



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANC 5D

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

Final Minutes - Approved at May 14, 2024 Public Meeting

Monthly Public Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Washington, DC 20002

Register and enter: ANC5D

or

Dial: 301-715-8592 and enter: 889-3119-8671#

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

Call to Order & Roll Call Comm Sauced-Guzman 07:07 PM

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Cobb, Sauced-Guzman, McCullum, May

Welcome & Reports

7:07 Call to Order Comm Sauced-Guzman

7:07 Roll Call, Comm. Sauced-Guzman. Roblin and Blacknell absent.

7:09 Comm. Sauced-Guzman announced we have quorum

Comm Henderson requested the Trash Committee Proposal be removed from the Consent Calendar and agenda. There was discussion on the guidance of OANC Counsel Denise Wiktor.

Comm Arbuckle said a representative from the Minetta Tavern cannot make it. Comm Sauced-Guzman said we can still vote on it.

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Adoption of the Agenda

7:16 Comm Sauced-Guzman motioned to adopt the agenda. Second Rhodes. 6-1-0 Henderson opposed. Blacknell and Roblin absent.

Adoption of the Minutes

7:16 Comm Sauced-Guzman said he asked Secretary Roblin in advance of tonight's meeting to hold off on the adoption of the meeting minutes to a later date, preferably just prior to our July break.

Treasurer's Reports

7:17 Comm Cobb said we're covering January also because OANC switched over our bookkeeping program and they had some kinks with it. They got it fixed so we have Jan and Feb.

January monthly treasurer's report we have a opening balance of \$35,478. We had one expense of \$34.45 which is our monthly subscription to Mailchimp giving us a closing balance of \$35,443.55, which is also our opening balance for February. We had two expenses totaling \$1,464.45 which is our monthly Mailchimp expense and we also had a onetime expense for yard signs, notifying people of our monthly meetings and providing people more information about our ANC and what we do. We approved this expense in a prior meeting. That gave us a closing February balance of \$33,979.10.

Comm Sauced-Guzman asked Comm Cobb to remind the public where to find the Treasurer's Report. Com. Cobb said every monthly report is linked in our agendas and at the end of every quarter when we have the Quarterly Financial Report that's linked in the agenda for that monthly meeting as well.

7:20 STANDING PRESENTATIONS (5-8 MINUTES, 2 MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS)

Commissioner's Reports (3 min)

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5D01 Comm Arbuckle does not have anything right now but will probably have something he wants to discuss at the next meeting

5D02 Comm Rhodes said Empower DC will be having a workshop tomorrow. The Environmental Justice Act of 2023 hearing will be this Monday the 18th. Our Councilmember, Zachary Parker, introduced this bill and we want as many people as possible to testify. This Friday March 15 Galludet Street will be designated Alexander Crummell Way. There will be a ceremony this Friday at 11am. On the 20th we'll have a DPR and DGS community meeting about the renovation of Crummell at Trinity Baptist Church. On March 23rd the Office of Planning will have office hours at Trinity Baptist Church. We ask everyone clean the front of your home because we have a Clean Team but right now they only do businesses. Until we get them a contract for the residential side please help. There's trash everywhere.

5D03 Comm Roblin said we'll have Zachary Parker at our next Trinidad Community Meeting. It'll be April 1st at Wheatley School's library. Our Trash and Beautification Committee had a tree walk and looked at removing and planting trees. There's about 10-12 spots we're planting new trees. If you're interested in joining a Committee or working group let me know. The Trash Committee will start having monthly cleanups twice a month all around 5D every 2nd Wed at 5 and 4th Saturday at 10.

5D04 Comm Cobb said he wants to echo what Comm Rhodes said about the trash. Please keep in mind street sweeping season has started. We have a Clean Team but the easiest way to keep our neighborhood clean is if you just clean the trash in front of your home.

5D05 Comm Saucedo-Guzman said both lanes on Mt Olivet have temporarily opened up to 2 lanes on each side but eventually they will make it only one lane going each way. We have a Z Burger Coming to Mt. Olivet next to Kovacks. The corner of Montello and Raum has been selected as a potential drug free zone. We have a lot of neighbors here who like to enjoy the neighborhood by doing things like blasting music. Some neighbors are not fond of that, I know we have different opinions on some of that neighborhood culture but 5D is ready and preparing themselves for this summer in terms of how these policies will be enacted in the neighborhood. If you have any questions feel free to ask MPD monitoring get them answered.

5D06 Comm Henderson said she had a effective meeting March 1st at Union Heights. Our next meeting will be April 10th we have a special surprise for you. On March 2nd I attended the Mayor's public safety meeting for ANCs. Starburst Plaza will be designated a drug free zone. I attended the DDOT meeting on changes for 17th and Mt Olivet, which the majority of persons attending oppose. We'll notify Ms Kershbaum we oppose the changes because they don't make sense and will cause a disparate traffic impact on the surrounding community. I had at least 10 locations I put out service requests for in my SMD, I requested petway signs to stop pet owners from leaving pet waste on our streets. It's a health hazard and a \$250 fine. I've reached out to Captain Monahan regarding the lack of police presence throughout the community.

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5D07 Comm McCullum commends the police for putting more patrols in the neighborhood, especially at 19th and Bennett Place. I have a meeting scheduled with DPW about cleaning the alleys. I'd like to ask for a moment of condolence for Ethelyn Lena Henry and I'd like to commend our neighbors for being supportive to them. I'll be glad to collaborate and work with everyone, please reach out to me.

5D08 Comm May said his primary update is on the Mt Olivet 17th St corridor. The corridor will be converted to 3 lanes, 2 travel lanes and a turn lane and a 2 way cycle track that continues to Potomac Ave and Barney Circle. I would say, in contrast to my colleague, that most of the commentary on the plan was very positive. We'll have a final design plans probably in April.

5D09 Comm Blacknell was absent

7:39 Comm Sauced-Guzman answered a few questions from residents and there was discussion on trash pickup and cleaning the neighborhood. Comm McCullum asked everyone to keep doing 311 calls. Mr Black from the Mayor's Office said if there's a nuisance home reach out to DOB.

5D Public Safety Report

7:51 Lieutenant Miller from MPD filled in for Captain Monahan. We had a homicide March 8 that was closed by a arrest that happened at 1237 Mt Olivet. The suspect was arrested at the scene. There were 3 recent robberies, one Feb 27 on 2000 block of West Virginia, one on 1300 block of Orren which was domestic related and the person who a arrested, and Feb 20 st 1100 block of Morse St. Overall in the 5th District assaults are down 57% this year, violecrume is down 20% homicides are up by one Motor vehicle theft is up. Comm Henderson asked about 2 homicides, one at Starburst Plaza and one on the 1900 block of I St. There was a discussion of 2 shootings near the 7 food store, then he spoke about the drug free zones.

8:02 EOM (Mayor's Office liason), Anthony Black.

Registration for DPR Spring programming opens today. Street sweeping is in effect. Please make sure you move your car to the opposite side of the street those days. Last Friday I spent all day in 5D and major issues were illegal dumping, illegal construction, and sidewalk repair. He put in 68 311 requests for the Commission and will continue to do that. Clean City will have their Earth Day cleanups this year on April 27th across the City.

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Comm McCullum asked for the Mayor's Office to give more notice of events. Comm Rhodes asked for assistance with the Ivy City Hotel and Comm Roblin echoed Comm McCullum's request for the Mayor's Office to send email invitations in a timely manner.

8:12 Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember's Office, Oliver Stoute

We had a cleanup with Clean City in Eckington and will do one in Ft Lincoln and we'd like to do one in 5D. MPD is working with OAG to get the Ivy City Hotel to improve security. Cm Parker sent his budget request to the Mayor using input from Ward 5 residents and civic leaders. The Cm was happy to pass the LGBTQ+ History Preservation Amendment Act. The Council passed the Secure DC Omnibus Bill and yesterday the Mayor signed it. We'll be attending all the events Comm Rhodes spoke about regarding Crummell and the Ivy City Small Area Plan.

8:28 Department of Motor Vehicles, Director Gabriel Robinson

Director Robinson said they have recently made some changes to their website to make things easier for the active duty military and foreign service members of DC when they're out of the country. They have a mobile app. Type in DCDMV to get it. Please download it, there are a number of transactions you can do from it. You can get a status of your inspection and your inspection report and email them to yourself. We're hiring and at the Mayor's recent hiring fairs, please consider us! You can also get information on vehicle recalls on our website now in real time. We're revamping our whole website so your experience will be seamless. We opened another OBD (on board diagnostic inspection kiosk), a self-service kiosk people can use with some stipulations, in Ft Stanton Park Ward 8. We have one as well in Takoma and are looking for another site as well. They have step by step instructions.

8:49 Office of Planning, the Ivy City Small Area Plan

Our main goals sit under the umbrella of equity. They include setting up a framework for improved quality of life with a focus on urban design, with options to mitigate displacement, improved quality of housing and affordability. We're developing a health evaluation tool for our recommendations. We'll be working with the community to develop recommendations that improve and don't exacerbate the challenging health and environmental outcomes that Ivy City is experiencing. In May there will be a open house and we expect to

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have a draft plan in July. Everyone is invited to the plan's Community Workshop Sat March 23rd at Trinity Baptist Church. Our goals are to work closely with the community.

8:59 Comm Roblin said she's running out of battery on both her devices and requested to move the BZA for 1127 Orren up in time. Comm Sauced-Guzman said she can make a motion for that after they do the Consent Calendar Items.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

Requested Presentation (5-8 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

Voting Actions (10-15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

9:02 Consent Calendar Items

Comm Sauced-Guzman motioned to approve 2 of our 3 Consent Calendar Items, the Resolution on disconnection of utilities and the support for the H St NE bus priority project. The 3rd was the Trash Committee item which Comm Henderson had requested be removed from the Consent Calendar so it was moved to a voting action item. Second Comm May 5-1-0. Comm Henderson opposed. Comm Roblin, McCullum and Blacknell absent.

9:05 Trash Committee Purchase

Comm Sauced-Guzman motioned to approve Second Rhodes 6-1-0, Henderson opposed.

BZA and ZC Cases

9:15 BZA Case for 1725 Montello Ave. They revised the floor plan and went from 17 units to 11 units and will only ask for an exception 2 parking spaces, not 4. They're now larger units with more bedrooms.

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Comm Sauced-Guzman asked them to postpone their BZA date because some Commissioners didn't receive the information they requested. He invited them to join their next Zoning Committee meeting and they can present at our April meeting.

9:43 ZC Case No. 24-04 for 1271 5th St NE. Edens updated us as to this hotel project, as there's been a change in regulations that affected the entitlement route they were previously pursuing. Instead of being 50 Ft tall it will be 70 ft tall. Around 100 rooms. They're asking for 4 special exceptions and a map amendment. In September they received a letter of support after a vote for 5 special exceptions. After that OP who always supported the project, made some Zoning changes so we had to work with OP to change our plans. They recommended a map amendment for the one area that was a special exception but is now considered a Variance. So now we're pursuing (at the same time) 4 special exceptions, which 5D previously approved, at the BZA, and one map amendment at the ZC. They're asking for a letter of support on both items. **Comm Arbuckle motioned in support. Second, May. 7-0-1. Blacknell absent, Cobb abstained.**

10:08 Comm Arbuckle spoke on the request of the Minetta Tavern because the presenter from Minetta was not able to make it to the meeting. They're requesting a letter of support for a retractable awning. **Comm Sauced-Guzman motioned to table the matter. Second Rhodes. 8-0-0 Blacknell absent.**

10:15 BZA Case 21096 1127 Orren St NE. Requesting exceptions for converting existing residential building to a multi-unit building and altering the existing rooftop architectural element. **Comm Roblin motioned that ANC5D votes to support this project contingent on Mr Lagroom the abutting neighbor, submitting own letter of support later this month. That's bc he wants to resolve a few building code issues but he I'm confident that he will support the project. Second May. 6-1-1 Cobb abstained, Blacknell absent.**

10:31 Community Feedback & Questions (10-20 min)

Comm Sauced-Guzman mentioned that we're still hiring a administrative personnel. We'll do interviews next month and will take a final vote on the hiring at our May meeting. Comm Sauced-Guzman is holding office hours for 5D which will be the 3rd Saturday of the month between 11-2 for anyone that has issues and wants assistance finding resolution feel free to show up at the Rec Center.

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10:39 Adjournment

Comm Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:39. Second McCullum. 8-0-0. Blacknell absent.

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