

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8B

SMD 8B01 - Khadijah Watson
SMD 8B02 - Paul Trantham
SMD 8B03 - Thomas Von Williams, Jr.
SMD 8B04 - Kimberly Little



SMD 8B05- Joseph Johnson
SMD 8B06 - Alyce McFarland
SMD 8B07 - Juanita Beltran

Minutes of the Meeting of November 19, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 9B are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail in the minutes.

The Commission convened at approximately 7:00 pm at 2455 Alabama Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020. The following Commissioners attended the meeting: Khadija Watson, join by phone, Kimberly Little, Joseph Johnson, Juanita Beltran. Absent: Paul Trantham, Thomas Von Williams, Jr., Alyce McFarland.

A quorum was declared and determined by roll call at the beginning of the meeting, with 4 of 7 commissioners present and with three absent.

Chairperson Johnson stated that the community received notice via Facebook, Neighbor Next Door, Flyers and ANC website.

1. APPROVE OF MINUTES AND AGENDA.

The Commission APPROVED (4-0) the minutes and agenda of the meeting as submitted. (Motion by Cm. Little)

a. Chairperson's Report.

Cm. Johnson, ANC 8B is excited to report the submission of 62 service requests addressing various community concerns. These requests include issues related to: Vacant properties, stop signs, posting speed limits, Speed bumps, Speed cameras, Abandoned vehicles

While we celebrate this milestone, we recognize there is still much work to be done to improve our neighborhood.

We strongly encourage residents to continue submitting service tickets to address local issues. Please share these submissions with your commissioner to ensure transparency and collective action. Together, we can make a significant difference in our community.

b. Treasurer's Report.

Cm. Beltran reported that the current ledger balance is \$71,210.16.

Cm. Beltran presented the FY24 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report (four quarter FY24) and moved to approve the report. The Commission APPROVED (3-1) Motion by Cm. Beltran)

Cm. Johnson made a motion to approve the draft FY 25 budget, which was seconded by Cm. Beltran. During the discussion, Commissioner Watson expressed a desire to review the document. Cm. Johnson clarified that the draft budget needed approval to ensure compliance. The floor remained open for further comments, but none were made. The Commission APPROVED (3-1) Motion by Cm. Johnson)

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Skyland Place LLC - ZC Case No. 24-07

Developer Skyland Place, LLC presented their (ZC) map amendment project to the community, during which residents raised concerns about relocation, rent increases, and the displacement of current tenants. In response, the commission took action, making a motion to request the Zoning Commission postpone the map amendment to address these concerns. Motion by Cm. Johnson, the Commission APPROVED unanimously (4-0 vote)

a. Transportation Reimbursement

Reimburse Cm. Beltran \$350 for her monthly transportation expenses to and from the public ANC meetings. Motion by Cm. Johnson, the Commission APPROVED (3-1 vote).

b. Appointing Committee Members

Three residents of ANC 8B-Jaha Booker, Rod McGill, and Johncie "Butter" Cherry-volunteered to serve on the Housing and Development Committee.

c. Cm. Beltran initiated a discussion about Empower Ride Sharing, noting that its prices during peak hours are significantly more affordable than Uber and Lyft. She proposed a letter of support for Empower, acknowledging that all ride-sharing companies face public safety concerns. Commissioner Beltran emphasized that Uber and Lyft had similar issues when they started and stated that supporting Empower would make ride-sharing more accessible and affordable for city residents. Motion by Cm. Beltran, the Commission APPROVED (3-1 vote).

d. Cm. Johnson led a discussion on a draft resolution to reform the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), highlighting loopholes that allow landlords to bypass tenant rights through bankruptcy filings. The resolution aims to address these issues and protect tenants. Motion by Cm. Johnson, the Commission APPROVED (3-1 vote).

- e. Commissioner Johnson proposed sponsoring four Christmas events across ANC 8B, including one in partnership with the Black Nurses Rock DMV Chapter. Motion by Cm. Beltran, the Commission APPROVED (3-1 vote).

4. COMMUNITY CONCERNS. N/A

5. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER CONCERNS/COMMUNITY CALENDAR. N/A

The Commission adjourned at approximately 8:55pm

Minutes Prepared by: Comr. Kimberly Little, 

Approved on: Tuesday December 17, 2024