

Summary:

The meeting focused on addressing community concerns regarding zoning permit requests, particularly related to a permit on E Street that has drawn significant feedback from residents. Chanettia Nelson and Commissioner Orendoff are working together to document these concerns and improve communication with the community. Nelson acknowledged delays in communication from ANC 7-F, which affected the timeline for community input, and Senai Medhani expressed frustration over the financial impact these delays have had on his partners.

Nelson raised issues regarding parking variations on Eads Street and the commercialization of residential properties, criticizing the submitted parking photo as misleading. She also addressed the transition home operated by the Nehemiah Project, noting its quiet operation and lack of issues, while TBello provided updates on the expansion of a facility on Clay Street. Nelson shared her email to ensure constituents receive important information, and Medhani responded to community inquiries with specific addresses.

Concerns about transparency and community engagement were voiced by Makeda Okolo, who opposed the proposed assisted living facility due to perceived discrepancies in the applicants' presentations. Nelson echoed these concerns, particularly regarding the ANC's response to the Zoning Commission meeting, and sought clarification on monitoring the facility. Latoya Liles-Walker expressed worries about the proliferation of certain businesses in Ward 7, emphasizing the need for transparency during the BZA application process to mitigate negative impacts on the community.

The discussion included a focus on the community's needs and the importance of establishing a community benefit agreement that addresses these concerns. Commissioner KSO suggested that a proposed 16-bed facility should be reduced to an 8-bed capacity for better community relations. Both commissioners agreed on the necessity of collaboration with the community to foster trust and address the residents' lived experiences, particularly regarding parking issues on local streets. Nelson outlined the upcoming schedule for the zoning commission hearing and general commission meeting, emphasizing the importance of community input in these discussions.

Chapters & Topics:

Community Concerns Regarding Zoning Permit Requests

Chanettia Nelson discussed the need for clarity regarding a zoning permit request that has raised community concerns. She noted that there was confusion during a previous hearing, where the permit applicant's representative claimed there were no issues with the permit, which contradicted the community's feedback. Commissioner Orendoff expressed his opposition to the proposed increase in bed size for the assisted living program, citing concerns about parking and the impact on the residential neighborhood.

* The operational details of the assisted living facilities, including staffing and monitoring.

Community Concerns and Communication Gaps

Chanettia Nelson apologized for the communication lapse from ANC 7-F that delayed community input on a permit request. Senai Medhani highlighted the financial impact on his partners due to this delay and explained that they communicated with property owners rather than renters, as the owners are

responsible for the property. He emphasized the importance of addressing landlord-tenant issues directly between the two parties.

Community Parking Concerns on Eads Street

Chanettia Nelson shared her findings on parking patterns in the Eads Street area, noting significant variations and concerns regarding the commercialization of residential homes. She pointed out that a transition home across the street adds to the complexity of the situation. Nelson criticized the submitted parking photo for not accurately depicting the community's parking habits, stressing the importance of trust and credibility in community engagement.

Discussion on Assisted Living Facilities on E Street and Clay Street

Chanettia Nelson discussed the transition home run by the Nehemiah Project, emphasizing its quiet operation. TBello explained that the Clay Street facility is licensed as a system living residence and is expanding, while E Street is not currently in use. Aaron Eyob, the property owner, confirmed that both properties were acquired with the intent to establish assisted living residences.

* Community concerns regarding the impact of the proposed assisted living facilities on local residents.

Community Engagement and Information Sharing

Chanettia Nelson offered her email for constituents to receive updates, while Senai Medhani provided the addresses for Clay Street and Eads Street. The conversation also addressed questions from community members, including clarifications on the meaning of the acronym "7504," which refers to a single member district. Nelson encouraged community participation by inviting questions.

Community Concerns Regarding Assisted Living Facility Proposal

Makeda Okolo raised serious concerns about the proposed assisted living facility, accusing the applicants of dishonesty and inadequate communication with the community. She highlighted the inconsistency in the applicants' claims regarding their current operations and the need for transparency. Commissioner Chanettia Nelson noted the importance of building rapport with the community and addressing their concerns directly.

Discussion on ANC Response and Facility Monitoring

Commissioner Chanettia Nelson expressed dissatisfaction with the ANC's response during the Zoning Commission meeting, highlighting that safety and parking issues were not addressed. She emphasized the need for confirmation regarding a walkthrough by Commissioner Orendoff and raised questions about the facility's monitoring. TBello indicated that there were no objections to the walkthrough and acknowledged the ANC's concerns about the case.

Community Concerns and BZA Process in Ward 7

Latoya Liles-Walker raised concerns about the types of businesses being established in Ward 7, suggesting that the area is becoming a dumping ground for facilities that may not be welcomed by the community. She urged business owners to thoroughly research and understand the BZA application process, highlighting her own lengthy experience with it. Commissioner Chanettia Nelson addressed a resident's comment regarding a missing certified letter about a facility, requesting a copy for verification.

Community Concerns Regarding Facility Operations and Monitoring

Rita Brown-Hall expressed worries about the potential increase in residents at a facility and the impact on parking and community safety, emphasizing the need for proper monitoring. Senai Medhani

responded that the facility would have caregivers living on-site and that staffing would be adjusted if the number of residents increased. TBello added that operational regulations would ensure adequate supervision and that the facility would meet parking requirements.

* The potential for community engagement and collaboration between the facility operators and local residents.

Community Concerns and Zoning Commission Preparations

Commissioner Chanettia Nelson discussed the need for community input before the zoning commission meeting, suggesting that residents submit questions after reviewing the PowerPoint presentation. Aaron Eyob highlighted the unique parking situation on Clay and Edith Streets, noting the variability in parking availability throughout the day. Nelson acknowledged this variability while stressing the importance of respecting residents' experiences.

Community Concerns and Zoning Discussions

Commissioner Chanettia Nelson and Commissioner 7F03 KSO addressed community concerns about zoning permits and the establishment of new facilities in the area. Commissioner KSO opposed the proposed 16-bed facility, advocating for a reduced capacity of 8 beds to allow for better community integration. Both commissioners emphasized the importance of community engagement and collaboration in addressing local issues.

* The zoning commission's requirements and the applicants' compliance with those regulations.

Action Items:

- * The applicants will prepare to address community concerns regarding the expansion of the facility and the number of residents during the upcoming zoning commission meeting.
- * Commissioner 7F03 KSO will schedule a walkthrough of the facilities to address community concerns and gain a better understanding of the operations.
- * Commissioner Chanettia Nelson will send the PowerPoint presentation to constituents after receiving it from the applicants to ensure community members have access to the information.
- * The applicants will provide a copy of the certified letter sent to residents regarding the facility to ensure transparency in communication.

Key Questions:

- * What are the specific community concerns regarding the proposed zoning permits?
- * Can the applicants confirm the addresses for both Eads and Clay Street?
- * What is the rationale behind expanding the number of beds from four to sixteen?
- * How will the facility ensure adequate monitoring and support for residents?