

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

FINAL Approved 3/13/23

# **Monthly Public Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm Washington, DC 20002

Register and enter: ANC5D

or

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## STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

## Welcome & Reports

• Call to Order & Roll Call

Comm. Sauceda-Guzman

7:00 PM

Present: Commissioners Rhodes, Roblin, Cobb, Sauceda-Guzman, Henderson, McCullum, May, Blacknell (5D01 is vacant as of February 11, 2023). Commissioner Sauceda-Guzman confirmed that 5D has quorum.

• Adoption of the Agenda

Comm. Sauceda-Guzman

7:05 PM

AND 5D voted 8-0-0 to add the monthly treasurer's report to the agenda after the adoption of the minutes (motion: Sauceda-Guzman; second: Blacknell), 8-0-0 to to add a presentation from Councilmember Parker's office to the agenda (motion: Sauceda-Guzman; second: Roblin), 7-1-0 to add a voting action on a letter regarding park space in Carver-Langston (motion: Sauceda-Guzman; second May; against: Henderson).

• Adoption of the Minutes

Comm. May

7:08 PM

AND 5D voted 7-1-0 to adopt the minutes from January's monthly public meeting (motion: Sauceda-Guzman; second: Blacknell; opposed: Henderson). Commissioner Henderson expressed concern about the transmission of meeting minutes to her government email, which she said she does not have access to, and requested emails be sent to her personal address. Commissioner Sauceda-Guzman clarified that ANC 5D's bylaws require official notice to be sent to the official email for each commissioner.

Presentation of the Treasurer's Monthly Report

Comm. Cobb

7:20 PM

Commissioner Cobb reported that ANC 5D had an opening and closing balance of \$28,716.46 (no expenditures)

## Officer Election

Parliamentarian

Comm. Sauceda-Guzman

7:12 PM

Commissioner McCullum received a nomination for Parliamentarian (nomination: May). ANC 5D commenced a roll call vote and Commissioner McCullum was elected on a 6-0-2 vote: Rhodes (yes), Roblin (yes), Cobb (yes), Sauceda-Guzman (yes), Henderson (abstention), McCullum (abstention), May (yes), Blacknell (yes).

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Commissioner Reports

5D ANC Commissioners

- 5D01: Comm. Sauceda-Guzman spoke on behalf of the vacant commission. They shared several public safety related concerns and noted that several TSIs have recently been filed for the area. Former Comm. Ryan placed Comm. Sauceda-Guzman's contact information in her out-of-office upon resignation.
- 5D02: Comm. Rhodes recently met with DPR regarding Crummel; renovations unlikely to be final until 2025. Department of Buildings is on the call tonight and will be sharing information with constituents. Presentation on the results of the chemical plant test coming in March.
- 5D03: Comm. Roblin shared recent concerns about the pit on Florida Ave. between West Virginia and Montello; been like this for 10 years; working with CM Parker's office to seek resolution (same issue at 1108 Montello). Also working to secure more real-time information for bus depots. Working to launch a community action group and is planning to bring this up at the next COW meeting.
- 5D04: Installing new sidewalks on the 1200 block of Meigs Pl NE; block will also be getting speed humps this spring.
- 5D05: Same note as 5D04 re: speed humps on Meigs Pl NE. Some recent issues on West Virginia Ave regarding people occupying vacant structures and some resident complaints/concerns.
- 5D06: as noted at the January meeting, focusing on cleanliness of 5D06 and surrounding areas; recently coordinated with MPD, FEMS and DPW to remove an unhoused person who had been living in their vehicle on Maryland Ave. Recently in touch with management at Hechinger Mall to request that they complete a cleaning. Assisted residents who were affected by a fire at 1834 L St NE, some of whom were displaced. Concerned about efforts to explore a park space at 19th and L St NE. Indicated that she has a petition from residents who are interested in in-person monthly public meetings.
- 5D07: community cleanup planned for 5D07 on February 19th at 11:30am. Spoke about continued concerns regarding the alley between H St and H Pl NE and efforts to ameliorate alongside DPW. Also mentioned high rate of construction in 5D07 and encouraged residents to contact 311 and also reach out to him with any illegal construction concerns.
- 5D08; speed humps coming to 1800 block of M St NE. Community conversation with CM Parker on Thursday re: park space.
- 5D09: speed humps for 2100 and 2200 block of M St NE; also working to clear the RVs that have been parked at the east end of Maryland Avenue near the old Arboretum gate. HPRB did not approve the plan to construct a new car barn facility at the Spingarn Campus.

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Public Safety Report 5th District Officers 7:45 PM

Sgt. Hanson from the 5th District shared previous 30 day crime statistics: 1 homicide, 12 assaults involving a dangerous weapon (largely domestic), 8 robberies, 7 burglaries, 12 MV thefts (mostly vehicles left running/unattended), 18 theft from auto. OAG, DC Safe and others are starting an outreach program in the Carver Terrace and Langston Terrace area-specifically focused on domestic disputes.

- Comm. Sauceda-Guzman encouraged residents to call 911 if they see anything concerning.
- Comm. Roblin asked about lag times calling 911 and Sgt. Hanson noted that the Office of Unified Communications oversees 911 calls.
- Comm. Henderson asked about the homicide on 21st Pl NE, but Sgt. Hanson had no details to offer.
- Comm. McCullum raised concerns about an alley behind 18th St. NE. Sgt. Hanson offered to refer the concern to the crime suppression team.
- Comm. May offered that Commander Alteri had shared that an arrest was made in the homicide case on 21st Pl NE and that it was domestic in nature.
- Comm. Blacknell echoed that notice from Commander Alteri.
- Comm. Sauceda-Guzman requested that Sgt. Hanson share with his superiors regarding the challenges faced by residents in receiving a response from 911.
- Resident Juanita Diggs asked about increased police presence during the warmer months and Sgt. Hanson indicated that Commander Alteri would likely support that sort of presence.
  - Executive Office of the Mayor

Christopher Ingram

7:55 PM

There were no members of the Mayor's office available/present at the meeting.

Ward 5 Councilmember's Office

Oliver Stoute

8:05 PM

Oliver Stoute from CM Parker's shared that the office is launching a "Senior's Advisory Committee" that will include senior citizen representatives from across the community; 9 volunteer members will serve two-year terms and Oliver encouraged residents and commissioners to spread the word. Additionally, Oliver shared that CM Parker's office will be sharing their budget letter (with feedback from 300 community members) with the mayor's office shortly. 5D commissioners asked a series of questions about the budgetary form, the senior committee, etc.

Oliver clarified that residents can make budgetary requests directly to the Councilmember by contact the office via email or phone.

The next regularly scheduled, public meeting will begin at 7PM on Monday, March 13, 2023.

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#### **COMMISSION ACTIONS**

## Requested Presentations - 5-8 minutes each/ 5 minutes for questions each

Councilmember Zachary Parker

Zachary Parker

8:20 PM

CM Parker visited with ANC 5D-his first ANC public meeting! He noted that it is oversight season and he encouraged residents and commissioners to attend hearings and provide their inputs regarding budgetary priorities. He shared a bit of information about some challenges regarding the DCPS budget and the soon-to-be-launched senior advisory committee. Various Commissioners asked questions of CM Parker, including questions related to budgetary priorities, community concerns, and so forth. One community member asked about whether CM Parker supported an increase in the MPD budget and he said that, while he wants MPD to have the resources it needs, it already receives more than \$500 million.

•	-PEPCO CAG - Feasibility Study Update	Ronald Lester	8:20 PM
•	OFC - Campaign Finance Programs	Nathasha Alexander	8:30 PM

Langston Revitalization & Sustainability Plan Brodrick Spencer/DCHA 8:45 PM Brodrick Spencer works with the DC Housing Authority; they have been working with residents since last summer to get feedback on how to modernize Langston Terrace. They've had three community-wide events with more than 75 participants. Brodrick and his colleague Scott Archer summarized the current state of the planning effort (planning phase with procurement and construction to follow)-see slide deck on minutes w/ attachments for more details.

### <u>Voting Actions</u> - 5-15 minutes each/ 5 minutes for questions

Z.C. Case No. 22-21: PUD; 2225-2229 M St. NE 2229 M Street, LLC 9:00 PM

Meghan Hottel-Cox began the presentation by noting that they would review the final project design for the PUD, which includes many changes incorporated since the beginning of this project. Peter Stuart provided a review of the site plan and some of the feedback and changes; Rob McClennan reviewed recent architectural changes; William Zeid reviewed changes to parking layout and offered to support ANC5D should we seek to secure additional zoned parking, all via a slide deck-see slide deck on minutes w/ attachments for more details.

# Some of the changes made-

- → 15 foot decrease in height (7 stories with a penthouse)
- → Most studio apartments removed (only 4 remain) and the building now offers mostly one bedrooms
- → Now 92 total units (down from 120) averaging 600 sq. ft of living space
- → The rear area has been reconfigured and parking relief is no longer required

Comm. Cobb abstained from review and voting on the zoning case due to his federal employment and was not

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## present for the review.

Comm. Blacknell shared that she had recently received a letter from residents on M St NE in favor of the project and, for that reason, she supports moving forward.

ANC5D voted 6-1-1 to support the PUD (motion: Blacknell; second: Rhodes; opposed: Henderson; abstention: Cobb)

• Letter to DPR re: park space in Carver-Langston

Comm. Reid May

8:45 PM

After robust discussion, ANC5D voted 7-1-0 (motion: May; second: Rhodes; against: Henderson) to support the letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation. See the draft letter <u>here</u>. Final version will be attached to the minutes w/ attachments and viewable on ANC5D's website.

Community Feedback & Questions - 1 minute each / 5-10 minutes total

9:20 PM

Adjourn 9:30 PM

ANC5D voted to adjourn the February monthly meeting 8-0-0 at 10:04pm (motion: Sauceda-Guzman; second: McCullum).

Attached Documents (on the minutes w/ attachments)

- Slides regarding the Langston Revitalization and Sustainability Plan, as shared
- Presentation for 2229 M St NE, as shared
- ANC 5D's letter of support for the PUD at 2229 M St NE, as approved 6-1-1
- ANC 5D's letter of support for park space in Carver-Langston, as approved 7-1-0

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