



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A
Anacostia, Fairlawn, Hillsdale, Sheridan

Monthly General Body Meeting
January 6, 2026, | 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting (access found at website oanc.dc.gov)

Meeting Opening & Attendance

- On January 6, 2026, at 7:04 pm, 8A Neighborhood Advisory Virtual Meeting was called to order by the Chair White who welcomed attendees and confirmed a quorum.
- Commissioners present included Anthony Foreman, Andrea Davis, Tomora Redman, Donohue, Fria Moore, and McKinney.

Agenda & Elections

- The agenda was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Officer Elections

- **Chair:** Jamila White was nominated and accepted the role, with the caveat that a new vote for chair will be conducted Chair in March 2026 to allow for transition and training of returning commissioners.
- **Vice Chair:** Robin McKinney was nominated and accepted the role.
- **Secretary:** Andrea Davis was nominated and accepted the role.
- **Treasurer:** Anthony Foreman was nominated and accepted the role (acceptance confirmed at the end of the meeting for the record).
- All officer positions were approved unanimously, with no objections from commissioners. The election was facilitated by Galen Presbury for the Fairlawn Association

2. Meeting Schedule for 2026

- Motion to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, except for April and August (recess months), and November (moved to the second Tuesday due to elections).
- Motion was moved by Andrea Davis, seconded by Fria Moore.
- Motion Passed with 5 votes in favor, 1 abstention (Tom Dohanue), and 0 opposed.

3. Grant Approvals

MLK Day Parade Grant:

- ANC 8A discussed a grant application received via email from the OANC. The grant request was submitted by the MLK Holiday Committee requesting \$10,000 for the rental of portable toilets. The toilet rentals will be used along the parade route for attendees at the upcoming Martin Luther King Day parade in Ward 8 scheduled for January 19, 2026.
- Commissioner Andrea Davis moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, and Commissioner Anthony Foremen seconded the motion. The grantee had submitted the application to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (OANC) for prior review, and the OANC confirmed that the event is permissible under ANC grant guidelines contingent approval by OANC's attorney.
- The Motion passed unanimously

Ward 8 Woods Grant:

- Nathan Harrington, CEO of the Ward 8 Woods Conservancy presented a grant application requesting \$1,500 to purchase supplies for the removal of trash and invasive species from forest areas in ANC 8A (Ward 8) including Fort Stanton Park, along 195 and the CSX Shepard Branch Corridor. The applicant is proposing cleanup once a month over the next year.
- Commissioner Andrea Davis moved to approve the grant and Commissioner Tom Donahue seconded the motion. During the discussion, questions were raised regarding Ward 8 Wood's ability to clean various locations on a regular basis or ability to commit to a certain amount of clean up campaigns. The grantee had submitted the application to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for prior review, and the OANC confirmed that the event is permissible under ANC grant guidelines.
- The Motion passed unanimously

4. Technical Assistance Fund Application

- Motion to apply for the Office of ANC Technical Assistance Fund to support hiring a part-time admin consultant for one year, with a maximum budget of \$8,000.
- Moved by Fria Moore, seconded by Andrea Davis.
- Passed unanimously.

5. Other Motions & Discussions

- **Hybrid Meetings:**
 - Discussion about returning to hybrid (in-person/virtual) meetings in the spring/summer, with plans to further discuss logistics and technology needs at the next legal meeting.
 - Commissions will provide a list of locations for consideration by the Ward 8 Woods for cleanup.

Financial Report Details

Reporting Period: December 2025

- **Opening Balance:**
 - \$25,894.62
- **Closing Balance:**
 - \$25,844.41
- **Change:**
 - Decrease of \$50.21
 - This change was due to a stop payment fee on a check that had not cleared.
- **Expenditures:**
 - Only two purchases were made, both using the office debit card:
 - \$126.54 for printer paper and cartridges (Amazon)
 - \$119.77 for printer cartridges (Amazon)
 - Both purchases were for office supplies, specifically for the office printer.
- **Administrative Adjustment:**
 - A check for business cards for one of the commissioners was not cashed, so a stop payment was issued.
 - The stop payment resulted in a \$50 fee, which is reflected in the change for the month.

Outstanding Issue:

- The commission discussed reissuing a new check to the print company for the business cards, as the original payment did not go through.
- Commissioner Foreman & Donahue will coordinate to ensure the vendor will be paid promptly.

- **Equipment Notes:**
 - The commission discussed the status of office equipment, including the printer and laptops, and plans to ensure all necessary technology is available for officers.
- **Quarterly Report:**
 - The quarterly report for FY26 Q1 (October–December 2025) is due February 16th and will be voted on at the February meeting.

Community & Commissioner Updates

- Updates included business corridor improvements (parking enforcement, reduced traffic), support for older residents (heating issues, abandoned buildings, trash/illegal dumping), new businesses opening (beauty supply, nail salon, Atlas Brewery), and ongoing community programs (coat drives, angel tree, food distribution).
- Ward 8 Woods discussed ongoing environmental cleanup efforts and grant application for supplies and outreach.

Public Safety & Crime

- Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Lindsay P. Appiah, presented data showing significant reductions in crime in ANC 8A over the past two years:
 - 70% reduction in homicides since 2023
 - 41% reduction in assaults with dangerous weapons
 - 71% reduction in robberies
 - 60% reduction in violent crime overall
 - 40% reduction in property crime
- Emphasis on Safe Passage programs, CCTV expansion, and multi-agency task forces to address issues like illegal dumping, business nuisances, and drug activity near schools.
- Discussion of challenges with youth crime, parental accountability, and wraparound services for at-risk individuals.
- For complete crime statistics visit: <https://crimecards.dc.gov/all:crimes/all:weapons/1:month/in:Ward:8>

Development & Infrastructure

- Updates on local development projects (condos across from Boone Elementary, vacant lots at Marion Barry Ave & 13th St, DC Plug Project completion in Ward 8).
- Questions raised about property ownership, business conditions (graffiti, nuisance locations), and the closure of local Starbucks.

Councilmember & City Office Reports

- Shiela Bunn and Fernando Smith from Councilmember Trayon White's office reported on new business improvement districts, economic development, and upcoming community meetings and hearings (including United Medical Center site redevelopment).
- Encouragement for residents to participate in budget hearings and ranked choice voting education sessions.

Meeting Logistics

- 2026 meeting schedule set for the first Tuesday of each month, with exceptions for recess and elections.
- Discussion about returning to hybrid (in-person/virtual) meetings in the spring/summer.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm after final votes and announcements, with reminders about upcoming events and follow-ups.

/s/:

Prepared by: [Andrea Davis]

Approved on: [February 3, 2026]

Attested by: /s/ [Andrea Davis]