

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8D**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Commissioner Brown. A quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL**

| <b>SMD</b> | <b>NAME</b>         | <b>STATUS</b> |
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| 8D01       | Dionne Yvette Brown | Present       |
| 8D02       | Michael Pugh        | Present       |
| 8D03       | Cassandra Matthews  | Present       |
| 8D04       | (Vacant)            |               |
| 8D05       | (Vacant)            |               |
| 8D06       | Anna Hamilton       | Present       |
| 8D07       | Frederick Nelson    | Present       |
| 8D08       | Randell Strickland  | Present       |

The agenda was accepted by common consent.

The September minutes were incomplete due to life issues with our former Secretary. The October public meeting and special meeting minutes have been completed. A special meeting will be requested for at a later date to review and approve all the minutes at one time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Chairperson's Report**

Keith Moore resigned the 8D04 seat effective October 31 as he was displaced from his residence due to a fire and was forced to move out of his single member district. The vacancy was published in the DC Register on November 14 and is available for petitioning. The SMD 8D05 seat remains vacant.

Commissioner Hamilton raised a question about the contents of the October meeting minutes. The Chair responded that the minutes have not yet been circulated and any meeting recaps in the announcements are not the official record. The best time to provide feedback on the October minutes is when they are reviewed and approved at the forthcoming special meeting.

October Special Meeting was held on October 30. The Commission originally voted to have it on October 23 immediately before the public meeting, but the post office took a really long time to renew our post office box. Therefore, we had to shift the date by a week to ensure proper notification. The Commission did not take any action to advance Resolution 25-6 to request the Board of Elections declare Single Member District 8D08 vacant. The motion died for lack of a second despite the Commission voting unanimously to hold the special meeting to consider it.

Councilmember Bonds introduced Bill 26-0465 which proposes to change how Commission vacancies between general elections are filled. It proposes to go back to how vacancies were filled in the early half of Home Rule by having the Commissioners vote on the candidates if more than one qualified candidate applies. The Board of Elections would be present at this meeting and be able to certify the winner. public hearing is scheduled for December 5.

The Office of the Attorney General issued a letter on the Permissible Scope of ANC Resolutions dated October 24. It that basically states they cannot be applicable broadly without being germane to the Commission respective neighborhoods. This applies to ANC 8D's Resolutions 25-4 and 25-5 addressing federal overreach into DC policing and assaults on DC home rule.

“... even one on a District-wide issue or one that is motivated by events that took place outside the District, is permissible as long as the ANC can articulate a reasonable nexus to the neighborhood area—a way in which the matters it wishes to speak about affect the ANC's own neighborhood.”

Office of the Attorney General issued a Legal Advice Letter to ANCs on November 10th concerning Equal-Access to ANC records and Password-Protected ANC records. It holds:

- The equal-access guarantee does not automatically entitle commissioners to ANC-account passwords; but,
- ANC records held in a password-protected account must be promptly provided to any commissioner who requests them for official purposes.
- OneDrive has the ability to share folders with all Commissioners to provide access to records without the use of the password.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **October**

|                   |        |        |             |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance |        |        | \$99,948.95 |
| Deposits:         | \$0.00 |        |             |
| Disbursements:    |        | \$0.00 |             |
| Ending Balance    |        |        | \$99,948.95 |

### **FY26 Third Quarterly Financial Report**

|                   |            |            |             |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance |            |            | \$80,027.39 |
| Deposits:         | \$2,075.00 |            |             |
| Disbursements:    |            | \$2,075.00 |             |
| Ending Balance    |            |            | \$80,027.39 |

The OANC ordered a media kit for ANC 8D in error resulting in an debit of \$2075 that was refunded by the OCFO as reflected in the credits. The Chair raised a question about how the Office of ANC could process that transaction from a conversation with a single commissioner without the approval of the Commission. All checks require the signature

of two officers. They should not have taken that money out of our account, especially with a transaction of that size.

#### **FY25 Fourth Quarterly Financial Report**

|                   |             |         |              |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance |             |         | \$80,027.39  |
| Deposits:         | \$20,262.76 |         |              |
| Disbursements:    |             | \$23.20 |              |
| Ending Balance    |             |         | \$100,266.95 |

We received deposits of our Q1 and Q2 allotments late because we did not have sufficient supporting documentation when we submitted the reports. Those are reflected in the deposits.

FY25 Q3 QFR was due August 15. Quarter FY25 4Q QFR was due November 15. We still do not have online access to our checking account to retrieve the statements. OANC has extended the deadline for us to get it together.

Commissioner Nelson moved the approval of FY25 Third Quarterly Financial Report. Commissioner Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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#### **SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REPORTS**

| <b>SMD</b>  | <b>Issue(s)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>8D01</b> | <p>DPR responded favorably to request to establish a public need for the lot at 199 Chesapeake Street SW and the proposal for a new community center there in the agency's capital budget. The agency asked to present at ANC 8D's January meeting to discuss the planning process.</p> <p>Large dying tree on property in 4000 block of MLK Ave SW removed on November Nov 12. DDOT Urban Forestry Division sent letter dated Aug 25 advising owner the tree was hazardous per D.C. Code § 8-651.02(3) and recommended removal.</p> <p>Unit block of Brandywine St SW &amp; 4100 block of S. Capitol Terr SW received 30-day notice of sidewalk installation design. Residents have until December 14 to submit comments.<br/> <a href="https://sidewalkgap.ddot.dc.gov/">https://sidewalkgap.ddot.dc.gov/</a>.</p> <p>Unit thru 100 block of Chesapeake Street SW notified of road improvements beginning Nov 26. Work will include concrete repair of curbs &amp; gutters and resurfacing of the asphalt pavement. Estimated to take two weeks to complete, weather permitting.</p> |
| <b>8D02</b> | No report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 8D03 | No report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 8D05 | No report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8D06 | <p>Bulk trash remains in the alley between Danbury and Darrington Streets SW. Has not been removed as promised.</p> <p>Submitted 311 ticket for illegal dumping at the bus stop at MLK &amp; Darrington Street. The items have been removed.</p> <p>DDOT has been notified about the surge of double-parked cars in the 100 block of Elmira Street.</p> <p>Clarification from October: Resident on 100 block of Elmira is under investigation for dog hoarding and abuse with a pending court case from a prior incident in 2024. During a compliance check in September following a complaint by a resident, the person in question was found to be within the law.</p> <p>Two houses on Darrington Street causing stress to neighbors. MPD 7D promised increased patrolling, but that has not been sustained.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8D07 | <p>Leckie Educational Campus held a community meeting on October 30 and announced their new annex will open in January following the winter break.</p> <p>Working with Divas In Sistahood to revise and resubmit their recent grant proposal.</p> <p>Intervened regarding the scheduled DDOT tree pruning on Forrester Street during Thanksgiving week (24th-28th). Requested DDOT reschedule to a later date at the request of a resident challenging the timing of the parking restrictions. The agency has agreed to reconsider the schedule.</p> <p>Escalated urgent issues at a property on Forrester Street SW to Councilmember White's office and the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. The property is suffering from absentee management, unresolved violations, utility problems, unpaid landlord bills, and tenants at risk of displacement. The situation remains unresolved despite outreach to city agencies. Coordinating with residents to advocate for immediate action on their behalf. Office of Tenant Advocate and Office of the Attorney General have also been enlisted for support.</p> |

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|      | Attended the ribbon cutting for the new DC Village Animal Resource Center alongside our Chair. This event also marked the groundbreaking of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Office of the State Superintendent of Education Fleet Maintenance Facility.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8D08 | <p>Ongoing issue with trash from residents using space recreationally between Halley Place and Upsal Street. Requested DPW, DPR, and National Park Service to provide a receptacle and pickup from that location.</p> <p>Reported ongoing issue with tire dumping at the end of Yuma Street to DPR at the mouth of Oxon Run Park. Tires have been removed. Requested regular inspection and cleaning of that area.</p> |

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Pugh moved to request a Special Meeting to Review the minutes on December 4 at 6pm—immediately prior to working meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded. We developed a backlog due to family demands on our previous Secretary and her eventual resignation. The September minutes were not complete in time for review at the October meeting. October Public and Special Meeting minutes have been completed, but they have not been circulated to the Commissioners for review and approval. The minutes for November will also be included so we can have a record of approving our QFRs. They must be attached to our submissions so we can receive our allotment. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland moved the approval of \$2800 pet waste disposal stations. Commissioner Hamilton Seconded. We have a proliferation of pet owners not picking up solid waste while walking their animals as required by law. The model chosen is the same as used by Danbury Station for a unified installation.

- Two per SMD (w/exception of 8D02 as it is wholly enclosed on a federal installation)
- Cost \$200/each
- Estimated expense: \$2800.00

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve \$2500 for mailing the Commission's newsletter. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. Each ANC is required by statute to submit an Annual Report by December 1. ANC 8D will submit its annual report in the form of a newsletter that will be mailed to each residence within its boundaries via USPS Every Door Direct Mail service.

- No permit fee
- Rate is \$0.247 per piece for #10 envelopes. (First-class rate is \$0.78).
- Estimated expense: \$2500.00

We have \$7500 budgeted for communications. This is our only planned mailing. The motion passed unanimously.

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Heather Swanson of the Brandywine Valley SPCA Animal Rescue Center shared animal control issues and veterinary services provided at the new facility located at 4 DC Village Lane SW within the boundaries of ANC 8D. They had their official ribbon cutting on November 5.
- B. Ward 8 Woods Conservancy shared their efforts to remove trash throughout the Ward, with special attention on Oxon Run, Shepherd Pkwy, South Capitol Terrace, and Bald Eagle Hill within ANC 8D. They have applied for a grant from the Commission in light of a dramatic decrease in funding resulting in DOEE's FY26 budget cuts. The agency has been the organization's most significant funder.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Patrice Lancaster requested to be added to the Commission's distribution list. The Chair stated that she is definitely on the list and asked her to send an email to ensure the correct one is on file.

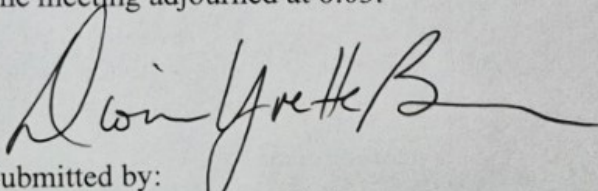
Sheila Bunn is also not receiving the notifications. The Chair replied is on the list as well. stated that she just learned the meeting was virtual only after receiving a flier from her Commissioner stating it was hybrid. She requested the Commission to implement text-messaging notification and volunteered to help adopt the process.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The December meeting will be our holiday party as is the tradition of ANC 8D. The meeting will be brief with most of the time devoted to fellowship. Feel free to bring something to share. Contact Commissioner Michael Pugh for details at 8D02@anc.dc.gov.
- Leaf collection season is upon us. Please rake your leaves to the designated area at the scheduled time. Ensure no trash is among them. DPW reserves the right to bypass if so. <https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf>
- The DCPSC Winter Ready DC campaign prepares District residents and businesses for winter by offering home weatherization items, information on utility assistance programs, and resources on how to cut energy cost throughout the colder months. The Ward 8 event will be at Anacostia Library on Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm. Residents can RSVP and see the full schedule at DCPSC.org/WinterReadyDC.
- Faith Presbyterian will be hosting a Friendsgiving meal on Saturday, November 22 from 1-4pm. All are welcome.

- Lydia's House is accepting applications for businesses with less than five years of experience and seeking to be positioned to employ residents of the District of Columbia. After completing a 12-week cohort, participants will be eligible to compete for up to \$10K in grant funding. There will be at least five winners. Funds are being made available in partnership with Citibank. Contact [info@lhndc.org](mailto:info@lhndc.org) for further details.
- National Capital Parks-East (NACE) is excited to announce two exciting opportunities available— a permanent Permits Coordinator (GS-9) and a six-month seasonal Administrative Support Assistant (GS-6). Apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov>.
- Mayor Bowser launched TalentCapital.ai, a new regional initiative to connect residents, especially recently displaced workers, with opportunities that keep you in DC. <https://talentcapital.ai/>
- Contact Commissioner Anna Hamilton if interested in becoming a block captain in SMD 8D06.
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application opportunity opens on December 1.
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) applications opened today. It's in-person only unlike before. Hundreds of people lined up at 5:30am when the office opened at 9.
- CM White Tue Nov 5 Union Temple Baptist Church for Ward 8 residents. Pre-registration is required. They are trying to accommodate 1,000 households with turkeys and produce.
- DC no longer provides up to \$1000 in burial assistance with the start of FY26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03.



Submitted by:  
Dionne Yvette Brown, Chair