

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8D

Public Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026

The meeting was call to order at 6:40 by the Chair. It opened with a moment of silence in honor of losses in our community. Tunisia Christian of Danbury Station lost her father in December. Tracy Nettles Roddey resided in Martin's View Apartments and was the sister of Wanda Nettles of the 100 block of Darrington Street SW. She was found expired in her unit December 16 funeralized on January 16. We also remembered Alfred Davis, a retired MPD officer who lived in the 4100 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SW for almost 60 years and raised five children there. He passed on December 5 and his services were on December 20.

ROLL CALL

SMD	NAME	STATUS
8D01	Dionne Yvette Brown	Present
8D02	Michael Pugh	Absent
8D03	Cassandra Matthews	Absent
8D04	(Vacant)	
8D05	Shanquella Ross	Absent
8D06	Anna Hamilton	Absent
8D07	Frederick Nelson	Present
8D08	Randell Strickland	Absent

A quorum was not established.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the following meetings were presented for approval, but no vote could be called due to the lack of a quorum:

Regular Meetings: September, October, November, December

Special Meetings: October, December

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Commission held a Special Meeting on December 4 to review and approve the backlog of minutes. Only two Commissioners appeared: Brown and Hamilton. Thus a quorum was not established to vote on them.

All ANCs have a statutory requirement to submit an annual report by December 1. This Commission's is final and in production. It will be mailed to constituents.

Shanquella Ross was sworn into office to fill the Single Member District 8D05 seat on December 4. The 8D04 seat remains vacant.

Provided a letter of support for Montgomery Hospice's Certificate of Need application to DC Health's State Health Planning and Development Agency. They do not plan to build a facility at this time, but rather be based out of Sibley Hospital and focus on home hospice services.

Responded in opposition to DDOT NOI #: 25-271-PSD—Installation of Curb Extension with Sidewalk on Brandywine St SW between 47 Brandywine St SW and MLK Ave SW. They wanted to extend the curb into the street 5 feet for a length of 175 feet, with a resulting loss of 7-8 parking spaces. It would also reduce the travel lanes.

Responded in opposition to DDOT NOI #25-276 MSED—No Turn on Red Restriction at Chesapeake and South Capitol Streets. The length of the light on S. Capitol Street is lengthy and the length of the Chesapeake Street lights is short, resulting in long waits. Turns can be made safely. Most crashes at that intersection are caused by speeding on S. Capitol, not right turns on red.

Sent Letter of Congratulations to Kelly McShane, CEO of Community of Hope, on 25 Years of Service. She has been a good friend to ANC 8D, allows us to use the meeting space at no charge, and collaborates with us in a number of ways.

The City Council's Performance Oversight hearings will be held January 22 to March 6. The schedule is on their website.

At our last meeting, Patrice Lancaster reported she was not receiving our emails. She is on our distribution list and was advised to check her spam filter. Sheila Bunn reported receiving conflicting meeting notices from her Commissioner, Anna Hamilton. The Chair directed her to adhere to the official emails from the Commission and OANC's website for accurate information. Commissioners have been admonished about creating their own meeting fliers which sometimes have the wrong meeting details. We need to be unified and will continue working toward that.

We are required to vote on a meeting schedule at the beginning of each year. The proposed 2026 meeting schedule presented without action in the absence of a quorum.

Planning Meetings	Public Meetings
January 8	January 22
February 12	February 26
March 12	March 26
April 9	April 23
May 14	May 28
June 11	June 25
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22
November 5	November 19
December 3	December 17

TREASURER'S REPORT

December

Beginning Balance			\$99,942.87
Deposits:	\$0.00		
Disbursements:		\$0.00	
Ending Balance			\$99,942.87

No transactions occurred in December. The FY27 first quarter Quarterly Financial Report was presented with no action taken. It will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

The manager at The Wharf branch of Bank of America demanded we close the account because Bank of America no longer serves government entities. However, no formal communication or documentation has been provided in support of this request. We will continue to maintain it until they do.

The Treasurer issued a statement in response to an inquiry about the Commission's finances in light of the DC Auditor's findings of waste, fraud, and abuse in ANC 8C & ANC 8E. The Commission's financial records are accessible to the public on the OANC website. Monthly bank statements and detailed transaction documentation are available for inspection by Commissioners in-person at our public meetings or by appointment. Direct any questions to the Treasurer or your respective Commissioner.

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT STATUS REPORTS

SMD	Issue(s)
8D01	Notified of permanent closure of 7-Eleven due to excessive crime. No further information is available at this time. Escalated service request for abandoned vehicle in 4000 block of S. Capitol Terrace to Chair of Council Committee on Public Works and Operations. It was removed after eight months. That's a persistent problem throughout our Commission.
8D02	No report
8D03	No report
8D04	(Vacant)
8D05	No report
8D06	No report
8D07	Reports of squatters occupying apartments on Forrester and Galveston. Contacted several agencies. Contacted CM Trayon White's office. No resolution to date.
8D08	No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Commission's Bylaws have not been updated since 2017. We had a special meeting in May, but did not establish a quorum. A revised version was presented without a vote.

Pet Waste Stations have been ordered and delivered. Commissioners can pick up their allotment from the Chair's house. If all commissioners do not pick up their two, we will install them as we see fit or double up in the other SMDs. The Commission must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with DDOT to ensure proper installation, maintenance, and dumping.

Ward 8 Woods submitted a grant application for \$5,000 in November. A representative presented at our November meeting. The OANC General Counsel found only \$2475.75 of allowable expenses. A vote has been deferred until then next meeting with a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission is required by statute to hold election of new officers during the first meeting of the year. A quorum was not present to complete that process. None of the Commissioners have communicated why they are absent. We have had a persistent pattern of noncooperation and it is very frustrating.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has allocated \$120M for capital projects in Ward 8. Only \$9.3M of that is within the boundaries of ANC 8D, which represents 7.74% of the total allocation. We invited representatives to learn:

- Their current offerings
- How to get resources for the proposed recreation center at 199 Chesapeake St SW
- How to engage the capital planning process.

Christopher Dyer, DPR Community Engagement Manager, presented:

- Upcoming events
- Programming, and
- Permit requirements for reserving facilities.

Spring registration starts March 3 for aquatics programs and March 4 for all other programs. He invites residents to contact him with questions and concerns at christopher.dyer@dc.gov (202)702-9453.

Brent Sisco, DPR Capital Projects Planning & Design Officer said ANC 8D's request aligns with DPR's 2023 Master Plan. The study identified Bellevue as having gaps in meeting the recreational needs of the community. Mr. Sisco committed to moving forward with exploring a center at 199 Chesapeake Street SW. The next step is to have DCHD transfer the real property from their inventory to DPRs. That would be followed by site surveys, community input, and funding request. The identified site is the only large parcel in the public domain suitable for the project.

The Chair asked about the distinction between a community and recreation center. Mr. Sisco responded community center is more general communal gathering spaces. Recreation centers have that in addition to a gym, fitness area, and possibly a pool.

Updates on FY26 Projects:

Fort Greble is under construction and scheduled for completion late spring/early summer. Will have indoor multipurpose room and kitchenette. The community garden will move closer to Elmira Street entrance. It will be small and is not intended to serve the community at-large. Fort Greble has been offline way too long. Nearby residents are frustrated.

Oxon Run's playgrounds and basketball courts have been renovated over the past year, as have the basketball courts at **Bald Eagle**. Should be complete over the summer.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Shelia Bunn inquired about DDOT's plans to eliminate parking spaces at the bottom of Elmira Street SW. The Chair directed her to Commissioner Anna Hamilton as she is managing that issue in her SMD.

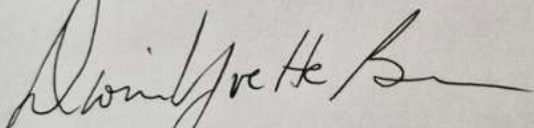
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 8 Councilmember White will hold a Budget Townhall. Date TBD.

Patrice Lancaster asked whether ANC 8D had been informed that part of the footprint of Soul of the City Business Improvement District was in Bellevue. The Chair responded that the Commission had not been contacted at all. Sheila Bunn added that the bill was still under a review period with DSLBD. The Chair expressed gratitude to both and promised to look into the issue with the appropriate response.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by:



Dionne Yvette Brown, Chair