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 August 20, 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: Cm. *Juanita Beltran,* Cm. *Kimberly Little,* Cm. *Thomas Von Williams, Jr.,* Cm. *Joseph Johnson, Absent:* Cm. *Paul Trantham,* Cm. *Alyce McFarland, Cm. Khadija Watson.*

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.

Cm. Johnson stated that the community received notice via Neighbor Next Door, Facebook, Flyers and Government website at anc.dc.gov and ANC website at anc8b.org.

1. **APPROVE OF MINUTES AND AGENDA.**
   Cm. Little presented the minutes and agenda as submitted and moved to approve minutes and agenda. The Commission APPROVED (4-0) Motion by Cm. Little)

a. Chairperson's Report.

During our recent commission meeting, many residents voiced concerns regarding BZA Case 21058, which proposes the construction of a multifamily apartment building at 2424 Pomeroy Rd SE. A total of seven residents from Elvans Rd SE expressed strong opposition to the project, citing multiple concerns, including:

- The size of the proposed building, which they feel is too large for the area
- Insufficient parking availability
- The removal of a significant number of trees
- Additional environmental and community impact issues

These concerns were formally communicated to SMD Commissioner Kimberly Little and the broader commission.

As part of our due diligence, the commission conducted a site visit to assess current conditions. We observed that the property has been abandoned for years and has become an illegal dumping ground for tires, large debris, and other waste. Additionally, we sought input from various government agencies, including the Office of Zoning, DDOT, the Fire Department, and others, to better understand their positions on the project.

Given the range of concerns raised, the commission was unable to reach a final decision at this time. Instead, we requested another postponement to allow residents and the developers additional time to collaborate on addressing unresolved issues. Our goal is to ensure that the project, if approved, aligns with the needs and interests of the community.

We appreciate the ongoing engagement of our constituents and will continue working to ensure their voices are heard throughout this process.

b. Treasurer's Report.

Cm. Beltran reported that the current ending ledger balance is $70,561.45

Cm. Beltran presented the Quarterly Financial Report and moved to approve the report. The Commission APPROVED (4-0) Motion by Cm. Beltran)

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cm. Johnson, I motion to submit a resolution to DGS for necessary repairs to the Seventh District Police Station community room, including lighting and other non-functional elements. Motion by Cm. Johnson, the Commission APPROVED (4-0 vote).

b. Cm. Little, I motion to table BZA Case 21058, concerning the proposed multifamily apartment development at 2424 Pomeroy Rd SE, to allow constituents sufficient time to collaborate with the developer in addressing any outstanding concerns. Motion by Cm. Little, the Commission APPROVED (4-0 vote).

c. Cm. Beltran, I motion that commission support back-to-school events for the following organizations within ANC 8B: St. John Baptist Church (5228 Call Pl SE), Garfield Elementary School (2435 Alabama Ave SE), and People's Co-Op Association Inc. (2436 Elvans Rd SE). The remaining backpacks were distributed at the ANC 8B office (1809 Savannah St SE, Suite A) during a public meet-and-greet. These events serve all residents within ANC 8B. the Commission APPROVED (4-0 vote).

4. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS.

5. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER CONCERNS/COMMUNITY CALENDAR:
Each SMD Commissioner provided a report on their respective areas, including resident concerns and issues reported to them.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 8:58PM

Approved on: Tuesday, September 17, 2024