

District of Columbia Office of Planning



Office of the Director

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D
4058 Minnesota Avenue NE
Suite 1400
Washington DC 20019

RE: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D Comprehensive Plan Resolution

Dear Commissioners Hasan, Blair, Douglas, Culver, Jackson, and Wright:

On behalf of the Office of Planning (OP), I would like to thank you and your community for taking the time to review and provide critical feedback on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update.

The feedback we received during the 2019-2020 Public Review period has provided OP with critical guidance from the community and reaffirmed policies that were not already captured during previous engagement for this Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Resolution Review

Responses to individual comments and recommendations within the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) resolution are outlined in the public review digest included in this response. After careful review, components of the resolution received from ANC 7D, marked as “Yes” were integrated into the Mayor’s Comprehensive Plan Update (Comp Plan). Any feedback received that supported existing Comp Plan language has been marked as “Support. No integration needed”.

During OP’s review, numerous recommendations received from ANC 7D were deemed to be sufficiently covered throughout the Comp Plan. In such cases, these components have been marked as “Acknowledged” in the public review digest. The digest provides guidance on where complementary and appropriate language exists in other Elements. In these instances, OP did not add additional language to the Comp Plan; however, where appropriate, OP has added cross referencing language.



Feedback received that was beyond the scope of the Comp Plan (i.e. operational, budgetary, or regulatory items) has been noted, marked as “No” in the public review digest, and more appropriate programs or agencies have been identified.

The Commission’s resolution included discussion around Deanwood as one of the ANC’s oldest neighborhoods and requests to maintain the density of the residential and commercial areas in the neighborhood. All of ANC 7D’s recommendations were acknowledged and included in the Mayor’s Proposal in the Deanwood section of the Far Northeast and Southeast Area Element, as well as the Future Land Use Map.

Next Steps

While OP made every effort to incorporate much of the feedback, in some instances OP was unable to incorporate all components of the resolution as part of this amendment. Nonetheless, all resolutions will be sent to the DC Council and have been reviewed and saved as guidance for a future Comp Plan rewrite and near-term planning efforts. I would also like to set up a time to further discuss your resolutions.

Background on Changes to the Comprehensive Plan

The Comp Plan is a high-level guiding document that sets an inclusive, long-term vision for the physical development of the District of Columbia. The purpose of the Comp Plan is to help guide the District’s growth and change, resulting in positive outcomes for both current and future residents of the District.

The Comp Plan establishes a context and sets broad goals to inform public decision-making and future fine-grained planning efforts. It informs zoning regulations and capital budgeting. However, it does not have the force of law or regulation.

In response to the ANC Resolutions, the Comp Plan was updated when feedback was deemed consistent with the document’s scope, was an omission of information, or was not otherwise referenced in the Citywide or Area Elements.

Issues, policies, and programs outside the scope of the District’s physical development were not included in this revision. Additionally, the Comp Plan is not intended to provide guidance on operational, budgetary, or regulatory matters. While this feedback was not amended in the Comp Plan, it is extremely valuable to OP as we undertake neighborhood planning initiatives and to help shape the work of our sister agencies.

Background on Public Review

The Draft Comp Plan Update was released on October 15, 2019. A notice was published in the District of Columbia Register that announced the publication of the Plan and the commencement of the Public Review period. The Public Review period was extended in response to requests from ANCs and other community groups, providing 88 days for the public and 123 days for ANCs. The Public Review period was open to all stakeholders from October 15, 2019 through January 10, 2020. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions were given until February

14, 2020 to submit official actions. Prior to the release of the Draft Comp Plan Update, two training sessions were held for ANC commissioners on September 19 and 21, 2019. Eight community meetings were held across all eight wards during the months of November and December, and an additional two ANC work sessions were held in December 2019.

Public feedback received from October 15, 2019 to January 10, 2020 through the plandc@dc.gov email account will be packaged and sent to the DC Council. In addition, ANC Resolutions received from October 15, 2019 to February 14, 2020 through the plandc@dc.gov email account or through the resolutions.anc.gov portal will also be packaged and submitted to the DC Council. The Mayor's Comprehensive Plan Update will be transmitted to the DC Council in April 2020 along with all ANC Resolutions and public feedback.

The 2019-2020 Public Review Period, along with previous engagement efforts dating back to 2016, provided OP with valuable community feedback, resulting in a consistent and inclusive Draft Comp Plan Update. Thank you for submitting an official action that represented your community and for being an active and engaged leader during this Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Trueblood", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Trueblood

Resolution Number	Date Received	Citation/Tracking Number	Element	ANC Comment	Integrated into Comp Plan	OP Response
ANC 7D-1	2.25		Far Northeast and Southeast	Deanwood a neighborhood in Northeast Washington, D.C., bounded by Eastern Avenue to the northeast, Kenilworth Avenue to the Northwest, Division Avenue to the southeast, and Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue to the south.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See section FNS-2.2 Deanwood for a description of the Planning Area's boundaries.
ANC 7D-2	2.25		Far Northeast and Southeast	One of Northeast's oldest neighborhoods, Deanwood's relatively low-density, small wood-frame and brick homes, and dense tree cover give it a small-town character that is unique in the District of Columbia. Much of its housing stock dates from the early 20th century. Several well-known African-American architects, including William Sidney Pittman and Howard D. Woodson, and many skilled local craftsmen designed and built many of its homes. The neighborhood was once home to Nannie Helen Burroughs, an early civil rights leader and the founder of the National Training School for Women and Girls, and independent boarding school for African-American girls founded in 1909 and located on 50th Street, NE. Marvin Gaye (1939-1984) was also born and raised in this neighborhood. From 1921 to 1940, Deanwood was also home to Suburban Gardens (50th and Hayes NE), a black-owned amusement park that served thousands of African-American residents during a time of racial segregation.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; For more information on Deanwood's history, see section FNS-2.2 Deanwood.
ANC 7D-3	2.25		Far Northeast and Southeast	Housing in the Deanwood residential community should remain "Low Density Residential" in order to maintain the quiet, and livable enjoyment of its residents, and to foster a sense of community pride to our threatened historic neighborhoods. Maintain an environment free of pollution, traffic and over-development.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Policy FNS-2.2.1: Deanwood's Residential Character.
ANC 7D-4	2.25		Far Northeast and Southeast	The commercial corridors of Far Northeast neighborhoods should maintain a constant character of "Low to Medium Density Commercial" development in an effort to maintain the non-downtown appearance of the community and yet improve the economic status of the neighborhood. All "High Density Commercial" Development should be reserved for the downtown portions of the city and excluded from historic residential neighborhoods of the city, including Deanwood, River Terrace, Kenilworth and Kingman Park.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; For more information on commercial corridors, see section 1700 Overview. Additional information on future land uses can be found on the Future Land Use Map.