

River Terrace Community Organization
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – via Zoom

6:30 p.m. Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Culver

Opening Prayer – Kim Parker

President shared that the Executive Board concluded that for safety, the monthly meetings be held via Zoom. Meetings will be held virtually for January and February

Metropolitan Police Department – Captain Matthew Fitzgerald provided y-t-d crime statistics for River Terrace: There were five property crimes and one violent crime. He stated that neighbors can text to 5011 if you cannot get through to 911. He also shared the anonymous tip line (202) 727-9099. Residential security cameras are a deterrent and there is a rebate program if MPD is granted access to the camera. Crime Suppression Team – gun recovery was utilized on NY Eve and 4th of July. It is not effective to have police sitting in the cars to show presence. There have been numerous carjacking incidents across the city. Be mindful of leaving your car running and unattended.

Tamika Finnell from the Office of the Ward 7 Councilmember stated that Council member Gray is recovering from his illness at home but is working for the Ward 7 community. Ms. Finnell touched on the following:

Ward ANC Redistricting

Taskforce Hearing

Interested individuals who wish to serve on the Redistricting Taskforce should contact Ms. Finnell. Encouraged members to participate in the redistricting meetings. There are no updates on the halfway house but she look into it and provide information for our next meeting.

ANC Commissioner Milton Hardy updated the community on three developers – Accent Care Hospice will occupy the second floor of Benning Marketplace. To report an abandon car, contact ANC Hardy with the location(s). He asked that neighbors pick up trash in front of their homes. No updates on the streetcar. Resides on Eads complaining about the noise and disturbances at the Chateau. The owner has stated that she is managing the situation as the best that she can since it

is not on Chateau property. She encouraged people to contact MPD with complaints. There are concerns about sofa behind Benning Market. - email: 7D04.anc.dc.gov, <tel:202-590-6186>

Saudia Jenkins - of the Office of the Mayor stated that if your 311 request has not been completed, contact her with the request number and pictures of the issue. For DPW issues, contact her if your street has not been passed through twice for snow removal. New Ward 7 Covid centers at Dorothy Height and Capital View Library and Fire Engine 30 for Testing. Mayor's mandate for inside venues one dose by January and two doses by February 15. Community Walk through at 9 a.m. – 405 Anacostia Avenue

Meeting Minutes – Beverly Epps – The November 2021 minutes were read and approved by the body.

Treasurer's Report – There a voice vote regarding delaying approval of the December Treasurer's Report pending recording items that were purchased in December.

Membership Update – Keshia Mack

Currently there are 17 paid members. Membership is per individuals rather than per household.

Members who are interested in joining a committee, contact the president for the committee's chair.

The president stated that there would be a community Walk-Through with various city agencies held on January 22. She asked that neighbors share concerns with her prior to the Walk-Through.

Free game tickets are available for January 26 and 28th.

Lauren Drew asked if there would be an interest in a Spring Seed Swap.

Closing Prayer – Kim Parker

8:15pm - Meeting Adjournment