



Office of the Director

April 23, 2020

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F
4020 Minnesota Avenue NE
Washington DC 20019

RE: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F Comprehensive Plan Resolution

Dear Commissioners Holcomb, Hunter, Carr, Exum, Hughes, and Fletcher:

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. We sincerely appreciate ANC 7F's leadership and are particularly grateful for your partnership during public review.

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 7F, 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 7F 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: improving neighborhood livability and safety; supporting civic infrastructure like libraries and shopping centers; and focusing on affordable and mixed-income housing. The Mayor’s Proposal acknowledges all the ANC 7F’s feedback within the noted chapters or in other areas of the Comp Plan. OP will also continue to work towards reaching the District’s affordable housing goals and developing a facilities plan that recognizes and plans for the District’s community needs.

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 7F-1	2.11		Economic Development	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: A true downtown business corridor in 7F (i.e. Benning and Minnesota, NE area) that includes quality, affordable grocery stores, healthy food options, large and small retails stores, space for small business, quality coffee shop that provides working and meeting space;	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Relevant policies and actions include: ED 2.2.6 Grocery Stores and Supermarkets, ED 2.1.E Anchor Commercial Expansion, ED2.2.1 Expanding the Retail Sector, ED2.2.3 Neighborhood Shopping, FNS-2.1.1 Minnesota/Benning Revitalization.
ANC 7F-2	2.11		Economic Development	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Light industrial business that is willing to provide on-the-job training along the Kenilworth Avenue/1-295 area;	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Relevant policies and actions in the Economic Development Element include ED-2.5.4 Support for PDR Areas and Policy ED-2.5.6 Workforce Development as well as FNS-2.2.3 in the Far Northeast/Southeast Element.
ANC 7F-3	2.11		Education Facilities	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: All school facilities in 7F should be updated and regularly maintained to provide a safe teaching and learning environment;	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Relevant policy in the Educational Facilities Element includes: EDU1.1.1 Master Facility Planning
ANC 7F-4	2.11		Far Northeast and Southeast	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Build and maintain a high-quality, well-resources hospital in Ward 7;	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; See Community Services and Facilities Element for policies and actions regarding Health Equity under Section CSF-2.1.
ANC 7F-5	2.11		Far Northeast and Southeast	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Improve accessibility via walking to RFK and Benning Road metro station;	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; For more information on improving accessibility see section 1718 and section 1714.
ANC 7F-6	2.11		Economic Development	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: No halfway house;	03-Acknowledged	Existing language is consistent with completed plans or policies/Proposed language is inconsistent with completed plans or policies; See Community Services and Facilities Element for policies and actions regarding correctional facilities under Section CSF-5.1.

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ANC 7F-7	2.11		Education Facilities	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Technical education options throughout DC, including classes that focus on financial education with discussions on the systematic and historic barriers that prevent economic viability for communities of color;	03-Acknowledged	Existing language is consistent with completed plans or policies/Proposed language is inconsistent with completed plans or policies; For additional information on financial education, please see the Economic Development Element. For information on systemic barriers to economic mobility, see the Framework Element, Section Planning for Resilience and Equity and the Equity Crosswalk.
ANC 7F-8	2.11		Economic Development	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Police substation and increased police presence in Minnesota Avenue NE area near the Safeway Plaza;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is beyond the scope of the Comprehensive Plan; Programming of police activity is beyond the scope of the Comp Plan. See Community Services and Facilities Element for policies regarding police stations.
ANC 7F-9	2.11		Economic Development	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Modernization of all shopping center areas such as Senator Square;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; For additional information see policy: FNS-2.1.2 Shopping Center Improvements.
ANC 7F-10	2.11		Far Southeast and Southwest	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Improving the interfacing between 1-295/ railroad corridor and adjacent areas especially in the Deanwood, Greenway neighborhoods. Improvements would also include a sound barrier wall;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Transportation Element for integration of moveDC policies including policies regarding I-295.
ANC 7F-11	2.11		Housing	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Affordable and mixed income housing should be spread throughout DC and not concentrated in any Ward or one area of the city;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Housing Element Policy H-1.2.1: Affordable Housing Production as a Civic Priority; Policy H-1.2.9 Advancing Diversity and Equity of Planning Areas.
ANC 7F-12	2.11		Housing	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Permanent Supportive Housing Plans consider safety of those in proximity to housing, especially vulnerable populations such as children, those with disabilities, and seniors;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Housing Element Policy H-4.2.3: Increasing the Supportive Housing Supply.
ANC 7F-13	2.11		Housing	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Low income residents and residents in the lower middle class should have options to programs that support them in keeping their homes such as tax relief programs;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Housing Element Policy H-2.2.3: Tax Relief.

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ANC 7F-14	2.11		Housing	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Seniors should have access to programs that support them in aging in place including programs to maintain their home and tiny houses options;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Housing Policy H-4.3.2: Housing Choice for Older Adults; Action H-1.5.F: Support of Accessory Apartments.
ANC 7F-15	2.11		Infrastructure	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Power line placement in the back of homes and/or other areas that do not present danger to resident and pedestrians.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Urban Design Element.
ANC 7F-16	2.11		Transportation	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: Improvements to current transportation including train and buses, but no building of the Streetcar;	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; The Transportation Element focuses on the need to enhance surface transit capacity (bus) as well as metrorail core capacity.
ANC 7F-17	2.11		Community Services and Facilities	the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas: All libraries in 7F should have updated facilities and access to a large book selection and working computers;	04-No	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Relevant policies CSF-3.1.B Branch Libraries, CSF-3.2.A Optimizing Library Services on an Ongoing Basis.