



**Monthly General Body Meeting**  
**October 3, 2025 | 6:30pm**  
**Virtual Meeting (access found at website [oanc.dc.gov](http://oanc.dc.gov))**

## **ANC 8A Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2025**

**Time: 6:31 pm – 9:18pm**

**Location: Virtual / Online (Zoom)**

**Prepared by: Fria Moore, Secretary Officer, SMD 8A04**

**Officers Present:**

**Chair: Jamila White, SMD 8A05**

**Treasurer: Anthony Foreman, SMD 8A02**

**Commissioner Tom Donahue, SMD 8A01**

**Commissioner Robin McKinney, SMD 8A06**

**Commissioner Andrea Davis, SMD 8A03 (noted in transcript but did not speak)**

**Commissioner Fria Moore, SMD 8A04 (Secretary)**

**Commissioner Tomora Redman, SMD 8A07**

## I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Jamila White.

Roll call conducted; present: Donahue (8A01), Foreman (8A02), Moore (8A04), White (8A05), McKinney (8A06), Redman (8A07).

Quorum confirmed with six commissioners present.

## II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Commissioner McKinney moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Redman.

Commissioner Donahue noted for the record that notice was provided less than the required seven days due to a transition in notification personnel.

Vote: Motion carried, five in favor, one abstention (Moore, vote submitted via chat).

## III. Main Topics Discussed

### 1. Commissioner Updates (Each given max 2 min.)

**8A01 (Donahue):**

Ongoing Fairlawn DC Water project—complaints about noise and smell from construction generators.

Meeting scheduled at project site Thursday, 12:30 pm to discuss generator noise and mitigation.

Recent precautionary evacuations of local schools due to sewer smell; project ongoing for several months.

Invitation to attend the meeting extended to community.

**8A02 (Foreman):**

Persistent issues with buildings between 17th and 18th Street (drug activity, building maintenance).

**Focus on cleaning up parks and alleys; scheduling a meeting with Anacostia school principal to discuss truancy.**

**Ongoing maintenance and community well-being efforts.**

**8A04 (Moore):**

**Returned from maternity leave; new WhatsApp group for constituent communication.**

**Invites constituents to join the chat for better engagement.**

**8A06 (McKinney):**

**Awaiting street closure updates for upcoming Unifest event.**

**8A07 (Redman):**

**Coordinating with the Office of Tenant Advocate for SMD 8A07 tenant workshop on rights (inc. TOPA law).**

**Coordination with OAG on large case at Langston View (Marbury Plaza); OAG meeting for residents after Oct 31 court order.**

**Facility tour with Quentin Milner (MOCA) scheduled Friday morning, invites SMD residents to join.**

**Chair White (8A05):**

**Recent meeting with Councilmember Trayon White—pushing for ABCA license moratorium, addressing Marbury Plaza, alley maintenance, and pushing for small area plan for Anacostia.**

**Planning ANC-wide meeting with OAG re: slumlords and vacant properties; Google Form will be distributed for issues to be shared in advance.**

**Joint 8A05-8A06 SMD meeting planned before end of October.**

**Additional General Community Discussion Points:**

**Dog Safety:**

**Commissioner Donahue shared experience of pit bull attack; stressed leash law compliance and securing animals.**

## 2. Community Announcements & Issues

**Jared Powell (HABA):**

**Upcoming events: Neighborhood cleanups (Oct 18, Nov 15 at 10am), tree tour (Oct 26, 11 am), Halloween trick-or-treat map, caroling event (Dec 7), and neighborhood happy hour.**

**Flyers and event info to be shared for newsletter inclusion.**

**Reverend Wanda Thompson:**

**Ward 8 clergy and faith leaders meeting, Saturday (10am-12pm) at 1301 W St SE, including updates/resource sharing. Shared events related to the 30th anniversary of Million Man March and Unifest. Will forward events flyer for inclusion in newsletter.**

**K. Ivy (Community Member):**

**Ongoing severe alleyway maintenance issue at 1375/1377 Morris Rd SE due to unresolved water main/natural spring (15-20 years ongoing, unclear ownership); DDOT and DC Water claim not under their jurisdiction.**

**Washington Gas sidewalk/street repairs have left damaged surfaces; noticeable vibrations from passing buses.**

**Chair White advised placing 311 requests and sending ticket numbers to commissioner/ANC to escalate city response.**

## 3. Agency & Authority Updates

a) Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) – Quentin Milner

**Bulk Trash Clean-Up Day: Saturday at MLK Elementary, 3200 6th St SE, at 11am. Residents encouraged to bring bulk items for disposal; concern raised about lack of transportation for residents to deliver items. MOCA to follow up with relevant agencies for future accommodation.**

**311 Requests: Emphasized importance of residents making 311 requests for resource allocation; plans to provide directory information on proper request filing by next ANC meeting.**

b) MPD (7th District)

**Update (Captain Jonathan Duro, acting Commander):**

**General decrease in violent and property crime, slight uptick in burglaries and homicides in Anacostia.**

**Focus on Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October)—encouraged use of resources.**

**Active homicide reduction area in Anacostia with additional personnel; key areas with incidents identified.**

**Portable MPD cameras assigned based on need/trends.**

**Requested sector captains for continuous engagement with problematic/vacant properties, loitering, drug/use issues, and speeding.**

**Acknowledged repeated concerns about police response time and disposition, encouraged filing of 911 requests and complaints for officer conduct.**

c) DHS (Department of Human Services)

**Update: Confirmation that “Friendship House” program (Valley Place) ended Sept 30; no move-ins for October and November; property to be monitored and maintained; future program will be family-oriented but details pending (to be shared in November).**

**Other Properties: 1701 and 1707 V St SE transitioned to DGS; connection to be made between ANC and DGS for further property info.**

d) Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) – Alice McFarland

**Provides free legal and technical support to tenants, including education on rights, lease review, code violations, and organizing tenant associations.**

**Focus on helping constituents in SMD 8A07 with tenant organizing, workshops, and legal recourse for poor housing conditions.**

#### 4. Major Project & Presentation Updates

a) 11th Street Bridge Park – Scott Kratz, Building Bridges Across the River

**Project Status:**

**Collaboration w/ DDOT and Building Bridges Across the River.**

**Final two permits outstanding: Jurisdictional transfer from the National Park Service (completion expected late October/early November) and construction permit from DC Department of Buildings.**

**Construction RFP to be issued by December; anticipated groundbreaking in Q2 2025.**

**Possible minor delay if federal shutdown affects NPS permitting.**

**Full funding secured.**

**Community Benefits:**

**10-year Community Preservation/Anti-Displacement Plan.**

**Homeownership programs: 182 Ward 8 renters supported.**

**Workforce dev: 500+ EotR residents trained and employed in construction.**

**Local business accelerator: business grants and technical assistance, rotating small business kiosks, arts and culture investments.**

**Continued free weekly and seasonal events: Anacostia River Festival, Taste of Harvest Festival (Oct 7, 2–8pm at THEARC), weekly free farmers markets, Thanksgiving turkey distribution (Nov 21).**

**Urban farming and free food distribution: ~4,000 families served in 2024.**

**Air Conditioning Initiative: Free, energy-efficient units distributed to medically vulnerable neighbors; aim to double program to 100+ in 2025.**

**CLUE Community Leadership Training: New class for east-of-river advocates; annual occurrence.**

**Engagement: Invite for more grassroots resident/org involvement; open lines of communication emphasized.**

b) BZA Support Request – 1522 W Street SE

**Owner (Rosalind Upton) Presentation:**

**After compliant and HPRB-reviewed construction, DOB flagged/halting project due to their own permitting oversight regarding side yard requirements.**

**ANC requested to send letter to DOB supporting reinstatement of building permit; further BZA support may be sought if needed.**

**Immediate community (neighbors) support confirmed via letters.**

## 5. Councilmember's Office Updates

**Councilmember Trayon White's Office (Fernando Smith):**

**New constituent services team in place; office open Tues-Thurs at Shannon Place SE.**

**Regular newsletter now available.**

**Issue of persistent campaign signage to be addressed.**

**Commitment to follow up on corridor-level service/resource gaps and intervention needs.**

## IV. Voting and Motions

### 1. Approval of ANC 8A FY26 Budget

**Treasury Report: \$29,876.65 balance.**

**Highlights: Increase in budget for admin/ops, office supply cost savings, grants, and community event allocations.**

**Motion: Moved by Foreman, seconded by McKinney.**

**Vote: Five in favor, one abstention (Donahue).**

### 2. Support Letter for 1522 W Street SE Building Permit Issue

**Motion: Moved by McKinney to send letter of support to DoB (Permit B2402775); seconded by Redman.**

**Vote: Five in favor, one abstention (Donahue).**

### 3. Grant Support for Unifest

**Grant Request: \$2,000 to Unifest via Union Temple Baptist Church/Anacostia Renaissance for equipment rental for community festival week (Oct 11–18).**

**Motion: Moved by McKinney, seconded by Foreman.**

**Vote: Four in favor, two abstentions (Donahue, White—White abstained due to church membership).**

#### 4. Administrative Assistant Hiring

**Admin Position: Discussion tabled due to lack of candidate review; to be scheduled for special meeting. Multiple commissioners expressed desire for full review of all applicants.**

### V. Action Items

**Bulk Trash Drop-off: MOCA to explore transportation options for bulk trash events.**

**Neighborhood Issues (Morris Rd, alleys, repairs): Residents to submit 311 requests; commissioners to escalate as cases amass.**

**Tenant Advocacy Workshops/OTA: Alice McFarland and Redman to coordinate workshop scheduling for 8A07; constituent outreach ongoing.**

**MPD Sector Engagement: Ongoing communication w/ sector captains regarding abandoned/vacant properties, loitering, and nuisance/drug activity. Commissioners to push for multi-agency (DBH, DPW, etc.) support.**

**Media/Mayoral Escalation: Commissioners to coordinate greater media and unified business/community pressure on the mayor for integrated responses to public safety, substance abuse, and housing insecurity along major corridors.**

**Special Meeting: To be scheduled for administrative assistant hiring application review and vote.**

**11th Street Bridge Park: Scott Kratz to continue providing updates; ANC and residents encouraged to participate in engagement and oversight.**

### VI. Follow-Up Points & Upcoming Meetings

**OTA/Redman: Schedule and confirm upcoming tenant workshops; follow up on Marbury Plaza legal developments post-October 31st.**

**DHS: Return to November meeting with update on Valley Place Family Program and ongoing property/security status.**

**MOCA: Next community clean-up event details; 311 request directory forthcoming.**

**MPD: Additional engagement with 6th District sector for joint problems; increase proactive agency involvement for chronic issues.**

**Unifest: Ensure community notification of street closures and impacts.**

**Next ANC 8A Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2024.**

**Potential Special Meeting: Admin assistant hiring (date TBD, announcement forthcoming).**

**Joint 8A05-8A06 SMD Meeting: Before the end of October (date TBA).**

## VII. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.**

## VIII. Signature

/s/:

Prepared by: FRIA MOORE

Approved on: November 12, 2025

Attested by: /s/ FRIA MOORE

## Transcript

**Commissioner Donohue (0:00):  
Foreign.**

**Chair White (0:09):**

To get started. I'm gonna go ahead and share my screen for tonight. Actually, let me do this while we get folks on. Welcome. Welcome. All right. Let me actually post these capt. Oh, yeah.

**Commissioner Redman (0:38):**

Hi, Scott.

**Scott Kratz (0:41):**

Hello, everybody. Good evening.

**Commissioner Redman (0:43):**

Good to see everybody. Hi, Mr. Dancing Machine.

**Scott Kratz (0:49):**

Oh, words getting out.

**Chair White (0:51):**

All you gotta have is. There we go. I have video. I have video documentation.

**Scott Kratz (0:58):**

Wasn't that fun? Did you have a good time?

**Commissioner Redman (1:00):**

I had a great time. My legs are still sore.

**Scott Kratz (1:05):**

We all need a little joy, right? We all need a little time to celebrate. What an incredible way to end the End the weekend.

**Commissioner Redman (1:13):**

Exactly. It was. Yes.

**Scott Kratz (1:15):**

Now available on all streaming platforms.

**Commissioner Redman (1:18):**

Can't wait to share the video.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:25):**

Oh, well.

**Chair White (1:27):**

Oh, Scott. I miss the girl, though. This weekend was my mother, my aunt, my uncles and my cousin's birthday.

**Scott Kratz (1:34):**

**Holy cow, that's a lot of birthdays.**

**Chair White (1:36):**

**I know. It's like multiple sibling birthdays. But I'm glad y' all had a good time. While we're waiting for the rest of the commission to join, I just want to run through our agenda really quickly. So we'll have a roll call approve tonight's agenda. We were hoping to do our finance report for tonight and some previous meeting minutes, but we are not because our supported oamc. They're finishing their fiscal year report. So we'll vote on that in November. It's not due into November. We were trying to be proactive and get it done. So we have finished the entire fiscal year 2025, but we'll do that in November. We'll open up for community conversation. Have a good opportunity. Hello. Commissioner Robin McKinney is here. Hey, Commissioner McKinney. I'm just running through the agenda real quick and then we'll do a roll call. But thank you for joining us. We'll open up for community conversation. So if you have please go ahead and start welcoming yourselves in the chat. Let us know who is here. Let us know who's on tonight. Let us know who you are. So please put that if you do not get the commission newsletter, you have to sign up for that. But you can. I've been getting emails from tons of folks. You can email us. Email your commissioner, put in a chat, but make sure you sign up to receive that and then we'll have some updates hopefully from the 6th and 7th district. So I'll reach out to them and see if they have any updates. Then we'll go into quick announcements from our mopars and our council members who are joining us tonight. Before one is our guest speakers. So tonight we have the 11th Street Bridge Project to give us an update on what's happening at the 11th Street Bridge. We have an update from DHS. If you all remember, DHS joined us in September, I believe, December. Talk about what's happening on Friendship Place and the relocation of that center. So DHS is back with us tonight to give us update. We have some announcements from the office attendant advocate too. So this will be good to. Especially with everything that's happening with so many of our buildings and stuff in the community. And then we have a grant request for Unifex. As many of you know, historic Anacostia has hosted the Unifast for so many years. It's been a gap for about 20 years, but they are bringing it back as a way to unite the community. So we do have a grant request from Unifest. It's being hosted by the consortium, the same folks who hosted the Juneteenth events, the Anacostia Renaissance, I believe they call themselves, and Union Temple Baptist Church. So not too busy at night. We have a lot of time for opportunities. And then we'll go into some votes. Two votes we have tonight is for admin and ops assistant. If you all remember, we voted, let me say, back in March, to apply for the office of oenc, the tenant at scar. Sorry, Technical Assistance Fund for support with additional staffing. And then the unified grant request. And then we'll close out. So that's our agenda for tonight. I want to stop sharing my screen so I can see. Oh, y' all can't see me. Oh, my bad. Realize you couldn't see me. So we can do a roll call. So I'm gonna do a roll call starting with 8A. Let me see the first. Commissioner. I see 8802. Commissioner Anthony Freeman.**

**Commissioner Foreman (4:58):**  
Foreman. I'm here.

**Chair White (4:59):**  
Foreman.

**Commissioner Redman (5:00):**  
My bad.

**Chair White (5:01):**  
And then, Alice, I'm going to send you a different link so you can. Yeah, well, I hear you.

**Commissioner Donohue (5:07):**  
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**Chair White (5:08):**  
I'm sorry. 8A1. Commissioner Donahuehue.

**Commissioner Donohue (5:12):**  
I'm here.

**Chair White (5:13):**  
Okay, then. 8802. Commissioner Freeman.

**Commissioner Redman (5:17):**  
Here.

**Chair White (5:20):**  
8804. Commissioner Free or Moore. Present. 8805. Commissioner Jimmy Leit. Present. 8  
6. Commissioner Robert McKinney. Present in 8807. Commissioner Tamor Redman. Here.  
All right, we have a quorum for Frea Moore. We have a quorum of six commissioners  
present. Can I get a motion to approve tonight's agenda? I motion. I'm sorry, I moved to.

**Commissioner Foreman (5:57):**  
Go ahead.

**Chair White (5:57):**  
Commissioner McKinney, you move to. I moved the motion. Yes. To approve Tonight's  
agenda to approve tonight's agenda. Thank you very much. Can I get a second?

**Commissioner Redman (6:10):**  
Commissioner Redmond, second the motion.

**Chair White (6:13):**

Thank you. Any discussion?

**Commissioner Donohue (6:15):**

I just want to make for the record that we didn't receive the. This agenda for this meeting in the week allotted. We're supposed to have a week in advance and we got public notice was put out on Friday. I'll second.

**Chair White (6:31):**

Thank you. I want to say the public notice was sent to the office of ANC before, but we got a notification that Leonard, who does the notice, retired. So email went to somebody who was retired and when we got the new person, it was sent out.

**Commissioner Donohue (6:43):**

So still not properly notified. Just.

**Chair White (6:45):**

Thank you, Commissioner Donahue. And actually, if you read the minutes, we can do it less than 7. If you read the law, we can do it less than seven. Seven days. But note it for the record. All in favor say II all right. Commissioner Moore, we didn't hear your vote. Okay. Motion passes at least five. And Commissioner Moore, you can put your vote in the chat. All right, so I'm going to open it up to some community updates. I want to start with the commissioners. Commissioners, please keep your updates to no more than two minutes, and we'll start with 8801.

**Commissioner Donohue (7:18):**

The big update that I would like to let people know about is the Fairlawn DC Water project. We've gotten several complaints about the smell and the noise from the generators being ran. I've talked with DC Water, and we are going to have a meeting at 12:30 on Thursday at the location for us to discuss. There are ways they can mute or muffle the sound coming from the generators. And so that's my hope, is that we can meet with them and discuss ways to sort of silence or muffle the noise coming from the large generators and then talk to them. I'm not sure that we can do much with the smell coming, but we'll have that conversation as well. We did have to evacuate two of the schools a couple weeks ago because the smell coming from the sewer was misplaced as natural gas smell. Nobody was at any time ever in any danger. It was more for precautionary reasons until the smell could be identified. The smell was identified as the smell coming from the sewers. And unfortunately, this project will be gone going for several months and we will continue to have to deal with that smell. But anybody that would like to join me on Thursday at 12:30 is certainly welcome to attend.

**Chair White (8:53):**

Thank you, Commissioner Donahue. Commissioner Foreman.

**Commissioner Foreman (9:04):**

**Are you ready? I can't. Can you hear me?**

**Chair White (9:08):**

**We good? Oh, Good. We can hear you.**

**Commissioner Foreman (9:13):**

**Okay. One thing I have around here is same problems we're dealing with again. The. The problems on between 17th and 18th street with the church and the. And the apartments and the buildings over there. Just trying to deal with buildings. Buildings and stuff like that to try to clean them up, get. Get rid of the. The drug addicts and that type of stuff. And also just my parks. We're gonna see if we can take care of that. Dig it? Partly done, but we're just gonna get fully done. And also the alleys, stuff like that. Try to schedule a meeting with the principal down there, Anacostia. Talk about the truancy and just kids surrounding area during school time. That's pretty much it for right now.**

**Chair White (10:20):**

**1, 2, 3. Thank you so much, Commissioner. More? Nope. I put my number and information in the chat. There's anyone from my smd, let them.**

**Commissioner Redman (10:37):**

**Know that I am back.**

**Chair White (10:38):**

**I successfully had a baby boy, so I am communicating. We have a chat now on WhatsApp.**

**Commissioner Redman (10:46):**

**So if you all can just join.**

**Chair White (10:48):**

**And share the link with everyone else, we can have a back channel to communicate so we can have more successful meetings that I look forward to having with you all. Thank you, Commissioner Moore, and congratulations.**

**Commissioner Donohue (11:01):**

**Congratulations, Commissioner.**

**Chair White (11:02):**

**Yeah. Commissioner McKen. No updates right now. We want to talk about once we get everything finalized for the unifist for next week. I'll let you all know about the street closures that be happening in the community, especially this aa. So right now, no. Thank you. Thank you so much. Commissioner Raymond.**

**Commissioner Redman (11:31):**

Good evening. I am in the process right now trying to communicate with Office of Tenant Advocacy and bringing them over to my SMD to engage in tenant workshops in regards to tenant rights to include and to include, like TOCA laws and what their agency offers to the residents in regards to their rights and slumlords. Also, the plan is to within the next couple of weeks within smd, bring Office of Attorney General's office out to speak upon the case that we. That we have a big case that's closing over here at Langston Views, formerly known as Marbury Plaza. We should have final court order by October 31st. I'm trying to get OAG out here to have a meeting with the residents to kind of set the bar and expectations when that court ruling comes out and to also communicate to the residents over here what they offer in regards to the services at OAG's office. And then on Friday, this upcoming Friday, I will have the pleasure of touring the SMD8A07 with Quentin Milner from Mokers. So if anyone is in the smd, I did drop my contact info in the chat. So if anyone's in the SMD going to be around that morning, please contact me on my phone. You can text me or give me a call. Maybe we can connect that morning.

Chair White (13:07):

Thank you so much Commissioner Redmond and I have just a few updates. So the Ancient met with Council Member Treyon White sometime over the last two weeks. A couple of things that we elevated to him and put a request out is a moratorium on APCA licenses in 8A. And the council member has committed to working on that legislation because there's several moratoriums and other kind of business districts across the city. So we're trying to get a moratorium on APCA licenses and 8A. The other thing we elevated to the council member was some of the issues that we're having in our communities in each of our single member districts. Especially what's happening in Marbury Plaza, what's happening with the alleys not being clean and the stretch on DDOT and DPW and the services reaching. So we had a very successful meeting and glad that the council member's office is going to push through some of the things that we were asking of him. A couple other things were around development like small area plan for Anacostia that we've been trying to do and get the mayor to commit to and then pulling together like kind of more development initiatives. So we've been, yes, Ms. Lynch, we talked about tearing down single member homes and replacing those with big apartment complexes. So we will continue to follow up and provide updates primarily on the meetings and in our newsletter about what's happening for that. But we're hoping to see some legislation come out of that soon. And then we've also been working on an ANC wide meeting with the OAG about slum lures, vacant properties and other issues that they address. So I'm going to send out a little Google form because we're asking you all to identify some of the issues the oag, you know, we met with them already. What, I don't know. Last year sometime with also and what, what makes the conversation move forward is if we're able to send them the properties in advance or the issues in advance so they can come with some solutions and updates. So if you have any issues that you think might need to go to the oag, either email them to your commissioner or fill out the link that will go out. That meeting will happen towards the end of October. And then the last update is we will be having a 8A05806 joint SMD meeting before the end of October. So that's all the updates from the commission. I want to turn it over some community

members for updates. Oh well, we'll go to Donahue first and then I'll turn it over to Comm Community members for any updates. Like I said, you can put your updates or announcements in the chat or you can raise your hand. I don't know where MPD is tonight, y'.

**Commissioner Foreman (15:51):**  
All.

**Chair White (15:51):**  
I've called them and text them, so hopefully they'll join us by the end of week. The Paul and then before that, Quentin, are you here representing the Moors tonight? If you are, can you raise your hand so I can elevate you to panelists. Quentin from the Moors, let us know if you're here for the Moors tonight and I can elevate you. Okay. Commissioner Donahue, thank you Chair.

**Commissioner Donohue (16:12):**  
Just wanted to first of all thank everyone I I in regards to most of some of you may be aware that I was attacked by Pitbull, my dog and I a couple weeks ago and just wanted to thank the community. I got all kinds of people reaching out to me as a result of that, but I really wanted just to stress to everyone the importance of having our dogs on a leash, having them secured. I going through this firsthand, I will tell you, I was genuinely very scared when you have a hundred pound pit bull charging at you. You know, I did have to relinquish my dog over to the SPCA for the purposes of care. He was bit multiple times, including in the groin. And so I'm hoping that they'll be able to give him the care that he needs. However, I think this is a really important message and as an agency, commissioner gives me the opportunity to speak to you all about reminding you to keep your dogs on a leash. If you're having having them out in an enclosure, make sure that it is secure. There are multiple neighbors of mine who are who are downright scared at walking this particular part of our neighborhood. So just wanted to remind everyone to do that no matter how big or small your animal is, please respect the leash laws and make sure that your dogs or your animals are secure. So thank you, Chair.

**Chair White (17:52):**  
Thank you, Commissioner Donahue. And we are sending you much care and recovery because that sounds okay. So we have a couple of announcements from the community. I'm gonna go to Jared, then K Ivy. Anyone else with announcements, please feel free to raise your hand or put them in the chat. Before we go to Jay. I do want to elevate Reverend Wanda Thompson, let us know that the war date clergy and faith leaders meeting is going to be on this Saturday.

**Commissioner Redman (18:23):**  
At.

**Chair White (18:23):**

New Covenant Baptist Church from 10 to 12 at 301 W Street Southeast. So the Ward 8 Clergy and Faith leader, if y' all don't go, I really recommend, first of all, you get free food is like a full buffet breakfast, right? You get some, some healing from being in a spiritual space, if that's your thing. But then you hear about updates across from so many different resources. So I truly recommend everyone to go. All right, so I'm going to go to Jared and then K. Ivy.

Commissioner Donohue (18:52):

Thank you, Commissioner White. I appreciate it. So this is Jared Powell. So I'm representing HABA this evening. I just want to run down a few of the events that we are going to be hosting over the next couple months. The first one is going to be on Saturday, October 18th at 10am it's going to be our monthly neighborhood cleanup. We meet at 14th and V Street Southeast at 10am On Sunday, October 26th at 11am we're going to be hosting a neighborhood tree tour with KC Trees. So we're going to be doing some residential street trees and then moving up to Fort Stanton Trail and just highlighting the trails and also the urban canopy that we have within close proximity to our homes. If those have not seen Tracy's email, HAVA will be actually coordinating a trick or treat map for historic Anacostia. So this is an opportunity for businesses and residents to register their homes or their business if they will be handing out candy or treats to on Halloween, which is going to be on Friday.

Chair White (19:58):

October 31st this year.

Commissioner Donohue (20:01):

Then in November, we'll be doing another neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, November 15th at 10am and Joe Knight will also be coordinating our annual caroling event which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 7th. Lastly, I just want to highlight we'll also be coordinating a neighborhood house happy hour at the 2Open Atlas Brewery in the Red Brick, the Bridge district, either at the end of October, early November. So we're posting that communication out shortly. So Commissioner White, thank you for allowing me to speak.

Chair White (20:37):

I appreciate it. Thank you, Jared. And if you can get us those flyers, we can include it in our newsletters.

Commissioner Donohue (20:44):

Great. And I'll go ahead and put those links to those events in the chat.

Chair White (20:48):

I think you all should expand the trick or treat because I did sign up and you know, I'm not in the historic one. Trick over. I'm just going to say that I.

**Commissioner Donohue (20:56):**

Think we're doing it. Also, friends of historic Anacostia. And we also share that with the Fair Lawn Civic association, just because. Absolutely. We want to make it as inclusive as possible.

**Chair White (21:08):**

Perfect. Thank you. Okay. Reverend Wanda. Okay, I just wanted to clarify. I think you mentioned that New Covenant was at 301 W Street Southeast, but it's 1301 W Street Southeast. And we also wanted to just make mention of the fact that there will be a host of events coming up this week in reference to the 30th anniversary of the Million Man March and Unifest. So they start on Saturday with the Torch Run, and there'll be events all during the week. So hopefully that information will get out.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (21:49):**

So that people will be aware of.

**Chair White (21:50):**

It, and it'll culminate on October 18th. And so we just want to be.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (21:58):**

Sure everybody knows about all of those events.

**Commissioner Donohue (22:00):**

Ms. Thompson, is there a place where people can go to see a whole listing of the event, of all the events together?

**Chair White (22:07):**

There is. I will try to. I tell you what I will. I don't know how to do it. So what I'll do is I will do a screenshot of the events, and I will email it to you, Commissioner White, and maybe you can put it in the chat. Would that work? That works. And also, Reverend, Really, Wilson will be on tonight, so I'm sure he can give us that information. Oh, okay. All right. That's fine. Great. Thanks.

**Scott Kratz (22:32):**

Okay.

**Chair White (22:32):**

But no, we'll include in our newsletter. Our newsletter will go out tomorrow, so. All right. I want to turn it over to K. Ivy. Hi, good evening. I'm not sure if. Is it the time to talk about issues in the neighborhood right now? No better time than now.

**Commissioner Redman (22:55):**

Okay.

**Chair White (22:57):**

Good evening, everyone. So I live at the 1300 block of Morris Road Road. We were having this issue with our alleyway. Just wanted to see if we got any updates on that. It's between 1375 and 1377 Morris Road Southeast. We actually had. I forgot that Mr. Mendelson come out, and he got. Yeah, he got stuck in the alleyway. The. The issue that we're having, all the. It's. It's really bad. A lot of craters. Ongoing spring that's running. Trayon is aware of it. We. I don't know if you remember it. It's been so long. About, what, 15, 20 years it's been going on, but it got worse. So there's just this ongoing water spraying that made craters and holes, and that's the only means of us parking in the rear of our homes. It's the entryway DC Water stated it's not their water. It's this natural spring. They're stating that the government doesn't own it. It's a private owner. They, for some reason they can't find the private owner.

**Commissioner Redman (24:11):**

We don't know who paid taxes there. I don't know.

**Chair White (24:14):**

Supposed to been doing some type of investigation, but I think it's getting swept under the rug again. But the D.C. government is trying to make the homeowners pay for an alleyway. They're stating that's private, but the recycling and the trash truck comes back there to pick up the trash. So I'm. I'm not understanding how it's a private alleyway.

**Commissioner Redman (24:42):**

That's the first issue.

**Chair White (24:44):**

The second issue we had Washington Gas come out that one first.

**Commissioner Foreman (24:47):**

Ms.

**Chair White (24:48):**

I. Okay, go ahead.

**Commissioner Redman (24:49):**

Yes, thank you.

**Chair White (24:49):**

So we've actually elevated this to the OAG to try to find out who the owner is because as you know, D DOT is saying that it's not their alley, so they can't do anything to it because this doesn't belong to the District. And so that when we have our meeting with the OAG that's one of the issues hopefully they'll have. They'll be able to find out who it is. They're good at finding out who stuff belongs to. So I know this is a long standing issue, but we had to pull in some folks who could find out who it belongs to so we can take action.

Okay, second issue. Thank you. The second issue is we had Washington Gas come out and replace a couple of the homeowners meters or regulators. So they dug up the sidewalk and they dug up the street. And it's. When I tell you it's horrible, it's horrible. The sidewalks still have I guess temporary. Some type of temporary tar on it and it has holes in it. The street. I don't know what they did. It's dents and holes in the street and to the point like when the bus runs over that Denton Hole. My house is shaking. No, you didn't. So it. It's. It's really bad. Thank you so much. Ms. Ivey. Can you please send your Commissioner McKinney and copy myself. I think we bordered that. The pictures from that. So we can just put in a. Can you put a 311 request is really. I know we're going to work on it without 311 request, but they actually look at, at the amount of 311 requests per ward as part of their determination on who gets resources. So I just want to say this. Every time you have an issue with the city. Please put in a 311 request, because that's also how resources are moved around. And Quinton can talk to us about that, too. So, Ms. Abby, put in your 311 request, and after you finish it, send it to your commissioner, or send it just to the ANC so we can follow up. I have a constituent right now. He put in a request a month ago. He sent it to me the other day. I sent it to DDOT DDOT hadn't even looked at it yet. But when I flagged it over to Keith, Keith got somebody to look at it. So please put a three on request and send it to your commissioner, like, once you put it in. Okay, so, Ms. Ivy, thank you for the follow up on that tomorrow, whether you send it or not, but please put in a request anyway. Okay, thank you, guys. Thank you. Okay, so let me see if we have any more community. Oh, Keith, you with us? Hey, Keith. Keith. All right, let's see who else. I got a few more hands raised, and then I'm gonna turn it over to MTD for some updates.

Commissioner Donohue (27:41):

The chat, too.

Chair White (27:43):

Okay, thank you. I'm gonna turn it over to MPD for some updates, and then we're gonna get into our conversation. So in the chat. Let me see what we have. Go ahead, Emmanuel. Emmanuel. Okay.

Scott Kratz (28:08):

By the way.

Chair White (28:09):

Yeah. We have another. He's allowed to unmute himself, so I elevated him. We have another update. Digital art encoding for kids 8 to 18 this Saturday, 11am this week to please sign up. It's free. Raphael. We included that in our newsletter. That's going out too, so. Thank you for including that, Danielle. We understand that there's still issues with addiction at the bus stops. That's, you know, citywide issues, but. Yeah. All right, well, if Emmanuel comes back on, we'll give him the opportunity. But let's go into some updates from Quentin, and then we'll see who's here from the Post Police. Quentin, over to you for any updates from the mocha's office. If you have question for the mayor's

office, this is the time to ask. And this is the person to ask right now. So, Quentin, over to you.

**Commissioner Foreman (29:02):**

Hello, everyone. Good evening. The first update I wanted to give from the mocha's office is that we are inviting you guys out this weekend. We are having a. The mayor's office is collabing with the mayor's office. The Mochas are collabing with the mayor's office of Clean City for a community day and cleanup. It's a Day of service and pride in our community. And we encourage our neighbors to bring bulk clothing, furniture, old toys, copper wrap mattresses and more. This weekend it will be at MLK Elementary School, 3200 6th Street Southeast. Also, the time is at 11am if you have any questions, you can reach me on my email or cell phone.

**Chair White (30:05):**

Thank you so much. I'll open it up to any quick measures. Any quick measures. Questions for Quinton. What is this? No questions from Quentin for the f. Office. Nobody.

**Commissioner Redman (30:23):**

I just.

**Commissioner Foreman (30:24):**

Here's a question.

**Chair White (30:25):**

Go ahead. What is it?

**Commissioner Foreman (30:27):**

There's a question. Hey, quick. Now. This is going to be on Mon King Avenue around 11 o'.

**Chair White (30:34):**

Clock.

**Commissioner Foreman (30:34):**

You say miss her and you taking mattresses and all that type of stuff, correct? Yes, Commission. This is at MLK Elementary School, right where? Congress Height. Congress Heights Recreation center, the new one.

**Chair White (30:51):**

Okay.

**Commissioner Foreman (30:52):**

With the construction. I got, I got, I got a question for you. So y, y, y' all providing flatbeds or pickup trucks and that type of stuff for folks to break it there? You know, we talk about

mattresses and all that type of stuff. I'm just trying to figure out how most people gonna get it there. So. That's a good question, Commissioner. And I think I, I'm definitely going to flag that with Clean City, the office of Clean City and DPW for our next roll off day. Because that was a concern that a constituent had today. She was wondering, how can she get her black belongings to the roll off day? You know, we'll have a dumpster there and we'll, you know, collab with DPW to collect the trash and take it. But we don't have a way to help people get their, get their belongings there to the dumpster to the roll off day?

**Chair White (31:45):**

No.

**Commissioner Foreman (31:50):**

Okay, but you say mattresses and what.

**Chair White (31:54):**

What else, what else was that?

**Commissioner Foreman (31:55):**

Any type of. Are you taking types of home furniture and all that type of stuff, too?

**Chair White (32:00):**

TVs and.

**Commissioner Foreman (32:03):**

Yes, yes. Y' all waste bulk trash. Yes, everything.

**Chair White (32:11):**

Yeah. Okay.

**Commissioner Foreman (32:14):**

Saying I, I, I, I appreciate the, the thing, but that, yeah, that's kind of hard for, for most people to, to transport that type of stuff Any, any distance, you know, in, you know, bulk trash or yard waste, all that type of stuff. I thought you might have a, you know, rolling trucks, like, you know, six or eight pickup trucks that's coming around, you know, I don't know, blowing your horns or whatever, stopping at different stops so people can bring it out. You know, maybe I could see somebody bring it from the back, you know, maybe a block or so. Maybe at the most, or, you know, just given a time frame that you're going to be in that area. You know, I'm just thinking about older folks. I'm thinking about myself, too. I thought I was battle tested I thought I was battle tested to try to try to, you know, battle test one of these big old certain mattresses. So, no, it's definitely okay. I most definitely will note that and make sure our next rollout date have those services.

**Chair White (33:17):**

Thank you. Quinton, can you open for that or some language so we can make sure it goes out?

Commissioner Foreman (33:23):

Yes, I was about. I was going to drop it in the chat when you said, ask me what's I on. When I said, okay, I can just tell everyone about it, but I also will drop the details in the chat as well.

Chair White (33:33):

Okay, perfect. Or just if you can. If you can email it to us, that'll be better, actually.

Commissioner Foreman (33:40):

Okay.

Chair White (33:41):

Okay.

Commissioner Foreman (33:42):

Okay.

Chair White (33:43):

Go ahead. Sorry, Jared. Is that okay? Go ahead.

Commissioner Foreman (33:51):

Quinn, I was wanting to piggyback on what you were saying. Follows the 311 request and how important that is for. For those to be put in, even if it's the same issue that you. That you put one. Put one in already. If you see it again, put it in again.

Commissioner Donohue (34:08):

And.

Commissioner Foreman (34:08):

And then you can also send that. Send that. That one. You requested that. You did already request that tracking number to your commissioner as well, so we can follow up with that request. But they do track those 311 requests by war. So I think we should use that to our advantage. You know, every time we see something, drop that 311 request. You know what I mean? Whether it's even as a. If it's a little bit of trash on the sidewalk, you should put that 311 request in for any issues or concerns that you may have. And it. It's a little complicated now. I'm gonna think of. Try to reach out and see how we can figure out how we can get a directory, maybe for owl, so we can. Understanding. Because I'm new in government, so I'm still trying to figure out what 311 requests go here, which ones go there, because you don't want to put the wrong ones in. So I think it's. You know, by the next ASC meeting, I'm gonna try to have some information on a directory. What 311 requests go where, so we can better put those in. They can go to the direct agencies

that they need to go to so we can keep pushing those buttons. Thank you, but that is important. Yes, thank you.

**Chair White (35:26):**

Okay. Commissioner Donahue.

**Commissioner Donohue (35:28):**

Yes. Sorry. I just wanted to let people know that this week in the morning and afternoon we're going to be doing the safe passage survey for Boone Elementary. This means that basically you're going to see engineers probably in yellow vests and things in the morning and afternoon at dismissal and arrival times. They like they we did this, they did this last year at Kramer. And then just a couple weeks ago they started to implement some of the recommendations made. So the survey will take place tomorrow at Boone morning and arrival. And what that basically does is they'll assess the area, what safety things may need to be improved, approved and then recommendations will be made and then it'll be implemented probably this time next year. So just in case people see you and wonder what's going on with everybody in the yellow vests and stuff, they know what's going on.

**Chair White (36:28):**

Thank you Commissioner. We appreciate that. Okay, so we're gonna keep it moving. We want to. We have a couple of speakers tonight. I don't know if MPD is here yet, but I want to welcome up 11th Street Bridge. So Scott, welcome to. Welcome back to ANC 8 8. Please stick within your time frame. Turn it over to.

**Commissioner Foreman (36:50):**

You bet.

**Scott Kratz (36:51):**

Thank you Chair White. Really appreciate it. And hello everybody.

**Chair White (36:54):**

Good evening.

**Scott Kratz (36:55):**

Happy Tuesday. My name is Scott Kratz. I am the president CEO of Building Bridge across the river and the founding director of the 11th Street Bridge Park. And Chair White asked for an update on the Bridge Park. I'm going to show a couple quick images and go through this quickly so that we have some room for any questions. So if you can see this.

**Chair White (37:21):**

There we go.

**Scott Kratz (37:25):**

**So first the 11th Street Bridge park for those who don't know is a collaboration between the nonprofit that we we that I work for that I'm. It's been my honor to lead Building Bridges across the river and the city the district Department of Transportation. We run the arc. I'm speaking to you from over on Mississippi Avenue a network of seven urban farms Skyline Workforce Center. But the largest project that we have to date is the 11th Street Bridge Park. It's been my honor to lead the effort for the last 13 years. We've had over a thousand meetings with local stakeholders to drive every single programming element among going to go through the design because I think everyone sort of knows it. The those who do not can go to bridge park.org and see our latest designs. But we are transforming the old aged out 11th street vehicular bridge the using the old piers to build a new park that's across the Anacostia River. That makes way for community requested programming spaces. Local residents not only drove the programming, they even selected the design team. I am not going to go through this slide, but I'm just going to share the number of 30 permits that we've had to go through to get this project to where it is today. And I'm very happy to report that we're down to the last two. The last month the DDOT submitted a transfer of Jurisdictional Authority resolution transferring land from National Park Service to the city where our environment, where the environmental Education center and outdoor amphitheater will be. That should be wrapped up at the end of this month, first week of November. And at that time we should have our construction or Department of Buildings construction permit, which means that we are on path to solicit our general contractor by the end of this year and then break ground in Q2 of next year. Did not think this was going to be 13 years of my life, but you know, every right idea has a right time. So excited to keep this promise to the community. And I think as everyone knows, that in addition to building the park for the last 13 years, we haven't just been working quietly in our offices. We've been working to make sure that we're investing in the community, making sure that the same tens of thousands of residents who shaped this park from the beginning can be the ones that benefit from it. So our community preservation plan that we've been implementing for the last 10 years has become a larger model for anti displacement across the country. And I'm not going to go through our all 34 strategies, but you know, we've seen now 182 Ward 8 renters become homeowners who've gone through our east of the River Home Buyers Club meets here the third Saturday of every month at the Arc. It's free. It's in collaboration with Manna. We provide \$2,500 cash grants to graduates of the program. And we're in the process of raising funds for down payment assistance as well. We just graduated last week our 43rd construction training program through Skyland Workforce Center. So we've trained and employed over 500 east of the river residents into construction jobs. So if the general contractor comes to me in the spring and says, well, Scott, I can't find any local residents to hire, we can show up with a list of 500 people that we've trained and are currently employed in the construction trades and we're really tripling down on the support of small businesses, particularly in the historic Anacostia Corridor along Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Marion Barry Jr. Avenue. We have two programs. A small business preservation program where we embed consultants from Booz Allen for 10 businesses along MLK or Marin Bear Jr. Avenue for an entire year. Current class**

includes Sapodillas. We had grounded last year Go Go Museum. And then each of those small businesses receives cash grants of between 8 and \$10,000 to help implement those strategies. And you might have seen around town are two mobile kiosks. So we have two of these mobile small business kiosks that we call the Bridge Spot coming to a neighborhood near you. Eventually they'll be on the park but they currently are housed each month we rotate. This is a larger collaboration with the bid. We rotate a different east of the river entrepreneur. The people like Plumgood or Kitchen Physician or Main Roads. We work with about 14 businesses every year. There's no cost to the small businesses. Then each of the businesses receives \$2,000 cash grants. They keep 100% of anything they make. So we're building the support right now of small businesses well in advance of the park opening up. And we've been investing in lots of arts and culture strategies. The largest of event we put on is our Anacostia River Festival. We're already starting to plan next year's River Festival. But I would like to invite everybody this Saturday to my favorite event that we put on our Taste of the Harvest festival. It's at the Ark 11 east of the river Artist Market and hands on arts work. And then we we have a sit down dinner. Last year we had a sit down dinner for 700 neighbors in the woods along Oxen Run. And then we end the entire night with some roasting s' mores under the stars. It's a beautiful free event. We encourage you to come out from 2 to 8pm you can go to more at find out more@bridgepark.org harvest.

**Chair White (42:59):**

We.

**Scott Kratz (43:00):**

Also we've been running this network of seven urban farms and we harvest all of the food and we set up a farmer's market every Friday at the Ark between 12 and 2. But we remove the barrier of cost so it's all free. We're on track to serve about 4,000 families the throughout the year. This will go through Thanksgiving. We're looking now to raise some more money to keep this going through beginning of next year. Recognizing the real hardship that folks are going through during the holidays. We also will be distributing a little over 1100 turkeys and all the fixings raw, uncooked or frozen turkeys that people can take home on the afternoon of November 21st. So encourage people to come to the ARC. And then the last few things to mention, I'm going through this a little quickly, so apologies, but I want to respect everyone's time. We kicked off a pilot last year that we really greatly expanded this year. You know, east of the river has is on average, Ward 8 is on average 13 degrees warmer than other parts of the city. And for residents who don't have air conditioning units, the. That is a huge issue, particularly for residents who have issues of asthma or heart ailments, type 2 diabetes. So this year we distributed 58 high energy efficient, at no charge air conditioning units to a bunch of Ward 8 residents and we plan on expanding this next year. The impact has been huge. And the very last thing I want to share is that several of you are there. But on Sunday we or a month ago, we partnered with the Go Go Museum to commission our very own song, Go Go song for the 11th Street Bridge Park. Take it to the Bridge by Raheem Devon, the and the Crank Crusaders. And on Sunday, we had a really amazing celebration at the Go Go museum

for about 150 friends. And it's available streaming on all platforms. But it was a ton of fun. So what park, you know, every park needs a theme song.

**Commissioner Redman (44:57):**  
Right?

**Chair White (44:58):**  
Right.

**Scott Kratz (44:58):**  
So very exciting. I'm going to pause my Stop sharing and see. I went through a lot of information very quickly, but the takeaway is that, you know, we're moving forward on this. We have all the funds that we need the. For the construction and we're really excited to keep this promise to the community.

**Commissioner Foreman (45:18):**  
So.

**Scott Kratz (45:24):**  
And I'm gonna put all of my contact information on the. In the chat too, in case you have additional questions. But Commissioner Donahue, would you like me to call out people or how would you like me to do this?

**Chair White (45:42):**  
Go ahead, Commissioner donahue.

**Commissioner Donohue (45:43):**  
Okay, thanks. Mr. Kratz. Thank you very much for that information. It's a. It's a lot of great, valuable information. Took lots of notes. The Harvest Festival is that with the dinner and that sounds like an amazing night. Is that free too?

**Scott Kratz (45:57):**  
100% free.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (45:58):**  
Come on out.

**Scott Kratz (45:59):**  
It's going to be beautiful weather on Saturday.

**Commissioner Donohue (46:01):**  
And where's it at again?

**Scott Kratz (46:02):**

It's at the ark. So 1901 Mississippi Avenue from 2 to 8pm I'll put the. More information. I'll put the website. It's bridgefork.org harvest but I'll put that in the website. Website or in the chat too. And all the information's on there with A full schedule and a bunch of participating small businesses. And we're doing food samples. Angie, Chef Angie from the Gogo Museum is doing the catering. The for the event. And it's going to be a three course meal. It just sit down, hang out with each other and let's break some bread together.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (46:35):**  
So.

**Commissioner Donohue (46:36):**  
And is there something, is that something you have to register for?

**Scott Kratz (46:39):**  
We'd love it. If you register online. You don't have to, but just so we have an idea of how many people are coming.

**Chair White (46:44):**  
So.

**Commissioner Foreman (46:46):**  
Yeah.

**Commissioner Donohue (46:46):**  
Awesome. Awesome. Thank you very much.

**Chair White (46:49):**  
Thank you. Quinton. We're getting folks asked if you can put your contact information in the chat. So we're going to ask if you can go ahead and do that. Thank you. I think I saw Patrick o'. Keefe. And then we'll go to Commissioner Redbin.

**Scott Kratz (47:02):**  
Hi.

**Commissioner Donohue (47:02):**  
Yes.

**Chair White (47:03):**  
Thanks.

**Scott Kratz (47:03):**  
Chair White.

**Chair White (47:04):**  
Hi, Mr. Kratz. Nice to see you.

**Scott Kratz (47:06):**  
Thanks for taking time to join this evening. My name is Patrick. I live over at 6th and U Street. Truly appreciate everything you've been doing to get this going.

**Chair White (47:16):**  
And for the long term commitment. It sounds like a lot longer than you expected.

**Scott Kratz (47:21):**  
And we're a huge fan and really.

**Commissioner Donohue (47:23):**  
Excited about the project.

**Scott Kratz (47:26):**  
I have a quick question about the timing.

**Commissioner Donohue (47:27):**  
So I've been in the neighborhood for.

**Scott Kratz (47:29):**  
About eight years and I think every.

**Chair White (47:32):**  
Year, if not every other year, there's.

**Scott Kratz (47:34):**  
Been a planned groundbreaking and then an extension. And so I just read in September in Hill Rag about the extension from.

**Chair White (47:42):**  
This quarter to next year.

**Scott Kratz (47:45):**  
And so I understand these things are.

**Chair White (47:47):**  
Incredibly complicated and it sounds like you're.

**Scott Kratz (47:49):**  
Down to the last two permits.

**Chair White (47:50):**

So what kind of. I'm wondering what kind of reassurances you can give us or level set with us on how likely that groundbreaking is.

**Scott Kratz (47:57):**

For Q2 of next year.

**Chair White (47:59):**

And second question, what, if anything, can the community do to make sure you.

**Scott Kratz (48:03):**

Get those that transfer and the permit?

**Chair White (48:05):**

Is there anything we can do?

**Scott Kratz (48:06):**

Can we write letters? Can we join meetings so that we can help get this forward? Thank you very much. And yes, it's been feels like three steps forward, two steps back.

**Chair White (48:18):**

Right.

**Scott Kratz (48:18):**

A bunch of the time. So I share the frustration, the lots of patience and persistence and just a little bit of stubbornness moving forward. We I did just hear an update on the transfer of jurisdictional authority from both the DDOT Legislative Council and Chairman Mendelsohn's office. So that I'm confident is moving forward. The good news is it's a resolution. So it actually doesn't have to go to the mayor, nor does it have to go to Congress. So both of those are good things. So we don't have to have the typical 30 day review from Congress. And particularly now Congress is shut down. The and we are this close to finalizing this is getting a little in the weeds. But our flood plan the that we need for the Department of Energy, the environment the we just had a good meeting last week and as soon as they approve that we should get our construction permit. My only potential hiccup is we are finalizing a special use permit with the National Park Service where we're having some of our construction staging in Anacostia park and it's really close to being finalized. The But I mean if the shutdown goes on for another four months, like that's going to mess us up a little bit. So that's that's the only sort of challenge that I see. But everything else I think is is is going according to plan. The Office of Contract Procurement does tell me that the by the time the advertising hits the streets which again should come out in December, the that it should take about four months the for us to select the general contractor. DDOT is going to be running the procurement but we are going to be sitting alongside them the entire time. And and again, if anybody has like any

questions they want updates. The like I put my cell phone and my email in the chat. The Feel free to reach out. I answer seven days a week.

**Chair White (50:13):**

Thank you. Scott, Robert and then Tara. No, I'm sorry Commissioner Redmond, then Robert, then Tara. My bad, y'. All. I'm tired. It's been a long day. Commissioner Redmond.

**Commissioner Redman (50:27):**

I just wanted to piggyback with with on Scott for this weekend at the Harvest Fest. Quentin didn't Quentin and I actually graduated from the Community Leaders Engagement workshop that the 11th Street Bridge actually hosted. And my graduating class is actually presenting at this year's Taste of Harvest. And we are actually going to be giving away over 100 popup garden giveaways to we are our mission was to basically, you know, the food insecurities and Ward 8. And I was telling people, you know, I've been living over here in the Plaza since 97, so I'm trying to figure out how to get gardens over here over here in the concrete jungle. So we came up with these countertop gardens that we're going to be giving away on Saturday. So please come out, show some support. Thank you, Scott. It was a great opportunity.

**Scott Kratz (51:25):**

I got my pins right here from the Clue program that Destiny and Sarah gave me. So yeah, yeah, I'm all Ready to go.

**Chair White (51:31):**

So excited that we are having some folks able to participate. Congratulations to both you, Commissioner Redmond and Quentin. Lots of love. Y' all see all that love and affirmations.

**Commissioner Redman (51:39):**

Good.

**Chair White (51:40):**

We need love in this time. Okay, we're gonna go to Robert Than Tar. Okay. Tara.

**Commissioner Redman (51:55):**

Hi. I'm. I'm really. That 13 degree average is really shocking to me.

**Chair White (52:02):**

I would love to know. I don't want to take up too much time, but I'd love to know what the cause of that is for why is so much hotter that you.

**Scott Kratz (52:11):**

Can find that from the American forests Did a big sort of nationwide survey and in D.C. it's primarily due to a lack of tree canopy and the urban heat island effect. So all the more

reason to have sort of both of those. So it came friend resident and Ward 8 mentioned two years ago casually that our neighbor, single mom with three kids didn't have air conditioner and air conditioning and it could reach 115 degrees inside of her apartment. Right. It was just like devastating. She was getting. She was sick, she was getting headaches. And that gave us the idea of like we got to figure out how to do this. So we're looking to expand this to another hundred the free air conditioning units next spring and we're doing a larger sort of survey. And you know, I'll end with the first year we had. Mr. Wren, who lives up on Alabama Avenue, he has narcolepsy and he wrote the sweetest note afterwards of just saying that after we installed this Whisper air conditioning unit the first night, good night's sleep he said in months.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (53:15):**  
Right.

**Scott Kratz (53:15):**  
So it's just a little thing like air conditioning can actually do a huge impact on your mental and physical well being.

**Chair White (53:21):**  
So thank you so much, Scott. I'mma read Robert's question. He said and then Scott, we have some questions in the chat. I'm ask if you can get to but he said does B Bar have any plans to host a regular farmers market at historic Anacostia Fairon area near where the park will be built.

**Scott Kratz (53:39):**  
We do currently run a farmer's market in the CSA at the Ark the with Fresh Farm the and for sure after the park is open. Absolutely. So yes.

**Chair White (53:50):**  
Well thank you so much Scott. We appreciate the updates. Please make sure please continue to send us things in advance. We do have a newsletter out now for the anc. I don't even know if you get it Scott, so request to subscribe so you can see what we're sending out so we can have a question.

**Commissioner Foreman (54:08):**  
How are you? Good man.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (54:10):**  
Hanging in.

**Commissioner Foreman (54:11):**  
I. I had a question. How do we get grassroots organizations on the other side, on the most disadvantaged side connected right now with the, you know, Bridge Park? You know, because as you, as you said, I was intrigued by your article years, like maybe two

years ago, and you said that you wanted to make sure that this park was embedded into the, you know, into the community. That it was, you know, serving and it will gentrify our community is a known fact. And we do have things set up in place as the Skyline Workforce center and things in that nature. But how do we get these organizations embedded right now? So when the park is built three, four years from now, five years from now, when the stadium is here, everything else is here, our community right here on this other side of the bridge, won't get left out.

**Scott Kratz (55:06):**

Thank you, Quentin. That's a great question. I think that's why we've been focusing as you know, so hard over the last 10 years of our community preservation explicit anti displacement strategy. So we've stood up the Douglas Community Land Trust, right. That we've raised millions of dollars for early property acquisition. It's now its own separate 501C3, a separate nonprofit, but it has over 230 units of permanently affordable housing.

**Chair White (55:28):**

Right.

**Scott Kratz (55:28):**

Owned by the community. If there's. I just touched on a few of the strategies.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (55:35):**

Right.

**Scott Kratz (55:35):**

But as Commissioner Redmond said, we have this program called that she was just a graduate of this administration. Our community Leadership Empowerment workshop or CLUE that we run every year that is working with east of the river residents to become more effective change agents.

**Chair White (55:50):**

Right.

**Scott Kratz (55:51):**

And change their community and understand the planning process and particularly around how you can change the community for the better. So encourage everyone to apply for our CLUE program. We'll have another, our eighth program next year. And if there's other ideas that where there's needs the, that we are not hitting the or again, encourage you to shoot me an email, give me a call. I'd love to either touch base with you, connect you with Anna McCorvey who's award resident, she's our senior equitable development manager who runs a lot of our programs, or Sean Noyes who works with Anna, who's our equitable development manager. So please reach out.

**Commissioner Foreman (56:25):**

Thank you, Scott. And Scott, I just want to say from the beginning, thank you because before I was on the government side, I reached out to Scott and he always quickly, swiftly respond in his high road that he's in. And I just want to say thank you, you know, for that. Scott, thank you for responding.

Scott Kratz (56:45):  
Congratulations on the position, too. Quentin.

Chair White (56:49):  
We're gonna move on. Scott, you're welcome to join and you're welcome to dip out. All right, so we're gonna go to dhs, and then we're gonna go to actually dhs. How long is this? Should we go to MPD first?

Commissioner Foreman (57:01):  
We're going to be super quick, I promise.

Chair White (57:03):  
Okay. Okay, dhs. If you have any questions for dhs, please go ahead and raise your hands or put them in.

Commissioner Foreman (57:10):  
Thank you so much, Commissioner. So we have two quick updates. One, as promised at our last last time we visited, our singles program has officially exited Valley Place. There are no longer any singles, and the Friendship House program has come to an end, effectively September 30th. I am also coming here to confirm that there will be no move ins in the month of October and November 2025. And I also commit to return same time, same place next month to give any updates for the month of November and December. Let me pause there and then take any questions before the second update. I think we have HABA on the line as well, and they were super interested in our updates. Not a lot of details, no Deck. I just wanted to stand committed to coming and confirming that the Valley Place program has come to an end, effective September 30th.

Chair White (58:06):  
Thank you so much. I'm correct with Commissioner Robin McKinney. I know that you're single in the district. If you have any questions for dhs.

Captain Jonathan Duro (58:15):  
Yes.

Chair White (58:16):  
Have you all potentially found another vendor or have you decided would it be.

Scott Kratz (58:20):  
A family.

**Chair White (58:23):**

Program there or any type of. I mean, what's the next plans for that space? You have that information now or later?

**Commissioner Foreman (58:30):**

Great question, Commissioner McKinney. What I can confirm, it will be a part of our family's operation. The particular family program, I cannot confirm at this time. That's why I commit to coming back in November as soon as we have that finalized, to share that with the community. Now, there were also questions from the community about the security and maintenance of the property during the interim. I. I just got off the phone again today with ownership of the property Bruce Finland. And again I have his commitment for routine security monitoring and maintain maintenance of the property during the period when no one's there. So this will not become an abandoned property that. That the community will have to worry about. And then the second update, Commissioner, you had reached out about properties at 1701 V Street and 1707 V Street Southeast. Those two properties are no longer in our art inventory. Those have transitioned to dgs. So would you like for me to make a connecting email between you and the chiefs of staff there?

**Chair White (59:40):**

Yes. And thank you.

**Commissioner Foreman (59:42):**

Okay. Tyler, can you take that note please for me? Sir? And then any updates, follow up or questions I can take back to the team, Commissioner McKinney, or any of the commissioners about the future usage of valid place, please.

**Chair White (59:56):**

Thank you. Thank you. Any questions from the commissioners? I don't see any. I know some of the new commissioners may not have been following. Okay, perfect. What about the community? Any questions for dhs, please raise your hand.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:00:24):**

And then. I'm not sure I see questions. However, Commissioner McKinney, can we reach out to you this week to see if it will be appropriate for DHS to participate in unifest? I don't think that's on my team's radar.

**Chair White (1:00:41):**

I'm answering for Commissioner McKinney.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:00:44):**

Thank you.

**Chair White (1:00:45):**

Thank you.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:00:45):**

Thank you.

**Chair White (1:00:46):**

Yeah, my apology, that would be great. I appreciate that. Yes, yes. I'm pretty sure the community welcomed that as well. Yes. And Reverend Willie Wilson will be on the call later on at 8:30 if you want to come back or stay around. So thank you. Okay, thank you. I see a question in the chat. Jared Powell. Commissioner White, we flagged these properties to Councilman Emerson during our vacant property walk as well. Could we be connected on the Perfect. Yes, Jared, if you can just send me an email if you sent any follow up to Mendelsohn so I can include that. Okay, thank you, dhs. All right, thank you. Jack Becker. I sent you a chat, a note in the chat. If you can respond, I'm going to turn it over to MPD for any updates. If you have questions for mpd, now is the time to raise your hand and put them in the qu. In the chat. So questions for mpd, raise your hand or put them in the chat. Over to you, Jonathan.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:01:41):**

Good evening everyone. Captain Jonathan Duro. I am currently the acting Commander for 7D, while Commander Boatler is on some well deserved leave. I'm here also on behalf of Captain Pulliam, who's your sector Captain for Sector one and seventh District. So I'm here for the seventh District. Happy to provide any updates. I can give a quick rundown of the numbers, but in general we've been looking very good on crime. Running well south on violent crime in your area as well across the district and same on property crime. We have had a slight uptick this year in burglaries in the Anacostia area and also a few additional homicides. That's kind of an outlier for us. But the numbers overall are still fairly low. So I'm happy to address any specific concerns you have. Any specific crimes I can answer. Before I turn it over, a couple things I did want to mention. It is Domestic Violence awareness month in October and that's a huge issue for us in the seventh district. We see unfortunately high levels of, of domestic violence, some of which, you know, escalate all the way up into homicides. So if there is anyone in your life you know that's struggling with that, please encourage them to seek out help. There's a lot of resources available in the District of Columbia. I can share some of those. But we are focusing on that in all of our public meetings for the month of October.

**Chair White (1:03:11):**

Thank you so much. Okay, so I'm going to turn it over. So the seventh district is single member district 845-6456. That's what the seven district south of Good Hope. South of Good Hope. But I'm sure he could take any questions back. So I don't know what a sixth district is tonight. I'm not sure. So maybe take questions for the 6th District. But do want to recognize where we are?

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:03:34):**

Sure. And the other thing I guess to mention is that the thrive is still going as well. Our homicide reduction area is still active in Anacostia. But both sides of Good Hope in both the 6th and 7th district, that's being led by Captain Livio Rodriguez for the fall. And I'm going to try to get him to attend the next meeting for you.

**Chair White (1:03:51):**

Thank you so much. Okay, I'm actually start with this first question in the chat. How are the portable MPD cameras assigned?

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:04:00):**

It's as needed based on crime trends, especially violent crime trends. Yeah, violent crime is the primary driver for those. So there are specific areas we can evaluate that and send it my way.

**Chair White (1:04:13):**

Okay. How do people get in contact? Because this is actually outside of our anc. So I want to respect the commission that that's in.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:04:19):**

Yeah, I, I dropped my email in the chat. You can just email me, we can forward that to the appropriate channels.

**Chair White (1:04:25):**

Okay. So for the folks who I think it was Reginald or someone who answered asked that question, please go ahead and contact your commissioner. That is I believe that's 8D down there. And then get in contact with MPD. All right, looking in the chat before we come off. All right, some recommendations for mpd. Commendations on the increased bike patrol, pd, cyclist increased positivity, civilian police encounters. So that is, I won't say Anacostia.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:04:59):**

Is like the only area in the 7th district where we do have dedicated bike patrols every day. We do have business speed officers. We have four business speed officers that are out there seven days a week pretty much. I think it's six days a week. I think they're off on Sundays. But yeah, they're generally, like I said, out there. They do great work. We get good feedback.

**Chair White (1:05:18):**

So thank you. So Anacostia's on the community. All right, Emmanuel, you have a bunch of different questions. I'm trying to follow it. You say do police even patrol anymore?

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:05:29):**

Yes, we do.

**Chair White (1:05:30):**

**About prostitution and sex work on Minnesota Avenue and vacant properties. Is that something you can address Commander, or.**

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:05:42):**

**That sounds like it was in the. It's in the 6th district. I'm not familiar with that particular issue, but again, please email me and generally any issues like that, it's best to identify who your sector captain is and email them. So that's something we can work on, you know, on a rolling basis. So that generally via email is best on that. So I'm happy to put you in touch with them if you email me.**

**Chair White (1:06:06):**

**Thank you so much. And anything dealing with vacant properties that we are bringing this up to the oag. So please send your commission. If you have emailed me about vacant properties, I already have it on the list. If you haven't emailed me, then I don't have it on the list. But I'll go over to Commissioner Redmond and Commissioner Donahue. You all can go back to back because I need to use the bathroom. So I'll stop away.**

**Commissioner Donohue (1:06:25):**

**Okay.**

**Commissioner Redman (1:06:28):**

**Good evening. I'm over here at 8:07 and so I don't know if we've ever had anyone represent my SMD on this call, but I did try to reach out to a community officer a couple weeks ago trying to get something that I could send out to my constituents regarding what is a valid. I don't know if the. If MPD has something that they can distribute to us to send out to our commit to our constituents. What is a valid like noise complaint, noise ordinance complaint. I'm over here in apartment complex of over 600 and some odd units. And every Sunday we have a group of 15. Well they're out here every night, but every Sunday there they have the big screen blow up inflatable TV watching the football game. And it was brought up to on site management and ownership. And there was a police car here the other night, but they parked five spots away down from the screen with their lights on and left it at that. So I know loitering is kind of a sensitive issue in the area, but if someone's calling, complaining that they're outside of their window and it's a problem. How, how can we, how can we address the situation?**

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:07:46):**

**Yeah, you're correct that it can be kind of a touchy issue, but the law itself is pretty clear is that after 10pm you cannot make any noise that may disturb a resident. So again with that, we use a lot of discretion. Obviously we try to, you know, negotiate those, those issues usually especially when it is in a, you know, other residents that are causing the noise. But if, but the law is clear that if it's 10 after 10pm there should be no noise that's**

disturbing other residents. And on the other hand, before 10, 8, 10pm there's really very little we can do to enforce any kind of noise violation.

**Commissioner Redman (1:08:25):**

Is there, do you have any kind of, is there any kind of like public information PDF something material.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:08:34):**

I can take a look? I don't know that we have any flyers or anything like that from the NPD side.

**Commissioner Redman (1:08:45):**

Yeah, unfortunately, that's the, that's the SMD I deal with. It's a lot of grassroots knocking on doors and passing out information that way.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:08:53):**

Yeah, I, you know, again, if, are you, if you're speaking within after the 10pm I can send you that. I'm happy to forward you that information. The law itself, before 10pm There, there are laws on the books that deal with like decibel levels, et cetera. They're really not enforceable. We've been through a lot, years and years of, you know, attempts to enforce those. There should been some attempts to redo that legislation that have faced some opposition. So right now really is just the noise at night. But I'll forward that to you.

**Commissioner Redman (1:09:26):**

That's fine. Yeah. And the other thing, I guess the main thing are people dealing with having their, having dogs being locked down on balconies for extended periods of time and how to handle that situation.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:09:39):**

Yeah, that, that would depend if there's any kind of neglect or abuse that would fall under, you know, animal control. If it's a noise issue, that's something.

**Chair White (1:09:48):**

We can look at.

**Commissioner Redman (1:09:49):**

So it's kind of right.

**Chair White (1:09:51):**

Specific situation. Okay.

**Commissioner Redman (1:09:53):**

Yeah, that's what I'm looking for. They don't seem to think that that's a valid com 911 call. And so that's the point that I'm trying to get across to people over here that that's what needs to get done.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:10:05):**

Okay, yeah, I'll send you that.

**Commissioner Redman (1:10:07):**

I appreciate it.

**Chair White (1:10:08):**

Thank you.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:10:08):**

Yes, ma'.

**Chair White (1:10:09):**

Am.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:10:10):**

Hey, Captain. Commissioner Donohue, eight zero one I know you're in seven D. However, I am looking at the crime stats for January through today in our 8A, which is 6 and 7, it shows that our ANC is up in murders by one. So we have eight murders. Where is the concentration of those and how has that. You know, we're obviously trending up and that's, you know, a concern. What are we doing to assure the community safety in regards to that?

**Chair White (1:10:52):**

Sure.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:10:52):**

Like I said, you are in a homicide reduction area. So it is one of four areas in the city that we have identified for additional resources specifically to address, you know, higher levels of homicides.

**Chair White (1:11:05):**

So that is.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:11:07):**

That's kind of the A level, you know, response that we can provide as the police department. And that gives you additional officers, it gives you a dedicated captain every quarter that is focused specifically just on, you know, suppressing violent crime, especially homicides in your area. That being said, looking. I was looking at this earlier.

There's been four homicides on the 70 side and four on the 60 side. You know, so far this year. Most of those, at least on the 70 side, happened earlier in the year.

Commissioner Donohue (1:11:49):

So.

Captain Jonathan Duro (1:11:50):

And there doesn't seem to be a specific. The two of them did happen right around. I was at 19th place, so that would be the only. I know we've had some shootings there as well, so if I had to identify, you know, one hot spot, that would be it. But I also know that we've had a lot of gun play kind of in the 16th and W16U area. So those are at least on the 70 size. Off the top of my head. Those are areas I know that we focus on because we have seen the. The gun violence there as we're speaking. I can pull up 60 as well. I'm obviously not as familiar with. With their trends on their side, but I can try to pull that up for you.

Chair White (1:12:31):

Thank you so much. I'm sorry, Commissioner. I want to make sure we move on. Is this your question?

Commissioner Donohue (1:12:37):

Yeah, I was just going to ask him what his thoughts were in regards to. We continuously hear about Lori voting concerns, what his point of view was on whether we. Whether we should look at bringing. Having any load ring, any loading laws from his perspective.

Chair White (1:12:55):

I think MPD has answered this before that that has to go to council, you know.

Captain Jonathan Duro (1:12:59):

Yeah, I can't really. Yeah, it's not something I can comment on.

Chair White (1:13:02):

Exactly. Yeah, that's cool. We'll move on. Commissioner Foreman. Oh, hey, Jack. I ain't realized you were there. Oh, Jack, is you. My bad, y'.

Commissioner Redman (1:13:14):

All.

Chair White (1:13:14):

I'M sorry, having a whole constituent moment here. Commissioner Foreman.

Commissioner Foreman (1:13:17):

Okay. Who is just the same thing. Well, police response to constituents. You know, they call several times for the abandoned home situation and also have a banded church on Minnesota between 17th and 18th and, you know, recall several times and nobody

responds. And, and my thing is, I, I understand you got police officers on Mary Barry Avenue, 17th and Maryberry Avenue, and also on Minnesota Avenue and Mary Barry Avenue, but they seem not to respond at all. I mean, it's the same thing. We have either the drugs or also, I call them women selling their bodies. You don't call brothels going out of the buildings, except especially 1703 Minnesota Avenue and also near the schools. It's supposed to be no drug zones, correct?

**Chair White (1:14:29):**  
Right.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:14:30):**  
Okay.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:14:31):**  
But.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:14:31):**  
Well, everywhere is supposed to be no drug zone, but there's enhanced penalties in schools.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:14:36):**  
Yeah, well, but I see that all day, and I know it's probably somewhat of a headache with you for your officers, but up here throughout the alleys, and I'm sure Tom can note that too, we have that problem all day, every day with the students, you know, in the alleys back here. And that's primarily what they're doing, you know, getting high, you know, so, like, what we can do about that? And I got another big problem. You know, Minnesota Avenue is a straightaway, and we got a lot of muscle cars around here. And it's drag race city, man. I love it. I love the. I love the fast cars and stuff, too, but not in the neighborhood. Is there anything else that you all can do? Set up some speed cameras or stuff like that? I don't care if they run them in the nets or whatever you can do, because after 10 o' clock it's on, and that's every night.

**Chair White (1:15:38):**  
I want to also mention that this is not 6th district, so I don't know.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:15:44):**  
Thank you. Yeah.

**Chair White (1:15:46):**  
How much you can answer. But I do want to note that, you know, some of these issues. I hope you all are taking them to the CAC meetings with mpd, the community. What is it called?

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:16:00):**

**Advisory Council meeting.**

**Chair White (1:16:02):**

**Advisory Council with mpd, they meet every two weeks or something like that.**

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:16:08):**

**Monthly.**

**Commissioner Donohue (1:16:08):**

**Monthly.**

**Commissioner Redman (1:16:09):**

**Monthly.**

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:16:09):**

**At least in 70. I don't know, about 60, but it's 60.**

**Chair White (1:16:12):**

**But a lot of these 60 are going to have to answer. I think one of the things Commissioner Foreman is like, maybe seeing what type of resolutions or, or letters that can be sent. I would say that I don't want to get MPD involved in some of the interactions with young people because they don't go well, but I think there are other resources and avenues we can do. So we do have a question from.**

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:16:39):**

**Can I just very high level, address Commissioner Foreman's concerns? Is that for most of the issues like that that are kind of ongoing concerns, once again, you need to get in touch with your sector captain, your PSA lieutenant, and establish a dialogue, you know, concerning those specific issues. Whether it's an email chain or something like if I find that usually works best, you can loop people in. It's not something that we're going to fix, you know, on a call once a month. It's really something that you have to be an ongoing dialogue about. You just mentioned. So I could give specific answers for all of them. But that's kind of the high level to address, address some of those concerns. So if you, if you know who your captain is, reach out to them. If not, I'm happy to put you.**

**Chair White (1:17:23):**

**In touch with them. Commander Hickman.**

**Commissioner Foreman (1:17:27):**

**Yeah, yeah, that's good to put me in touch with stuff too. But you see you here. So.**

**Chair White (1:17:36):**

**Yeah. One of the things I just want to elevate and just remind remember, like we have asked for, for Department of Behavioral Health and other agencies that are supposed to**

be doing interventions in these areas to increase it with little response. So that's another thing. A lot of some of these issues are not MPD specifically, but other agencies that are now doing traffic cameras, for example.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:18:01):**  
That's not something we control anymore.

**Chair White (1:18:04):**  
And also the people who are speeding, you can have traffic cameras. They're not going to, they're probably, you know, like, I mean, they're not gonna.

**Scott Kratz (1:18:10):**  
You're correct.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:18:11):**  
You are correct.

**Chair White (1:18:12):**  
That's not gonna bring it down.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:18:13):**  
You know what my thing was just, just, just the location of it's certain hours, you know, because you're there with your, you know, with the red lights on anyway. And I notice the starting point for the, for the drag racing, pretty much the ending point, so.

**Chair White (1:18:30):**  
Well, I think that's a MPD if it's drag racing, because the people who are drag racing, they ain't paying no sports speed ticket cameras because they probably aren't there. But I want to go on. So we do have a question from Greta fuller, who is 70. Why do we see people drinking and using every day near Thurgood Marshall? And that's avoid. These are not students. This is behind the police academy.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:18:56):**  
Behind the police academy.

**Chair White (1:18:58):**  
You know, the police, I mean the cadet school.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:19:01):**  
Oh, okay. Got it. Yeah, yeah, yeah. We see that kind of behavior throughout the 7th District, unfortunately. We do address it. We expect our officers to address it when they see it. If you see it in a particular area, please call 911. Kind of to get back to one of Commissioner Foreman's, you know, concerns is that our response times will vary

greatly depending on what type of call it is, what time of day it is, how many resources we.

**Chair White (1:19:29):**

We have available.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:19:30):**

If it's something serious, a robbery, a shooting, we will be there very quickly, I promise you. If it's something like a drug complaint, it really depends on the resources we have available. And we also evaluate whether to pull officers that we have in certain high crime hotspot areas off of those hotspot areas to address, you know, a concern like that in a different area. So those are all kind of the evaluations we're making in conjunction with the Office of Unified Communications, who actually does our dispatching for us. So it's not as straightforward as just we should always have an officer there immediately when we call 911. That being said, much like Commissioner said about 31 1, we use 911 to evaluate where we put our resources. So Please do call 911. When you see criminal behavior like that, we will get to it. We don't take the calls off the board unless we get to them. So you might not see us get there every time, but we, we do keep them on the board until we. They are addressed. So.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:20:30):**

And people can. People can always ask for the officer to contact them too. So, you know, if you do make a 911 call, request to have the officer actually speak to them.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:20:40):**

Yeah, that helps.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:20:41):**

That helps a lot.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:20:42):**

People are very hesitant, are sometimes hesitant to do that. But it does help.

**Chair White (1:20:46):**

I want to thing. I just want to elevate that's coming out the chat is that this is like a concern, consistent issue all day long. So MPD is aware of it. Sometimes MPD be sitting out there too. So I'm just like. And it's not like an MPD patrol car. It's not out in that exact area that Ms. Fuller is talking about most of the time.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:21:07):**

But I will say so that's. I'm just looking. That's across from the Metro station where the new builds are. We have been focusing some attention there. I, I know I've spoken to, you know, our officials that manage that area. So I'll elevate that again. I'll reiterate that. That concern with them about the drug use in that area.

**Chair White (1:21:28):**

Yeah. And maybe I think like this is when we pull into other agencies. I think if MPD could be a little bit. I'm not saying you're not proactive, but proactive and getting DBH and some of the other agencies that provide other services out there, it would be really, really helpful. Again, we have asked the mayor for a reason. Real integrated health intervention plan, which she has promised and not delivered. Because a lot of this is kind of some social work too, so. Okay. Any more questions for MPD, 7th district, before we move on? Commissioner Foreman, I see your hand is raised again. You're muted. Going once, going twice. Okay. Okay. We're gonna move. Oh, Commissioner Foreman, are you back or you okay?

**Commissioner Foreman (1:22:25):**

Yeah. I did have one thing. I think Mr. Emanuel. I think he wanted to talk. I don't know if he knew the. The unmute himself.

**Chair White (1:22:33):**

I. I did. Is he still here? And he. His questions are for six. I'm not sure how much this commander can ask them, but I had unmuted him, like, several times.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:22:44):**

Can you hear me now?

**Chair White (1:22:45):**

We can hear you now.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:22:47):**

Okay.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:22:47):**

I live directly across the street from the units that we're talking about as far as calling, like the abandonment team with 3:1,1. They were prompt in coming out to service for as far as cutting the grass, but there was nothing done to secure the unit. So technically, all you see all night is people coming in using the property for sex, drugs. Also, the water still must be turned on in the unit because they bring these big gallons of water containers and they fill them up and then they take them down to the four unit apartment building that's, I guess, abandoned as well. That I guess had a shooting about two or three weeks ago. The only time that we see me personally see any patrol around here is if something goes bad. We have grandmothers, mothers, kids, all of the above that walk these streets and the things that these children are exposed to is horrendous. I don't think no one should be able to all day, every day have to be held liable to see the stuff that goes on, especially if you're paying mortgages and even sometimes when calling the police officers, and if they do respond, they have an attitude when they come to your home. And it doesn't make any sense because I'm confused of how does this work? We

calling you, we're doing the right thing. And it seems to be like we're getting on you guys nerves by us giving you all a call. I even thought about going over to the place myself and putting a chain on the door to keep them from coming over there, because that's how much traffic comes in and out of that house and next door to it, there are two other houses that have the same issue. And there's no way that you can tell me if you guys are controlling this area that you don't see us. So what has to happen? Does someone have to get killed in one of them houses or something of that nature for there to be, like some type of response, you know, because we were sitting here talking about building restaurants and building houses and building bridges, but we still have people that live in here, in this area that we need help. We don't want to move. We love our area. But if this has to be. What it has to be. Because like I said, I'm not saying my hands are tired, but I'm tired of seeing this. Enough is enough. You know, you go to cross the bridge.

**Chair White (1:25:35):**

Okay, okay, okay. We truly understand. We truly understand.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:25:40):**

I hear you loud and clear. And let me first. First of all say officers should not be treating any call or caller resident or anyone with kind of disdain, disrespect, and like, they're annoyed. So if anything like that is happening, please reach out to, you know, me or any other official and we will address that. There's also the Office of Police Complaints. I hate to even put that out there, but if officers are behaving that manner, it's not acceptable to us at all. So please, you know, take the time to follow up on that so that we can get our guys in line. That being said, the last location I think we were talking about was like, Howard Road in Shannon. Is that. Is that the location you're speaking of? I want to get.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:26:28):**

No, this is on Minnesota between 17th and 18th. It's all. It's all on the same block.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:26:34):**

Okay. Minnesota between 17th and 18th. Yeah, that is the sixth district.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:26:40):**

I'll.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:26:41):**

I can forward that information to them. I promise you I'll do that. If you want to reach out to me, that'd probably be even better and I can forward your information.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:26:50):**

Absolutely.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:26:51):**

Put my email in the chat. Hopefully you saw that.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:26:54):**

Yeah, yeah, those. Those are the same areas I was. I was addressing there. The same area.

**Chair White (1:26:59):**

Yeah, we've talked and I've had the.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:27:00):**

Same response myself and stuff. Had the same response myself from a few of your officers. You know, it's just that I. I had to call in my own backup, other officers to explain to them exactly what, you know, ANC Commissioner, is not just that. It's just being just a regular citizen here.

**Chair White (1:27:19):**

Commissioner Foreman. Commissioner Foreman. It's a lot of static. Is anyone else hearing that static from him?

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:27:27):**

No.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:27:28):**

Yeah, yeah, there's a lot of stuff.

**Chair White (1:27:30):**

Can't hear you very well.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:27:33):**

I kept saying. Yeah, it kept saying, like low power or something.

**Chair White (1:27:39):**

Okay, maybe you should like, re. Log in, but I'm gonna put you on me. Okay, well, we thank you, Commander. We're gonna ask us some questions in the chat. Can you go through the chat and answer those and put your comments information for folks so they can reach out and then, you know, I recommend, you know, for those folks who are in Fair Lawn that you reach out to Commander Hickman, who is over top of the 6D to try to address some of your issues and then just continue is to add pressure to the mayor who has promised to deliver on a plan that they have not.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:28:18):**

Okay, please email me.

**Chair White (1:28:19):**

Take care of. Thank you so much. All right, I'm going to move to Alice McFarland from the office of Tenant Advocates. I know Commissioner Redmond was talking about connecting with ota, so that's great that you're here tonight.

**Commissioner Redman (1:28:35):**

Hello. Thank you, everyone. Yes, I met Commissioner Redmond last week. So we have already connected and we are. We already have our next steps in place. Am I able to share my screen? Yes. So I know it's late. I will be brief. I just want to share with you who our agency is and how we operate. Are you all seeing my screen?

**Chair White (1:29:02):**

It looks like it started, but it hasn't loaded yet.

**Commissioner Redman (1:29:06):**

Okay, I'll get that. A few minutes.

**Chair White (1:29:10):**

There we go. We see it. Awesome.

**Commissioner Redman (1:29:13):**

So we are the office of the Tenant Advocate. We provide free. My apologies. We provide free legal and technical advice to all tenants in the District of Columbia. We are comprised of. I cannot move it for some reason. My PowerPoint. Okay, there we go. We are comprised of four branches. We have the legal branch, policy, temporary emergency housing and education, and community outreach. Our legal branch provides brief legal services to all the tenants in the District of Columbia, regardless if you're paying market rent, if you're on a subsidy, or if you have a housing choice voucher, you can contact our agency. And we provide free legal advice to all tenants. And in some cases, we also provide full representation. And we also advocate and support tenants in advocating for their own rights when it comes to their representation in court. Tenants contact our hotline at 202-719-6560. Often we get calls regarding eviction assistance, rent increases, lease related questions, housing co violations, security deposits, topa and how to enforce their rights. Our policy branch is the one that kind of works behind the scenes. They are responsible For I'll use an example. With the moratorium that happened during the pandemic. That legislation came out of our office which stopped all rental tenants from being evicted during the pandemic. We work with government agencies, other community partners, D.C. council, the mayor's office, the office, the courts, other tenant stakeholders, advocates and others to promote tenant protection and laws and policies in the District. I am a part of the Education and community Outreach team. We develop educational materials, classes as well as virtual tutorials. We have a YouTube page and we have an educational resource page on our website. We also come to you. We provide our classes virtually or in person. One of the great things that we're trying to push is tenant associations. We find that as Ms. Redmond can state that there are power in numbers and you are stronger with getting your needs met and your voices heard when

you respond and address your issues collectively. Some of the classes that we offer are how to form a tenant association, the frame up work of sustaining a tenant association, best practices and topa. TOPA is a tenant opportunity to purchase that. This is one of the classes how OTA works for you. We have lease 101 where tenants learn what to look for in their leases, certain disclosures, certain things that are illegal and unenforceable. We find that tenants contact our agency to assist to speak to an attorney, advisor or one of our paralegals. They will actually read over the lease with you for you and determine if anything in there is illegal or unenforceable and assist you with navigating how to address those concerns and advocate for yourself. When it comes to the management company and or the property owner. We have classes of to identify and what how, what what are housing code violations and what are the proper agencies to contact when you have certain housing code violations. One example is most housing code violations are addressed by Department of Buildings with an inspection. However, if there are issues of mold that would be Department of Environment and Energy. Tenants contact us if they are facing vision. If they think they may soon to be evicted, they contact us about what their next steps are and what legal rights do they have as tenants. We also have a class called renters rights 101. Now our temporary emergency housing program is temporary. We house tenants up to 14 days if they have been a victim of a natural disaster, fire or flood. However, our emergency housing program is only activated by either Department of Buildings, D.C. homeland Security, HEMA or the fire Department or Emergency Medical Department. What that means or the Red Cross. What that means is you cannot contact your council member, your ANC commissioner, The mayor's office, they cannot assist you with being housed temporarily. You have to have. Your unit has to be deemed uninhabitable by one of these agencies in order for it to be activated. So we don't get the calls directly. One of those agencies actually contacts our chief of staff and then that's when the ball starts rolling when it comes to temporary emergency housing. So although we find that some tenants may be living in unit that is uninhabitable or feel that they're living in a unit that's uninhabitable, if it hasn't been deemed that, according to one of these agencies, unfortunately, we are not able to assist. If you have any questions or concerns about tenant rights, you can contact us at any one of these three outlets. Our tenant hotline is Monday through Friday. If you do not reach us, please leave a voicemail message and someone will respond to you within 24 to 48 hours. Our website is [ota.dc.gov](http://ota.dc.gov) and we are on Facebook @otadc. I'll take questions.

**Chair White (1:35:47):**

I'm gonna stop sharing my screen. Thank you so much, Commissioner. All right, let's. Any questions for OTA? I want to say we have what, 80% tenants and renters in Ward 8, and we have hardly any tenant associations. And so many of the issues that come across the ANC is regarding slumlords and housing issues and things that OTA and tenants associations can really get pushed. So one thing I just want to encourage everyone, please, please, please, if you are in a building, try to push for unionizing, clean collaborating. So any questions, I'll turn over to the commissioners and in the community. Yes, I have a question. Hello, Ms. McFarland. Thanks for coming to our meeting. We greatly appreciate it.

**Commissioner Redman (1:36:34):**

Thank you so much, Commissioner. Thank you for inviting me.

**Chair White (1:36:37):**

No worries. Is this some type of way that the residents can just go online and start a case or like. I know sometimes a lot of things happen on the weekends where. Where Tennis called me. Like it on a Friday, late at night or early Saturday morning. Is there any way they can start a case online or something like will intake form or something like that?

**Commissioner Redman (1:36:59):**

So we have on our website, it's called Ask the Director. They can actually submit and send the email through Ask the Director and that will go directly to either our.

**Chair White (1:37:13):**

General.

**Commissioner Redman (1:37:13):**

Counsel or the director herself. However, we do encourage Tennessee to leave a message on our voicemail and we will respond. But to answer your question directly, we don't have a 24 hour call line or someone that you can contact us after hours, unfortunately.

**Chair White (1:37:29):**

Okay. Thank you so much.

**Commissioner Redman (1:37:30):**

You're welcome.

**Chair White (1:37:34):**

Thank you. Commissioner Kenney, any other commissioners?

**Commissioner Redman (1:37:40):**

Commissioner Redmond pushing buttons over here? Hey, Ms. Alice. Hi. How are you? Okay, I guess I may not have copied or emailed the right person. I sent an email the other day to Chris and Nicole, I think, to schedule the next meeting. I didn't CCU on it, and I know he. I know Chris. Chris said that. Look, y', all, if y' all call OTA and they don't call you back, Mr. Cristobal wants to hear about it. So I'm following up with you because I sent an email, and I hadn't gotten a response back, but I did want to go ahead and set up that next TA. Well, not TA but constituent meeting over here for 8807 to get you guys over here ASAP so we can keep the fire up under the board of that conversation we had last week. So I'll follow up with you asap. All right.

**Chair White (1:38:34):**

Thank you.

**Commissioner Redman (1:38:35):**

Yes. And I can drop my email in the chat. However, we both were off on yesterday, so just to put that out there, we both were on leave on Monday.

**Chair White (1:38:43):**

Okay.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:38:44):**

All right.

**Chair White (1:38:48):**

All right. Any other questions from the commissioners? Okay. Thank you so much, Ms. McFarland. Former Commissioner McFarland. We appreciate you.

**Commissioner Redman (1:38:59):**

You're welcome. Thank you so much for having me. I look forward to coming back. And like I said, we are available for any of those classes. If you find any tenant that needs them, please let us know. Thank you.

**Chair White (1:39:14):**

Thank you so much. All right, so we're gonna have our last present request for tonight. This is welcoming back our neighbor Jack and Rosalind. They have a BZA hearing. And this is in single member district 8805. Hello, everybody. My name is Rosalind Upton, and I own the house on 1522 W Street Southeast. When I bought this house back in 2023, it was a total gut job. So I applied for a building permit to cover all the renovations, and I followed the process that was laid out by the DoB. I, you know, paid a lot of money to get a building permit. I hired licensed contractors, and I built according to the approved plans. I even went before the Historic Preservation Review Board to make public these plans and make sure that the community was on board. And now that I'm in my last month of construction, the DoB is claiming that it issued my building permit in error and it. And that I can extend the existing side yards via the addition that I added to the back of my house and the Reality is that the DoV has sat on this issue for over 13 months and it's admitted that this entire issue is due to its own oversight. So for it to stop my entire project under these circumstances seems massively unfair. Not to mention, if DoB is allowed to get away with this, this type of unpredictability is going to discourage future development and you know, my neighborhood. And so I've had to unfortunately hire a lawyer who's been going back and forth with DoB and at this point the DoB is not even responding at all. So I going to BZA and asking for relief is really my only option at this point. And one last point that I'd like to make before I turn it over to my architect Jack is that both of my immediate next door neighbors I've, I've spoken to and they have zero problems with the existing side yards and I have letters of support to back that up. So any type of alleged quote unquote harm that DoB is worried about doesn't really exist

here. So I really, really would like to move into my house. I love the Anacostia community and I really look forward to, you know, hearing everybody's thoughts on this issue. And for now, I'll turn it over to my architect Jack to give a.

**Captain Jonathan Duro (1:41:48):**  
Little bit more detail.

**Jack (1:41:50):**

Thanks, Rosalind. And thanks, thanks for having us before the meeting today. I know it's late, so I'm going to try to be as concise as I can just to explain the situation. So I'm going to share my screen for a second. And by way of background, I've been practicing architecture and historic Anacostia for over a decade, 12, 13 years at this point. I've never encountered a scenario like this. To reiterate some of Rosalind's comments, we got an approved concept before the Historic Preservation Review Board. We got a building Permit, we completed 95% of the construction, and then once we're at the finish line, the Department of Building claims that they issue a building permit in error and revoke the building permit and issue a stop work order. As if the revocation wasn't a slap in the face enough, finding the property owner for, you know, installing approved work is just totally unprecedented in my, in my experience. But, but just by way of a little context, the existing home is pictured in the lower right in addition to the rear yard in the lower right as well, which shows that there used to be a one story structure in the backyard that was kind of in disrepair, dilapidated state. And the scope of work involved basically Replacing that existing one story structure with a two story structure in the back, but also extending the rearmost wall of that existing one story structure a little bit further towards the alley at the north, an additional four feet.

**Scott Kratz (1:43:33):**  
So.

**Jack (1:43:38):**

Picked up this Department of Building building permit, an admission that they provided a building permit and air was a wall survey that needs to take place when you build an addition. This is that approved wall survey or not approved, but stamped wall survey in red. You can see the footprint of the proposed addition that was, as Rosalind stated, built already. And highlighted in this sheet, just for diagrammatic purposes, is the existing one story additional that was removed to make way for this work. And you can see there's a pretty minimal modification to that existing one story footprint. We've extended it out another four feet. We have not modified what are called side yards in the process. We preserve the side yards that are there, but those side yards are not consistent with the modern zoning code. And that's the crux of the this issue is that we rebuilt an existing non conforming, you know, element on the property and essentially preserve those existing non conformities, but did not make them any worse. So like if this were a new house, it would need a five foot side yard on each side. None of the homes on this side of the street have five foot side yards. And the the change that we're making to what was

there is pretty minimal as far as additions go. We're still maintaining a massive yard in the back of the property. And this is the only aspect of the work that the zoning office has now deemed to be inconsistent with the code. But the larger issue here is that none of this was flagged by the Department of Building or the zoning office in the months long permitting process. And now here we are with the work installed. You know, the client Rosalind is almost ready to move in and they're halting the process and claiming we need to basically obtain relief from bza, which if necessary we of course will do. But more urgently would be our plea for the ANC to exert, if possible, some pressure on the Department of Building to work with us to get to a more near term solution. Because you can imagine the kind of hardship that Rosalind is going through needing to move in here and having to pay a mortgage on this property and you know, obviously pay for housing where she's currently living elsewhere in D.C. so that's kind of our plea. But this is the existing one story addition in the back and as stated, it was replaced by something a little bit bigger, but nonetheless exactly what was permitted. And I'll end right now and happy to clarify anything because it's a complicated, relatively complicated scenario and one that I have never experienced. I'm not sure if any of the commissioners have observed this happening ever before.

**Chair White (1:46:47):**

Thank you so much. I see some comments in the chat from Commissioner Fuller. They shouldn't have to have larger side yard if the side yard already exists. Okay, so you just. What you're asking for the anc is this like a letter of support for dob?

**Jack (1:47:04):**

Yeah, I mean, that would be. That would be great. And ultimately, if this does need to go before bza, we would request the support of the ANC on that front, hoping that we don't need to go for bcp. So, you know, if that can be avoided. You know, your advocacy just to get to a resolution with DoP would be highly appreciated.

**Chair White (1:47:30):**

Okay. All right. I think we have a question from Commissioner Redman.

**Commissioner Redman (1:47:35):**

I was just. That's the photo that was shown. You said that there was something. There's already something constructed there. There's no new photo.

**Jack (1:47:44):**

Oh, Rosalind, is there a photo you've taken recently of the rear yard? I can try to find. I can try to find one if I can, but I don't know if you have one in front of you.

**Chair White (1:47:57):**

I don't have one in front of me, but, I mean, if you can just envision, like, there was already an addition in the back. All we did was just add another addition, like a second story addition. That's literally all we've done.

**Jack (1:48:11):**

I mean, I can show a rendering of what it was built to the standard it was built to, if that's helpful. But, no, I don't have an as built picture. All the windows are installed and all the siding is done. Some of the interior work isn't finished, but I don't have a picture from that same person perspective. But that wall survey that I open the presentation with is a record of what was built in terms of the footprint.

**Chair White (1:48:49):**

Okay. Any other questions from commissioners or community? Okay, Jack, could you just put in the chat? We'll do our votes at the end of the night. Like what you need in the resolution or a letter of support from us. We understand you haven't. If you need to go back to bza, we can, you know, come back and vote on the BZA exemption. But I remember those at the board in 2023 and passed it. Thank you, Commissioner Fuller, if you want to comment, too. So we'll be able to take that vote at the end of the night. Okay.

**Jack (1:49:24):**

Yes. I can definitely include some clarification in the chat.

**Chair White (1:49:28):**

All right, thank you. Perfect. Okay. I want to keep it moving. Fernando Smith from Council member Petraon White's office. I want to invite you to ANCAA if you have any updates or announcements for the anc. And then if anyone has any comments or questions for Council member Petraean White's office, now is the time to ask.

**Scott Kratz (1:49:49):**

Am I off mute?

**Chair White (1:49:53):**

Yes, we can. Hello, everyone.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:49:54):**

Hey everyone.

**Chair White (1:49:55):**

I'm Fernando Smith. I'm the constituent service coordinator from Councilman Matre on White's office. I just got a couple of announcements. Basically just wanted to announce that Councilman White is back on the council and to let you know that we're working every day deliver great services to Ward 8. We have a new team. The new team is lean. It's not as healthy as some of his other older teams, but we're mean. So we're actually calling people back. We actually, you know, reaching out to individual. Our constituent service team is working hard every day to, you know, reach out to everyone. We have an office that's open in Shannon Place where we, we're there from Tuesday to Thursday from 9am until 4.30pm so we're taking in walk in constituents there. We have all of our

emails set up on the web as well where you can reach out to us and you know, and, and where we can address and, and try to, you know, investigate any. Whatever your needs are or whatever your concerns are to the county council. And even if you come into us for even scheduling issues or anything like that, we'll be able to afford it to wherever it needs to go. So we just encourage everyone to reach out to us. I posted in the chat a newsletter that's something that we working to get out so that, you know, you'll have something readily available at hand that comes out on a regular basis to keep you updated on the many things that are going on in Ward 8. Just, you know, so just reach out. We're available and we're here. Thank you so much, Fernando. Does any commissioners have any questions for Fernando? All right. Any community members? Okay, so thank you, Fernando, please. Thank you for putting your contact information in a chat. And we have. For folks who do not. This is quite an interesting chat.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:52:07):**  
Wow.

**Chair White (1:52:09):**  
For folks who do not receive the council members newsletters, I encourage you. Okay. We actually have one from Christina Hansen. Mr. Smith, are there issues that have been elevated this evening that you can share with the. She's just asking if you can share with the council member some of the issues Elevated this evening. Yes. Yes, I've been listening. I. I missed some of the meeting, so I wasn't able to catch everything. But I do circle back around with the ANCs to get an update as to, you know, anything that went on and what was discussed in the agenda. And there's a few issues that was raised that I do want to circle back and, and speak with the council member about and also speak with our constituents team on what would our intervention look like or what we can do to lead to whatever resolution that's out there. But we still suggest that even in that if you reach out to us. One of the things that I like about our team is that if we don't have the answer, we do follow back up and we do try to assist you or help you find the solution to what that solution may be based on what we have available. Thank you. I think one of the issues in the chat is starting to be like a spicy dialogue. Dialogue is healthy. Right. Is around loitering. And so it seems like there may need to maybe worth having some community conversations. Yes, I saw that. That was one of the issues that I looked at. And again, like you saying, and it's back and forth, you know, some of the things like you were speaking about is, you know, we have to lean on some of our community members and our community based organizations, some of the people, you know, some of the other agencies that can step in that, you know, that could, that we could reach out to. That doesn't necessarily have to be the police.

**Scott Kratz (1:54:00):**  
That was one of the issues that.

**Chair White (1:54:01):**

I like to bring back to the team that I thought was a very interesting conversation. Conversation and definitely in need for further dialogue. Absolutely. All right. So Commissioner Raymond.

**Commissioner Redman (1:54:13):**

I think I might have brought this up before, but who on your team do I need to reach out to to come and get the election signage up that. That's still up in my mind down that didn't go up until election day and it's still up and it's slowly but surely falling apart, getting dilapidated. I can't get National Park Service to come do their thing. So who on your team do I need to reach out to to come and get this signage removed? I don't. I would have to look into as.

**Chair White (1:54:46):**

Far as like who would actually remove the sign. But as far as reaching out to start that process on whatever that process may be, you can reach directly out to me. Yeah. So Fernando, I think that's the issue. We just have to tell the council member because it's a campaign issue. His campaign signs are still up. That's what she's talking about. Okay. All right. All right. And then, Commissioner, Don, you. Your last comment for tonight.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:55:14):**

In regards to the. The Nailer. The Nailer Road and Minnesota Avenue. I know Commissioner Davis and I have been contacting constantly working on this, and we've tried to get other agencies in to assist the drug addicts. And in this corridor, it's concerning, very concerning to us because we've gotten multiple complaints from our constituents about people not being able to get to, you know, the stores because of all the drugs being sold out on Minnesota Avenue. What are your. Your suggestions as far as additional resources that we can bring and actually, you know, physically bring resources to this area rather than just sort of talking about it, I guess.

**Chair White (1:56:00):**

So this is like, exactly what the. This is the mayor. This is a mayor issue. Like, the mayor has not, in my opinion, not the opinion of the anc, fulfilled the responsibility to the community. So I think we need to consider media pressure in elevating this to a different level because the mayor has committed over two years ago to an integrated public safety and health intervention for Murray Berry, Minnesota Avenue corridor. So looking at, like, Boone or even backing it up to Pennsylvania, but that's not in our ward. So we can't say, go back that all the way down to Anacostia Library, all the way down to Howard, and it hasn't happened. And the only way we can kind of address some of these issues is if we have the other agencies there. And PD has said this, we can't police ourselves out of this issue. We don't have the resources. We need the other agencies to do their job. And so I think, like, it's where we've elevated this. One of the things that you remember, Commissioner, when we talked to Councilmember White, we talked about moving a meth clinic again to a campus which the mayor doesn't want to pay for. The business district has sent a letter saying we support the ANC's intervention and move in the clinic as well

as this intervention plan. So I think we just all need to coordinate and take it to another level because we're not being listened to by the mayor.

**Commissioner Donohue (1:57:26):**

And I would also point out commission. Thank you for that, Chair White. The other thing I would point out is we have Commissioner Davis and I have brought a lot of media attention to this corridor. I mean, we've even done walks and marched down the street and have done whatever we could, unfortunately. Also, sadly, you know, as you well know, we've had two invitations that the mayor was to, you know, come into our SMD that she canceled on us as well. That wouldn't provide us an opportunity to actually have that discussion with her. So unfortunately, both of those instances where she was going to visit our MDs, she canceled. But we again would welcome her to attend again.

**Chair White (1:58:13):**

No, I appreciate it. Like, no, we need a bigger media presence where it's like the businesses, the ANCs, the churches, like, that's what you get the attention. Because I've done media, you've done media. All of us, you know, done media. I'm tired, y'.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:58:24):**

All.

**Chair White (1:58:24):**

That's why I'm real relaxed right now. And I've been fasting all day and so just broke my fast. But thank you for that. And we need to talk at our next executive meeting about how we can organize better. Okay, so let's go to some votes for tonight. Thank you so much, Fernando. So one of the things I forgot to mention at the top of the agenda is I mentioned it last meeting. We do need to approve our FY26 budget because we are in FY26 now. As everyone knows, budgets can be updated anytime. I'm going to go ahead and present the budget and then ask for a motion. Commissioner Foreman, can you let us know how much money we have in our account right now?

**Commissioner Foreman (1:59:03):**

Okay, let me pull that up again.

**Chair White (1:59:07):**

Text it to me earlier.

**Commissioner Foreman (1:59:08):**

Okay.

**Chair White (1:59:09):**

While Commissioner Foreman is getting that up, I just like to, you know, always compare, you know, previous class of budgets. So we have a couple of, you know, set budget categories from the O personnel, which includes consultants, communication, legal

consultants. We're going to be voting on an admin tonight to help continue to get us coordinated. Direct office cost. That's our Comcast, cable, Internet and phone. Actually, we don't have cable no more. I canceled that. But Internet and phone at the office, communications, that's mainly our T mobile because we do have more commissioners with kind of. Some of you all have iPads and phones and stuff a little bit more expensive than previous commissions, office supplies and equipment. That's the next category. And then grants and events, local transportation, purchase services, bank charges and other, like I said, the standard templates. So where you'll see the changes being proposed by FY26. I'll make it for FY26. So you can't understand is increasing our personnel cost. As you all know, we're getting OPS and admin, and we've applied for the OANC Technical Assistance Fund for this. And we may, but our. Our budget still needs to reflect that and so then for direct Internet costs, because we canceled our cable and some other services that the ANC didn't need, it has come. Come down. So we, you know, reducing that because the cost has come down, like I said, adding a little bit for communications, office supplies, equipment and printing. The cost has come down because we no longer lease a printer like we were leasing like. And we are looking to buy a printer. The Office of OMC Technical Assistance sponsored. They will purchase that printer for us. So the only the ANC has to identify the printer we want purchased. But because we would no longer be leasing a printer, that's where that cost came down. Grants and events, same cost, 11,000. We didn't actually use all of it this year. But, you know, one of the purposes of ANC is to put money into community. And so want to make sure we are doing that. And then local transportation put in some Money because now ANC's we can finally be reimbursed for when we have to transport ourselves to some of these official meetings and so put in a little bit of money for that left bank charges and others the same. So we, as you all know, we never fully exhaust our budget, but it's good to have those numbers in there. So, Commissioner Foreman, I want to get the amount we currently have from Unibank. Then we'll see if anyone has any questions before we go on a vote to approve our budget for the year. That can be changed at any time.  
Commissioner Foreman.

Commissioner Foreman (2:02:01):  
Okay, we have a \$29,876.65.

Chair White (2:02:08):  
Thank you. Ancaa runs on average anywhere from 19 to \$30,000 at all times in the bank because we never use our full allotment. And so any questions from the community on the budget, the categories are preset by the office of anc. All right, seeing no questions. Commissioner Informant, can I get a motion to move the FY26 budget?

Commissioner Foreman (2:02:38):  
Okay, motion to move the FY26 budget vote.

Chair White (2:02:45):

Thank you so much. So for the notes, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Foreman has mo. Has moved to approve Ancaa's FY26 budget. Can I get a second?

Commissioner Redman (2:02:56):  
Second.

Chair White (2:02:57):  
Can you say the name? Who seconded? Because I'm. I'm. I can't see y' all right now. Robin McKenna. Commissioner McKenna. Second. Any discussion? All right, all in favor say I. I. Donahue.

Commissioner Donohue (2:03:14):  
I'm an abstend.

Chair White (2:03:15):  
Okay, motion passes. Five, zero, one. All right, next vote we have up is. Let me see. Jack, did you put it in the chat?

Commissioner Donohue (2:03:29):  
I have one quick question. Commissioner Foreman, did the Invoice of the print for the cards, get paid.

Chair White (2:03:35):  
We got the check, but somebody need to come pick it up.

Commissioner Donohue (2:03:38):  
Can we just mail it to him?

Chair White (2:03:39):  
Yeah, we get a mail in the drift.

Commissioner Donohue (2:03:41):  
All right, thank you.

Chair White (2:03:43):  
Or they can come pick it up, too. All right, we do. We did approve to get a debit card. We haven't gotten it yet, but we can't pay for that with a debit card. There's only certain expenditures we can do. All right, so the next question is. I'm sorry. The next vote that we have is for my single member, District 8805. I want to ask the commission for to support a letter of Department of bill to Department of Buildings to approve the permitting process and allow the renovations at 1501 W Street to continue to send a letter from the ANC. And then, of course, if they deny that and they have to do a board of Zoning adjustments hearing, we can come back. But I would like somebody to move that motion that we or for ANC resolution to recommend the reinstatement of the building permit

**B2402775 at 1522 W Street. Can someone move that motion? I know that's a lot. I'll put it in the chat. I moved that motion. Commissioner McKinney moves a motion that we send a letter to the Department of Buildings to reinstate the building permit B24775 for 1522 W Street. Can I have a second sec, Commissioner Redmond, did you second?**

**Commissioner Redman (2:05:20):**

**No, I will, but somebody. That was somebody else, but I'll second it. That's fine.**

**Chair White (2:05:23):**

**Okay. Second. If I ask Commissioner Redman, any discussion? Okay. All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Aye. Freeman, Foreman, why is your name keeping? Okay. And Donahue, you want to abstain? Okay. Donahue upstate. Motion passes. Five zero one. All right. Next motion we have is from Commissioner McKinney. So we got in a request to support Unifest. It was reviewed through the office of OANC. The UNIF, as Reverend Wanda had talked about, is going to start this week, October 11, through October 18. And it's a whole week worth of celebrations. I'm bringing the community together that's being led by Union Temple Baptist Church is also being led by the Anacostia Renaissance, which is mainly Anacostia residents and businesses. They requested a support for equipment rentals. And so, you know, we generally for festivals and big events like that, have kept it at \$2,000. That's what we gave for MLK Day parade and so want to turn it over. To Commissioner McKinney to move a motion on the Unifest grant application. The motion needs to be spec. Move it for the specific amount. Commissioner McKenna. For the.**

**Commissioner Donohue (2:06:54):**

**The.**

**Commissioner Redman (2:06:57):**

**I like to move the motion for.**

**Chair White (2:06:59):**

**The grant approval for the unifast in the amount of. An amount of \$2,000. Thank you. Can I have a second? A second. Commissioner Foreman, you're off mute. Are you trying to second?**

**Commissioner Donohue (2:07:15):**

**Yes.**

**Commissioner Foreman (2:07:16):**

**Second.**

**Chair White (2:07:17):**

**Thank you. Any discussions? Okay. I will be abstaining from this vote. Let's take a vote. All in favor, say ll all right. I have I from Redman for four. Man McKenna. Commissioner Moore, what's your vote? Is it in the chat? Hi.**

**Commissioner Redman (2:07:39):**  
All right.

**Commissioner Foreman (2:07:40):**  
And then.

**Chair White (2:07:43):**

Commissioner Donahue abstaining. Okay. So the vote passes 4 02. With Commissioner Donahue and Commissioner White abstaining. Commissioner White is abstaining because I'm a member of Union Temple Baptist Church. Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Fuller. It is noted that any street closers. We have another vote. I know. I want to just do this one just for the record. I'm coming. Commissioner Kenny, thank you for the reminder. You know I be forgetting stuff. Any street closures or disruptions in traffic, please make sure to organize this. Provide adequate information for closures and detours to all affected residents. Thank you so much. Commissioner Fuller. Commissioner McKinney, I'm passing that over to you. Okay. So, Commissioner McKinney, what's your vote? I wanna. I want to move the motion. Hold on just one second. Okay. While Commissioner McKinney is getting her text together, I just want to remind everyone that the next A and T meeting will be on the first Tuesday in November. That is going to be November 4th. And I forgot which member of the administration we had coming. I think I reached out to the deputy mayor for Public Safety and the deputy mayor for health to come. So, Commissioner, go ahead. And I want. I know for the last six months we've been talking about having an admin to come in. And one person applied for that job by the name of Sara again. And I want to get a vote on the move. A motion to approve for Sara GAD to be our admin for aa. Thank you so much. As you all know, we've been trying to get an admin for a long time in operations that can support some of the tracking and all of the communications and letters and stuff that we do. And so this is something we partner with the office of anc. They helped us come up with a job description and we'll hopefully be funding some of this. So Commissioner McKinney puts forth that motion. Commissioner McKinney. Sorry, Donahue.

**Commissioner Donohue (2:10:02):**  
Did we get a list of candidates that I missed?

**Chair White (2:10:05):**  
I'm not sure if I sent it out.

**Commissioner Donohue (2:10:08):**  
I mean, we haven't even seen candidates. And my understanding from the OANC is that there were several qualified candidates.

**Chair White (2:10:16):**  
I think it was like five people applied.

**Commissioner Donohue (2:10:20):**

I think we should have an opportunity to see all the candidates before a candidate is recommended.

**Chair White (2:10:27):**

How does everyone else feel? I agree more. I mean, Free Red Man.

**Commissioner Redman (2:10:37):**

Yeah, I agree. Thought we had agreed to that.

**Chair White (2:10:42):**

So why didn't we send a list out of all the candidates that applied And I think Ms. Gantt was the only one that was consistent. Who else applied and when? I have to look at my emails for it. But how about this? Will you do a special meeting just on this this week and make sure everybody looks at that list even with looking at the list? Oh, we want to actually meet the people. And what is the. And what is the work capacity of the administrative when it comes to us as commissioners? That's a good one. So if everyone would remember to look at the job description that was shared by all. But a lot of it was to support record keeping, support tracking some of the issues that are going on with the community, community support, communications, and especially to kind of support some of the secretarial work. So I just have one question. So if you mean to tell me five people submitted application for this job and it wasn't brought up in our executive meeting that we had last week. So I'm confused about that why I wasn't brought up then that five other people applied for the job. So we could have discussed it then and also saying the list. So what happened to the list and in the application so we could have looked it over at the executive meeting. Yes, I forgot to send out the email from Denise, but a lot of you all were copied on that and executive mean. I did say that a couple about five people applied. But we can table this for tonight and we will have a special meeting to review if and we at the last executive meeting, I know some of the commissioners on the call wasn't on here, but no one said said that they wanted to interview because OANC does like the reference checks and background. So I do want to say that nobody said that they wanted to interview because you know, we allow OASC to handle that just like they did for the communications consultant. And I understand everybody on all the commissioners didn't attend the last exec meeting.

**Commissioner Donohue (2:12:51):**

Well but I was under the impression that we were going to that the office A and C was going to go through all the applicants and than we were going to be given the applicants.

**Chair White (2:12:58):**

Yeah, yeah, they did. They gave us a little thing, but like I said, I forgot to forward it over. Some of us were sent on it. So like I said, I. I'm taking accountability. I forgot to forward it over.

**Commissioner Donohue (2:13:08):**

**Well, I think we should take this up at our next I do believe we should take this up at our next regular meeting then.**

**Chair White (2:13:14):**

**What you mean our next regular meeting? We gotta get. We gotta get caught up so we'll. We can have a special meeting because the. The amount of admin stuff. We got to get caught up on some stuff. So let's put together.**

**Commissioner Donohue (2:13:28):**

**I think it should be a regular meeting, but.**

**Commissioner Redman (2:13:31):**

**Noted.**

**Chair White (2:13:32):**

**All right, so I moved in the meeting tonight. Unless there's any other final announcements, the time is 9:18, everybody. Cool. Yes. Yep. Remember, November 4th, Tuesday is the next meeting of the full ANC. We probably will have a special meeting between there. Look for the announcement so you can attend.**

**Commissioner Foreman (2:13:57):**

**Yes.**

**Chair White (2:13:58):**

**All right, thank you, everyone. Good. Meaning commissioners and see you on the other side.**

**Commissioner Foreman (2:14:03):**

**Good night, everybody.**

**Chair White (2:14:04):**

**Good night. All right, any final comments, questions, chats? Thank you, everyone.**