

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B

Public Meeting Minutes Report

Tuesday , September 19th, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

MPD 7th District Police Station

2455 Alabama Avenue, S.E.

Washington, DC 20020

The meeting was called toorder by Vice Chair Khadijah Watson at 7:00 p.m.. Vice Chairman Watson called for a moment of silence. Watson Called the roll. The following Commissioners were present:

- Vice Chair Khadijah Watson – 8B01
- Commissioner – Thomas Williams 8B03
- Commissioner – Kimberly Little -8B04
- Commissioner - Joseph Johnson – 8B05
- Commissioner – Alyce McFarland – 8B06

A quorum of Commissioners were present.

OLD BUSINESS

- A open discussion about the Bylaws was brought up with continuing discussions about amending the bylaws. According to Commissioner Joseph Johnson Article 4 – OFFICERS SECTION 3. States that No Newly elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner can serve as an executive officer unless they have served for one year on the Commission.
- Commissioner Joseph Johnson strongly believes that the current language in the bylaws could represent challenges to our commission's functuality. For instance, if all the Commissioners were Newly elected, no one would be eligible to hold executive officer positions according to our current bylaws. This situation highlights the need for change.
- Commissioner Joseph Johnson has made a proposed language for Bylaws Amendment to elect Officers within ANC 8B
- The proper amended and revised Bylaws Article 4 section 3.officers Any Commissioner who has been duly elected by their constituents will have the opportunity to serve as an officer within

the Commission. This democratic principle ensures that those chosen by the people can take on leadership roles, promoting accountability and representation within the governing body.

- Commissioner were highly engaged and informed Joseph Johnson Proposal and amendment to the bylaws and a vote for the amendment of the Bylaws was taking, all Commissioners from 8B voted unanimously to go ahead and have the Bylaws amended.
- ON Tuesday September 19th 2023 8B Commissioners voted to amend the bylaws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – COMMISSIONER Kimberly Little provided the Minutes. The Motion was made by Vice Chair Khadijah Watson. Commissioner Alyce McFarland seconded the motion that the Minutes of previous meeting be adopted. Commissioners engaged in discussion about the Bylaws and voted to amend the bylaws Officer Kent asked Commissioner Little to include the new bylaws into the new minutes report. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion about Commissioners changing the location of the Executive / Public meetings moving from the Seventh District Police Head Quarters located at 2455 Alabama ave S.E. to Martha's Table at the Commons located at 2375 Elvans road SE Washington DC 20020 in the mere future commissioner Alyce McFarland mentioned that Martha's Table will provide more accommodations for the people in hopes that more constituents will be more encouraged to engage in attending the public meetings in hopes of bringing communities and fami,ies together to prevent crime in high crime rated areas.

The following guest speakers were in attendance

- Kent C. Boese
- Kevin Coleman
- Kathy S. Williams
- Kimberly Johnson
- Wendy Glenn

The floor was opened for the public comments and or concerns that they may have.
The next ANC Commissioner meeting will be held on Tuesday October 17th 2023

Vice Chair Khadija Watson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M