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**Amending the DC Comprehensive Plan
Community Workshop #4
Summary & Public Comment Digest**

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, October 27, 2016
Meeting Location:	Department of Employment Services (DOES), 4058 Minnesota Avenue NE
Featured Area Element(s):	Far Northeast and Southeast Area Element & Far Southeast and Southwest Area Element
Number of Attendees:	65
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration (6:00pm-6:35pm) • Welcome (6:35pm-6:40) • Open House (6:40pm-7:25pm) • Presentation on Comprehensive Plan & Amendment Cycle (7:25pm-7:35pm) • Final Thoughts from the Public (7:35pm-7:55pm) • Next Steps & Closing (7:55pm-8:00pm)

This document presents written comments received from the public at the **Open House** Comment Boards and delivered verbally during the **Final Thoughts from the Public** session. Please note that this document serves as the initial step in the DC Office of Planning’s public meeting report out process for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle. A more in-depth Community Outreach and Engagement Summary Report that covers all 7 PlanDC community workshops and identifies key themes from the public comments will be developed and released at a later date.

I. OPEN HOUSE

Following an informational presentation by the DC Office of Planning (OP) on the District’s Comprehensive Plan and the current Amendment Cycle, OP held an Open House for attendees that included a series of topic-specific stations with boards containing information and/or data on the Comprehensive Plan’s Area Elements and Citywide Elements; growth and development in DC; and resilience, a new topic being integrated into the Comprehensive Plan for the first time. All stations were staffed and included comment boards for attendees to share insights and feedback. The purposes of the Open House were for attendees to provide their comments and insights pertinent to each particular topic station and for OP staff to share information and answer topic-/area-specific or process questions. For planning purposes, the District is organized geographically by Area Elements in the Comp Plan. There are a total of 10 Area Elements in the Comp Plan. Each meeting featured 1-2 Area Elements based on the geographic area of where it was held. Additionally, participants from across the city could attend any of the 7 PlanDC community workshops and OP provided an opportunity for comments on any of the 10 Area Elements at each meeting.

Open House Stations:

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Vision & Core Themes
- 2) What is the Comprehensive Plan?
- 3) Future Land Use Map & Generalized Policy Map
- 4) Area Elements —3 boards:
 - Far Northeast/Southeast Area Element
 - Far Southeast/Southwest Area Element
 - Area Elements Summary
- 5) Citywide Elements—12 boards:
 - Land Use
 - Urban Design
 - Economic Development
 - Transportation
 - Infrastructure
 - Community Services & Facilities
 - Housing
 - Educational Facilities
 - Historic Preservation
 - Environmental Protection
 - Parks, Recreation & Open Space
 - Arts & Culture
- 6) Growth & Development
- 7) Resilience
- 8) Ask a Director
- 9) Ask a Planner

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC COMMENTS BY TOPIC

Open House comments were transcribed based on attendees' written comments. A commenter's name is noted when provided.

Future Land Use & Generalized Policy Maps

- More exercise usage in parks, facilities (i.e. water, trash bins)
- Community or traffic exits off 295 south into a residential community
- Lighting
- More benches
- Move jail to Judiciary Square
- Build government centers with services in neighborhoods (i.e. DMV, Permits, etc.)
- New hospital East of the River, not a clinic (i.e. Poplar Point, Anacostia)
- Not huge, large scale condos/apartments. Want to sustain community and neighborhood feel of the Ward

- Urban garden and farmers market
- Better community outreach before land disposition
- Keep residential areas residential, homes not high rises
- More density around Metro stations, major corridors (i.e. East Cap, Benning Road, MN Ave)
- Improve the intersection of Benning Road and East Capitol, reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles
- Continue Minnesota Avenue directly to Deanwood station
- Increase zoning along Eastern Avenue, 6 blocks around intersection with East Cap Street
- Need new hospital at Anacostia Parking Garage
- Need net zero grid development for PUD's 1 acre or more
- Move DC Jail to Judiciary Square and unlock development at Hill East (Arlington, VA has jail by courts)
- Rezone along major corridors like Benning and Minnesota Avenue
- Minnesota Avenue should be a Main Street for Ward 7- it is our major commercial corridor. It needs dedicated funding to support its strategic development
- Focus on unique multi-zone plan for Penn Branch Shopping Center
- High density commercial south of New York Ave to compliment NoMa and Mt. Vernon Triangle
- High density commercial north of M Street in SW
- Consider more neighborhood level commercial nodes for the northeastern corner of Ward 7. Significant low density residential needs quality neighborhood shops. More than just Nannie Helen and Division
- Medium density commercial in Downtown Ward 7

Area Elements

Far Northeast and Southeast Area Element

Includes the following neighborhoods: Kenilworth, Deanwood, Burrville, Lincoln Heights, Fort Dupont, Benning, River Terrace, Mayfair, Capitol View, Marshall Heights, Benning Ridge, Greenway, Twining, Penn Branch, Randle Highlands, Hillcrest, Naylor Gardens, Knox Hill/Buena Vista, Fairlawn

What do you like about where you live?

- Transportation is convenient, great walking distance
- Parklands
- The best parks and trails
- Open space and peaceful environment
- Suburbs feeling, people smile and speak, suburb in the city
- Hills and valleys, the river, Kenilworth sunsets/sky views
- Not a lot
- Access to metro station
- Easy to get around

- Open space (residential)
- Quiet, tree lined streets
- My neighbors, housing

What improvements are needed in your area/neighborhood?

- Metro line down length of Anacostia, Deanwood to Gaylord and St. Mary's
- More grocery stores, industry
- Less/fewer liquor stores, fast food, carry-out
- Include River Terrace as a policy focus area
- Better monitoring of vacant homes, less loitering, more bank and retail, need improvement around Deanwood Station – retail and stores (CVS and grocery)
- New housing development, restaurants and shops. Grocery store (Deanwood – Division and Nannie Helen)
- Health food store, retail shopping, grocery store, safe walking conditions (less crime), better roadways and connectivity to the rest of the city, more homeownership opportunities for Ward 7 residents in Ward 7
- Extend mixed use, medium density north of Minnesota Ave to Burroughs
- Get industrial scrapyards off Kenilworth Avenue. Capitalize on traffic volume on Ave with retail. Kenilworth Avenue should be gateway to DC
- Opposed to low-moderate income 59-unit development on Benning Road in River Terrace. However, based on zoning site designated for residential use only. Should be mixed or market rate income – also consider existing property value of homes in River Terrace community
- Entertainment hubs like “H” and “U” Streets, use Minn. Ave and Benning Rd. (very high traffic areas)
- Better use of Marvin Gaye Park (beautiful greenery)

Far Southeast and Southwest Area Element

Includes the following neighborhoods: Woodland, Hillsdale, Barry Farm, Anacostia, Fort Stanton, Douglass, Shipley, Congress Heights, Washington Highlands, Bellevue

What do you like about where you live?

- Historic black/native community
- Open areas, low buildings

What improvements are needed in your area/neighborhood?

- Bus transportation
- Housing and landlord commitment to tenants for repairs

- New hospital at Poplar Point
- Metro line down length of Anacostia, Deanwood to Gaylord and St. Mary's
- More grocery stores, industry
- Less/fewer liquor stores, fast food, carry-out
- Less rental units
- Develop Capitol Gateway
- Cleaning of Marvin Gaye Park
- Healthy options for dining, no more fast food
- Develop Capital Gateway into similar to Dakota Crossing Shopping area off of South Dakota Ave
- Invest in people, youth activities
- Better Metro access
- On-time buses
- Renovate "The Strand" theater into something similar as Lincoln, Atlas, Warner Theater
- New mixed income housing and mid-level retail. Arts
- Options for healthy foods, retail shopping
- Less back door deals with developers who have no stake in our communities
- Street lights fixed
- Better communications with residents-invest in paper and door knocking
- Retail development, not walkable, no bike lanes
- More jobs for our youth and adults
- Quality retail, no more liquor stores
- More recreational facilities
- More healthy food options
- More benches at bus stops on streets
- More jobs and recreation centers and center for youth
- Put up street-name signs (many are missing)
- Better education, cleaner safer streets, more health food choices, less liquor stores, better training for the unemployed
- Movie theater
- Limitation on the number of fast food establishments on main corridors
- There is the perception that nothing has been accomplished in Ward 7 since the Comp Plan was last updated.
- Develop "Capital Gateway" into similar shopping area such as Dakota Crossing off of South Dakota Avenue.
- Needed dog park/space
- More sit down restaurants with cultural foods
- Higher quality groceries
- More mixed development, housing development (i.e. luxury, family, etc.)

Citywide Elements

Land Use Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Federal government maintain streets through in Ft. Dupont Parks, too many potholes way into summer
- Increase trash pickup on streets throughout the city daily
- More parklets like the one outside Gensler on K Street

Urban Design Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Concerned regarding modern out of character development in neighborhood
- Plants and flower boxes like other neighborhoods
- Beautify Metro footprint
- More trash receptacles in neighborhoods
- Better design for new buildings
- Marvin Gaye Park – clean up/make safer. You will have people that are consistently out there. If they are moved, the places residents want will move back in there. That area – Deanwood/Deanwood Heights. They looked like they were making progress and then 2008 happened

Economic Development Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Interested in Poplar Point-would like to see it developed-understand green space requirements but would like to see density
- Interested in hydrogen fuel cells
- Main Streets like Wisconsin Ave should have more density, eliminate R-1 along Wisconsin Ave
- Create good jobs – good paying jobs – so residents don't have to work multiple jobs
- Would like retail and commercial activities at a higher level/better quality and sustain or produce higher paying jobs – specific to this area
- Support existing businesses to improve their appearance – specific to this area
- Interest in financial incentive/any incentive to support growth in green jobs. Interested in solar/renewable resources
- Oversight to ensure equality in wages. Businesses should be overlooked in all areas of pay rate to ensure equality across the board
- Include Ward 8 in growth and development
- They closed and rebuilt housing authority property on East Capitol and don't have economic support
- Encourage alternative business models example – benefit corporation

- Community based companies – all workers have equal or semi-equal say in how the business runs
- Schools to job or school to business pipeline a way to have kids go from school to business
- Minnesota Ave should be declared a Main Street with dedicated funding to support its strategic development
- Economic development that is appropriate. We have green space, so we do not need to be like Columbia Heights
- Spread out – equally distribute the development so people do not feel left out and they are not displaced
- Re-education program for district government to hire District residents. Should be a requirement – not an option
- Bring back vocational training in public school system
- Talking to business community to understand the skills they need (current and future) to get the people/workers they need. They are going after the trend but not the future (i.e. nurses, LPN)
- Eliminate evidence of marijuana and alcohol use as a barrier to employment. Develop a recidivism program
- Streamline funding from District to support manufacturing jobs
- Incentives to grow small businesses
- Limitations on fast food restaurants and non-food retail
- Ward 7 – River Terrace/Benning corridor – needs to be included in development the policy focus area for redevelopment – new storefronts
- Office of Planning needs to come to River Terrace community
- A better neighborhood/community participation/partnership with marijuana businesses that are joining the community
- Development at Deanwood Metro like at Rhode Island Ave Metro and Fort Totten Metro. We need development at Metro station like them. Retail and residential (condos and apartments). The residents will support the retail and existing residents will support and not have to travel across town

Transportation Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Ped/bike connection and hiking East Capital area to R.F.K.
- Need better access and circulation within Parkside neighborhood
- Better redesign of our highways and byways to serve residents first and commuters second
- Better connectivity for Ward 7 residents to Wards 5 and 6 (including walking)
- Improve/restore street grids/ I-295
- Complete Minnesota Avenue in Deanwood
- Circulator busses in Far NE
- Do away with zone parking only
- Long term planning for Metro line if down length of east of the river. Metro line from Deanwood to Gaylord and St Mary's County, MD

- New entry way in and out of the Kenilworth/Metro Towns area. Congestion is too much and we are still car dependent until we get good retail
- Consideration for multi-modal transit options for elderly
 - Elderly are less likely to use bike lanes
- Whitley Young Bridge, East Capitol and C Street, sign is missing
- Lorraine Whitlock Bridge formerly – Benning Road Bridges, green, white sign bigger as part of Benning bridge project
- Better Metro service – on-time buses
- Limit developments' access at Benning Road to enhance operational efficiency
- Limit parking on Minnesota Avenue during rush hour period, it is better for fire trucks, ambulances to get through
- Make Metro bus seating more comfortable for commuters
- Make Metro bus stops seating more comfortable
- Improve lighting near bus stops, brighter for safety
- Complete 51st Street in Deanwood
- Green roads/green alleys
- More bike lanes
- Parking lot for 6D headquarters
- Underground parking for all affordable housing projects
- Replacement/modernization of Benning Road Bridge

Infrastructure Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Google fiber/OCTO fiber
- Be more aggressive towards net zero
- Require off the grid operation for larger scale development; “grid independence” (over 1 acre)
- Upgrade Pepco substation at Benning Road
- Address sewer back ups
- Complete lead pipe replacement
- More undergrounding of everything, cable, power, etc.
- More oversight of infrastructure work in neighborhoods
 - Compliant with clean up, management of site
 - Both city and federal and private contractors
- Ward 8 flooding, especially in older homes and Ward 7
- Stop Exelon takeover of Pepco
- Support consumer utility board
- More regular cleaning of storm drains
- More education/information on maintenance on private property
- Explore efficacy of public utilities

Community Services & Facilities Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- No community center in Division, Burrville area
- Increase arts initiatives (murals, facilities for artists-visual and music) for youth
- Arts and Education District
 - Pairing major universities and schools with art (i.e. drama, music, dance)
 - How do we incorporate what schools are currently doing into Arts Districts?
- Plan for (tertiary) health options East of the River
- Mobile health workers
- Job training initiative that provide more exposure to arts in underserved communities
- Use of our school (River Terrace) for community activities without paying exorbitant fees
- More services for mentally ill residents (i.e. medical, housing)

Housing Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- More housing development (affordable) Minnesota, Division, Nannie Helen area
- Better integrate affordable housing with amenities, economic development
- Market rate housing
- Issue-not to overprice residents – more affordable for all incomes
- Upkeep of public housing-open space for families – friendly
- Better subsidies for middle income families, rental and ownership
- Help renters transition to home ownership
- Increase resources for HPAP, increase HPAP lending limit
- After the “development” ensure that current home-owners, many who are seniors living on fixed incomes, can afford home taxes and not be forced out
- Is there any effort to increase opportunities for live/work housing?
- Better patrolling of vacant lots/homes
- City to step up and help affordable housing – residents at Museum Square
- Poverty, lack of equity
- Affordable housing not affordable
- Need more family-sized apartments; consider demographics of neighborhoods when developing policies (neighborhood-tailored policies)
- Attracting businesses to neighborhoods
- Better dissemination of information and services
- Limit the number of group homes in Ward 7. –zoning and land use
- Need facilities for median income households without income restrictions

Educational Facilities Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- More schools and educational opportunities that are flexible
- Need quality curriculums, quality staff/teachers
- Do not open up new schools until we get our existing schools up to par through proper funding, evaluation (needs to serve specific needs of children and parents)
- Housing development bringing in new, young families-need for early childhood education and elementary in Far Northeast
- More private/public partnerships to improve programs/facilities
- Stop out of town attendance
- 1 more school downtown – reoccupy former schools
 - Franklin School → charter school
 - Basis School → K-12
 - Using public library as education center
 - Carnegie Library → Microsoft/Apple School
- Use of public school facilities for civic meetings without paying exorbitant rental or usage fees
- Equip students to compete at the college level and beyond
- Vocational apprenticeship schools

Historic Preservation Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Beautify old (gas and lantern) fixtures on Benning Road and East Capitol
- Invest in recording history of Ward 7 as self-sustaining area that produced its own food, had major amusement park and other interventions due to geographic and racial history
- Yes to the above, consider creating “historic districts”
- Preservation of the architecture and the culture of historic neighborhoods
- Place + oral history + people, they are combined
- Look at preserving historically black churches in DC
- Preserving the parking for the churches as well
- Begin to emphasize the role of vernacular architecture
- Role of preserving the above with a focus on pioneering African American architects’ contributions to the entire city, more specifically in Ward 7, i.e. Lewis A. Giles, R. Archer, A. Cassell, etc.
- Preserving architecture styles in Ward 7, Art Deco (Senator Theater – Greenway)
- Eastland Gardens – Predominant African American community

- The majority of the homes were designed and built by African American architects and builders
- Owen Davis, first African American police that reached the rank of second in command in DC under Walter Washington
- Architects, Archer, Giles, McKey, Plater, Bird, Ferguson

Environmental Protection Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Repair of water sewage area. Minnesota Ave., Division Ave., Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., drainage repair
- No watch dog-need to keep track of illegal dumping (water and parks)
- Water trash traps not working effectively, different tributaries need more attention
- Need better monitoring and cleaning of storm drains
- What are other alternatives that can be used to better control mosquito population other than spraying?
- More green alleys and roads
- Storm water runoff and impact development
- More utility line underground
- Vermin and rodent control public/private
- Protect from man-made damage
 - Public urination (more reporting) fines
- Emission control and close monitoring (especially trucks downtown)
- Tourist coaches idling
- Uber and Lyft causing more traffic and emissions because they are taking away rides from Metro
 - Cruising until they get passenger (that are parked until they get call) shouldn't have engines on
 - Uber/Lyft do not have dedicated parking to wait for next ride
- Proper drainage-sewers very old and backed up-overflow onto street
- Impact of bag fee (.05 cents tax)? Want to see tracker of \$ raised and has it helped the river – show results
- Why not ban plastic bags
- CA pays \$0.10 cents for paper bag, plastic banned
- Bag tax has done a lot
- Less bags since 2010 in Anacostia River
- Park Service land between Anacostia Avenue and river has trees that can grow to natural limits
- Plant trees to celebrate lives lost

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- More community gardens
- Activities for youth and young adults that teach and inspire
- More public art from local artists at intersections and activity centers
- Partnership with educational institutions and arts districts
- More dog parks
- Maintain parks
- Do development
- Safer Marvin Gaye Park = more DPR Rangers
- Clean daily
- More trash receptacles (recycle cans) – Parks-bus stops, every three blocks on streets
- In our neighborhood – we will like more dog parks
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and plants, integrate green in infrastructure projects; “green streets”, plant fruit trees in parks
- More playgrounds – benches for seniors
- Only one playground in Eastland Gardens and Mayfair
- Urban garden and farmers market
- Youth -> community garden -> healthy activities
- Prioritize clean-up of contamination in Kenilworth Park with National Park Service
- Tot lots, play areas needed for public housing

Arts and Culture Element

Write your issues, ideas, questions below:

- Ward 7 is without an arts and cultural center. Anacostia Arts Center is a model
- Benning Road, Minnesota Ave and Deanwood are bleak and artless
- Support our artists. Provide them resources
- Space for artistic expression
- Emphasize street art; sculpture etc. in all parts of the city not just downtown and specific neighborhoods. Theaters

Growth and Development

What are the greatest opportunities for DC now and in the next 10 years?

- Ward 7 should follow the models of other urban/blighted areas: Petworth won neighborhood and historic preservation awards. This Old House on PBS, so how can Ward 7 attract retail or any major corporations when 7 is without these landmarks. 50s – 80s developers eliminate the majority. Also, the residents/visitors must be educated about theft; violence will create zero profit margins. This starts at an early age. More programs for seniors
- Over concentration of restaurants while losing retail
- Low quality shopping areas
- Are they closing the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station?

- Develop along corridors
- Poplar Point – renewable energy, needs density
- Hill East – use river front property for good purpose
- With projected growth, development should be spread out, not just concentrated in certain areas
- Growth and development needs to extend into the Deanwood, Marshall Heights, Minnesota Avenue area on the map. Currently it shows St. Elizabeths, it seems to be strong where gentrification exists
- River Terrace needs to be a Focus Area. It was skipped over. The storefronts on Benning Road need to be improved

Resilience

What does resilience mean to you?

- Where does solar energy and energy grid fit in?
- Pepco/Excelon? MD government has energy choices
 - Do you have a choice in DC to opt out?
- Apartments in low-lying areas (low income communities)
 - How to communicate?
 - Can retrofit proactively – in building permits and infrastructure
- How many historical residents are being engaged in planning
 - Preserve culture and history of neighborhood
 - Churches are leaving and they provide a sense of community
 - Provide more than meeting place on Sunday
 - How do we preserve places of worship?
 - Historically black churches-some of oldest in country
- Churches need to be as resilient as city
- Challenge in historic district to preserve the community of institutions
- Changing economic conditions across city
- Last frontier of single family detached homes
- Lack of sit down restaurants
- Housing prices rising overnight
- If you want to keep neighborhood, need to preserve history
- Structure of outreach deliberately excludes those without computers and those that do not use technology
- Wal-mart situation-decisions need to be made by community, not behind closed doors
- Responsibility of elected office does not end with term, not statute of limitations

II. Final Thoughts from the Public

Following the Open House, meeting attendees were invited to share at the microphone in front of the entire audience their “top thought about DC’s future” or to build on thoughts shared by others. The

following is a transcription of the comments shared verbally during this session. The name of the commenter is noted when it was provided.

- **Public Comment 1**: Eastland Gardens is missing from neighborhood list for area elements.
- **Public Comment 2**: Developers and development subject to zoning – zoning needs to be “not inconsistent” with Comp Plan. Tremendous amount of abuse on this matter. Plan needs to be taken seriously once adopted and it needs enforcement.
- **Public Comment 3**: Biggest challenge is growing equitably and inclusively while managing congestion and improving transit – major thing to maintain equity. Also, protect environment and restore it – legacy contamination in water and soil.
- **Public Comment 4**: See District become example for the nation. Every problem in DC reflects the problems of the US. Take responsibility for every other city/state to become more like the District, not the District being reflective of other governments.
- **Public Comment 5**: Equitable growth and development – connectivity and relationships- how will we get along in changing circumstances? We always think of connections in terms of transportation – need to facilitate connections in relationship building. Need happy people, not just people who live here. How do we intentionally work as community to help people get along with each other?
- **Public Comment 6**: Agree 100% about Office of Planning and zoning being consistent- need to support plan, not developers. More environmental protection. Have issues with timing of this and zoning rewrite – this should have been first – timing is backwards.
- **Public Comment 7**: DC area has changed drastically- do not know why it has taken so long for Ward 7 – desolate area – still go across river for grocery store. Need to go to library to communicate. No nice area to meet, communicate, talk, have fun. Do not know when that is going to come to Ward 7. Ward 8 is changing more than 7, nothing in Ward 7- PG County is changing. Deanwood is murder capital area. I do not go to Deanwood anymore- had to redirect way of going home- have to go Minnesota Ave or Benning Road. Developers have the money to redevelop these areas. H St. NE opted out on the trolley – community did not want it and it still came- under Gray reconstruction was going to from here to Eastern Ave.

- **Public Comment 8:** Thanks to everyone for coming out, thanks to Office of Planning. Is image of Ward 7 preventing positive things from happening? How can the pulpit of the Comp Plan put out a vision for what Ward 7 is? A place where my grandparents came to own, that welcomes everyone, a place where African Americans can own, more of a positive image, no negative, low-income.
- **Public Comment 9:** Equitable development – development of metro in positive way. Look at SW Waterfront and Petworth, these areas have a vision. We are talking more about safety and other things, not aspirational. No more of reports where we say we will address it in another five years.
- **Public Comment 10:** These comments are not to be interpreted as against development but development needs to respect neighborhood history and the history of people coming here because they were not welcome elsewhere. This area used to have an amusement park, used to be self-sustaining in agriculture. As we are looking at these boards, we need to build on resilience through history of area. Build respect through knowledge, not ignorance – rewrite history of area. Worked in DC government a few years back. DOH wanted to bring people in who were not from District – valued these individuals for high level positions – priding themselves on not delivering direct services. Electronic communication is not the best way of distributing information- we are aging. Hire people to distribute flyers. Drug wars put people in jail and prevented them from getting jobs. Need to honor history and capacity of community. Do not lose the people who know anything about it.
- **Public Comment 11:** DC is very small – always been neighborhood based, block parties, I am originally from NW, but as I started reading about Nannie Helen Burroughs who was very business-like, I started doing business. We need to bring back entrepreneurship- keep jobs in DC-not a lot of training in earlier times. DC went outside to hire. Training is here now, opportunity is not. We are smaller, need to work with neighborhoods, city council. If revitalized it would be nice. You get a smile when you get to NW, it is a nice area. Here it is tough.
- **Public Comment 12:** Not doing enough to expand scale of how we are promoting entrepreneurship and small businesses – economy restructuring and creating fewer jobs. How to ensure that people will be employed?

- **Public Comment 13:** People that are excluded because they have been in justice system – employers and employees should take on people who have been involved in justice system-seen as enemy in our mist.
- **Public Comment 14:** Native Washingtonian – raised in Shaw area moved here 7 years ago. Image of Shaw when I was growing up is same as Ward 7 is today. H Street known as dope street when I was growing up. As homeowner do not have many options. Whatever image was used for U and H should be used for Ward 7.