness, movie nights, food trucks, and other vendors (JUL 2020)
- ✓ Advocated for increased transparency in to the bidding and hiring process for the development of the remaining parcels in Parkside (8, 10, and 12) with an emphasis on opportunities for residents of Parkside, Ward 7, and minority-owned firms
- ✓ Based on community feedback, advocated for and secured increased MPD patrolling and the installation of an MPD environmental crimes camera on Foote St (to deter dumping of vehicles and other debris)
- ✓ Facilitated several environmental efforts based on issues directly impacting Parkside such as community cleanup days (paused due to COVID-19), boat rides with the Anacostia Waterkeeper to assess the proposed Aboretum Bridge, and pushed the Benning Road CAG to publish more reader friendly material outlining Pepco and DDOE goal's for a cleaner Anacostia River.
- ✓ Launched the ANC 7D website (JUN 2020)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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**Jan 2019 - Dec 2020**

