



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANC 5D**

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D**

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Monthly Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Washington, DC 20002

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STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order & Roll Call Comm May 7:06 PM

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Cobb, McCullum, Henderson joined at 7:11.

Absent: Saucedo-Guzman

Welcome & Reports

7:05 Comm May announced Comm Saucedo-Guzman our Chair is away today and he, our Vice Chair, will facilitate our meeting

7:06 Call to Order Comm May

7:06 Roll Call, Comm May

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Cobb, McCullum, May, Blacknell, Absent: Henderson, Saucedo-Guzman

7:06 Comm May announced we have quorum

7:07 Adoption of the Agenda, Comm May

7:07 Comm May asked if any Commissioners would like to make a amendment to the agenda

7:08 Comm McCullum motioned to move the BZA Case 21091 from 8:50 in our schedule to 7:20 contingent on the BZA presenters being able to do it at 7:20 because he is ill and may have to leave early. Second Rhodes 7-1-0 Henderson opposed, Saucedo-Guzman absent.

7:10 there were 31 participants in attendance

7:11 Comm May motioned to remove the Porta-potty Resolution and Comm May said Siren was no longer requesting a stipulated liquor license and the items were bundled together for the motion. Second Mc Cullum. 8-0-0 Saucedo-Guzman absent.

7:13 Comm Rhodes moved to add the Lead-Free DC Water presentation to the agenda. Second May. 8-0-0. Absent: Saucedo-Guzman. It passed.

7:13 Comm May motioned we adopt the agenda as amended. Second Cobb. 8-0-0 Saucedo-Guzman absent. Passed.

7:14 Adoption Of Meeting Minutes

7:15 Comm Roblin motioned to approve the February and March Minutes. Second May 7-1-0 Henderson opposed, Saucedo-Guzman absent. It was approved.

7:16 Treasurer's Monthly and Quarterly Reports

7:16 Monthly Report

Comm Cobb said for April 2024 we had a opening balance of \$39,557.73. We had 3 expenses that totaled \$1,924.01, alot of that was a one-time expense for our Trash Committee supplies and tools. So we had a closing balance at the end of April of \$37,633.72

7:18 Quarterly Financial Report

Comm Cobb gave the Quarterly Financial Report covering Fiscal Year 2024 Q2 which is January, February and March of this year. He said we started the year with a balance of \$35,478.00. We had total receipts of \$6,653.74 and total expenses of \$2,574.01 for a ending balance at the end of March 2024 of \$39,557.73

7:21 Comm Cobb moved to adopt the FY 2024 Q2 Financial Report. Second Blacknell 7-1-0 Henderson opposed, Saucedo-Guzman absent. Approved.

7:21 BZA Case 21091 828 21st St NE, Garima Gupta, Elizabeth Stuart

7:22 Comm Cobb recused himself because his day job is a conflict and he cannot vote on BZAs

7:23 Discussion: Comm Henderson had asked Comm Cobb where he worked and he did not answer. Comm Henderson wants it on the record that she asked a question and he did not respond and she'd like him to answer the question when he comes back. Comm McCullum said as our Parliamentarian he opines that Comm Cobb is not required to answer the question.

7:27 They are requesting 2 areas of relief, E207.4 for a rear addition exceeding 10 ft past the adjoining neighbor, and E204.18 to modify the existing architectural rooftop element. They revised the facade and believe that concern is now resolved and will reduce the addition by 3 ft to reduce impact on the neighbors. They're working with adjacent neighbors and have received a few letters of no objection from people on the block and the owner is working with adjacent neighbors. It was decided that they need to get more letters of support from the neighbors and come back to our June meeting for a vote. They requested and will receive help from Comm McCullum as to scheduling with the community for better communication.

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

7:59 Commissioner Reports (3 min each)
ANC 5D Commissioners

5D01 Comm Arbuckle does not have anything to share

5D02 Comm Rhodes said the Office of Planning is having their Small Area Plan open house May 21 6-8 at Trinity Baptist Church. Please come out to see what's planned for Ivy City. Bethesda Baptist Church is having a community day June 8 11-2 which will be a family fun event. Our Violence Interruptors were supposed to be having a Trinidad Ivy City event at Lewis Crowe park tomorrow but it'll be canceled if it rains. It's tomorrow evening from 4-7.

D03 Comm Roblin wanted to say a few things about cleaning bc she's the Chair of the Trash and Beautification Committee and give everyone some tips on it. She asked everyone to give her any tips and ideas they have. Like Comm Rhodes said in another meeting if everyone cleans up the street and sidewalk in front their home it would make a huge difference. Hanging a bag from your fence helps alot bc people put their trash in the bag as they walk by instead of throwing it down. It's working very well. If you see any areas that could use another littercan you can ask your Commissioner to ask for one. I'm going to get Do Not Litter signs for every SMD. Our Committee has 2 monthly cleanups the 2nd Wed 5-7 and 4th Sat 10-12. Please join our cleanup group email list you can invite everyone to popup or planned meetings. In future Trinidad Community Meetings

we'll have the Dept of Aging, Zachary Parker and Kevin Horgan our Zoning Committee Co-Chair.

5D04 Comm Cobb said last year WMATA released a proposed complete redo of all the bus routes in the DC area. We wrote a letter to WMATA supporting some and opposing some. Last week they released the new proposed bus routes, taking into account the public's feedback and their expected budget over the next few years and he's happy that a lot of the changes we wanted were implemented. He dropped the link to the proposed bus routes in the chat.

5D05 Comm Saucedo-Guzman was absent

5D06 Comm Henderson shared she attended Chair Mendelson's quarterly ANC meeting. I testified before the Council regarding the Budget Support Act. I continue to schedule community cleanups throughout June. The area is looking good. Safeway has responded to my request including having the illegal dumping addressed. The entire Mall area is looking cleaner. I'm still having problems with DPW not issuing fines and making false responses to service requests. I've forwarded that to the IG. I have concerns with DDOT's response to the RPP request that's been approved for the 1,000 block 17th Place. I've requested they turn on the water at the fountain at Starburst Plaza. Our community continues to oppose the road diet for 17th St. We have some special events coming up. I really appreciate that I'm seeing more police presence. If anyone sees anyone passed out or what looks like illegal activity please call 911 immediately so we can have enough calls for service so we can continue to warrant higher police intervention.

5D07 Comm McCullum said he has reports from constituents that people are leaving dog poop bags in not OK places. Please capture video if you see that so we can report them. There's concern with constituents that meet behind H St and 19 St where they meet at the 4way alleyway that has been a notorious dumping zone. DPW will not pick it up it has to be a private company. I've seen trucks where the truck never went down the alley and the people on it just pick up a few bags they can get by hand. I'm in talks with the company to remedy that. I want to thank the police for greater presence. The store at the corner of 19th and Bennett has been doing a very good job of trying to clean up the loitering.

5D08 Comm May said the Notices Of Intent for the 17th St multimodal project just came out and they're open until June 11th. We'll have a quick presentation about that coming up. DPR is planning to begin some community engagement around the planning of a small park in Carver-Langston, hopefully in June. I encourage everyone to take a look at the Better Bus Network that Comm Cobb mentioned.

5D09 Comm Blacknell said she's pleased to announce they're finally working on the inside of Spingarn (unintelligible) be ready. I'm happy that government officials are working with the homeless person who's living at the Arboretum. People are concerned about the camera that's been removed from 19th and Bennett Place, it's been removed because it's being serviced and it has not been replaced yet. Please leave your name and contact information when you email me.

7:56 there were 41 participants in attendance

8:14 5th District Public Safety Report. MPD Lieutenant Commodore

Lieutenant Commodore said he's a PSA 506 Lieutenant but he will do updates for 507 also. They are working with the store on 1830 Benning Rd to stop the large gatherings and it's working and the lot has been a lot cleaner the last few months. Over the last 10 days there were no violent crimes in 506. Property crimes have also dwindled to -12%. We have our hotspot policing: at 1423 Trinidad we had a long conversation, at Mt Olivet at Circle 7, the 1200 block of Simms, 11th and Raum, the 1600 block of 11th Place. We try to have enough resources out there to discourage any form of criminal activity. We push and pull our assets, meaning we'll have one PSA ride the borders while another PSA pays special attention to the specific places where we can deter crime. We want to keep up this same momentum over the summer and we'll hopefully see a great decrease in activity around there.

8:25 Mayor's Office, MOCR Anthony Black

No major updates. The DPR summer program registration opened today at 12pm. It offers aquatics, sports and cultural arts for ages 6 to our seniors. The Giant BBQ Battle will be June 22 and 23 from 3rd and Pennsylvania to 7th. I will have tickets for whoever wants them. Please reach out if you'd like them. My Ward days are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 5pm. I encourage everyone to call on me and we'll get out in the community.

8:28 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office, Sam Bonar

Sam shared that he is replacing Oliver Stoute because Oliver isn't feeling well. He does Commissions 5E and F and Oliver does 5B and D. Please go to ward5.us/news to see our most recent newsletter, we release it every Friday, it has events, updates and much more. We also have a podcast now, we're on episode 6. Tomorrow is the Council budget work session. The Cm has heard from many constituents on their budget priorities and he has been championing the District Child Tax Credit and reverses to cuts in the early child educator pay equity program. He also released a letter last week on LGBTQ+ investments and is sending a letter to his Council colleagues to move the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs out of the Executive Office of the Mayor to be its own stand alone entity to allow for greater transparency and accountability, especially ahead of World Pride next year. He released the Mathematics Education Improvement Amendment Act. The first budget vote is in 2 weeks and the 2nd one is June 12.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

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

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

8:35 DDOT, Will Handsfield on 17th St and Mt Olivet construction

Will shared that the NOI is open for comments now until June 11. He said we're approaching the first phase of a 4 phase construction project on 17th and Mt Olivet. There will be 4 phases of construction, the first will be Mt Olivet between 9th and Bladensburg and we think we can start that in July if all goes well and weather cooperates. The portion in ANC 5D goes from Bladensburg to Benning Rd and has primarily a 4 to 3 lane road diet for cars with the inclusion of a 2 way bicycle facility, and crossing ameliorations at 3 uncontrolled crossing locations. All hopefully will wrap before Christmastime.

8:48 DC Water Lead Free Project Presentation, Sean Moore

Lead Free DC is DC Water's plan to remove all lead service lines from the City. We will replace all the lead service lines that we know about and work to verify the material of other service lines across the City bc there's alot of lines we don't know or are not sure about what the material is. We've replaced 5,700 lead service lines since we began in 2019. We prioritize environmental justice and vulnerable populations. Our target date is 2037. The date is based on the EPA'S new lead and carpet rule which requires all lead service lines to be replaced by 2037. Lead is a powerful neurotoxin and exposure to lead can damage the brain. There is no safe level of lead. It's particularly dangerous for children and infants. It causes many illnesses in adults as well and makes existing problems worse. The replacement is free to homeowners and for rental buildings as well it's 100% free.

9:15 BZA for 1725 Montello Ave, Marty Sullivan and Bojan Peovski

9:16 Comm Cobb recused himself because his federal job has a light nexus with land use so he can never participate or vote in any BZA discussion.

9:17 Marty Sullivan said they've made a significant number of changes. We've made the court a closed court and bc of that we will need a exemption for the area of the court. We've reduced the units from 17 to 10 so the parking space requirement went from 4 to 2. The lot Occupancy went from 75% to 60%. The FAR went from 3.0 to 2.5. We moved the trash room inside the building and put the entrance door inside the alcove. We changed the front facade to mostly brick. We added a patio n the back and balconies and a access door to the closed court.

9:32 Comm Arbuckle moved to support the project for the requested relief. Second May.

9:32 Comm Henderson requested a site visit and Comm Arbuckle accepted the amendment.

9:33 Comm Arbuckle motioned to support the project contingent on a site visit. Second May.

4-0-2 Cobb and Roblin abstained, Saucedá-Guzman, McCullum, Blacknell absent.

9:35 Proposal to hire administrative staff Andie Vaught

9:38 Discussion. Comm Henderson said she received insufficient information and wanted to table it.

9:44 Comm Henderson motioned to table until a later date. There was no second. The motion did not carry.

9:44 Comm May motioned to support the hiring resolution as presented in the agenda that was noticed last week. Second Roblin 6-1-0 Henderson opposed, Saucedá-Guzman and McCullum absent. Motion carried.

9:45 Sense of the Council Resolution for a Ceasefire in Gaza

9:45 Discussion

9:55 Comm Roblin moved to table the Resolution and to place it early on the agenda in June. Second May. 6-0-0 Comm McCullum, Henderson, Saucedá-Guzman absent

9:57 Community Feedback & Questions (10-20 min)

9:42 there were 25 people in attendance

10:00 Adjournment

Comm May motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm. Second Roblin. Motion passed 6-0-0 McCullum, Henderson and Saucedá-Guzman absent.