



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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## **ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (April 2023) Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Present: Karla Lewis, Fred Carver, Huma Imtiaz, Kirby Vining.

Late: Commissioner Kevin Rapp, joined at 7:05pm ET, Commissioner Robinson Paul joined at 7:18pm ET.

1. Commissioner Lewis provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
2. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and began at 7 p.m. ET with a quorum with four Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Vining asked to remove reimbursement from consent calendar, Commissioner Lewis asked to move DDOT presentation up in the agenda.
4. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to approve agenda with amendments, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - a. Motion to approve agenda passed via voice vote without objections with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
5. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to approve consent calendar items with amendments, Commissioner X seconded
  - a. Motion to approve agenda passed via voice vote without objections with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
6. Treasurer's report
  - a. Commissioner Vining asked to approve previous ANC 5E's FY2022 Q1 and Q2 QFRs, since the 2022 QFRs do not have an approval date from Commission and the Secretary listed in the documents.
  - b. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to approve 1Q 2022 and 2Q 2022 Quarterly Financial Reports, Commissioner Rapp seconded.
  - c. Motion to approve QFRs for FY22 Q1 and Q2 passed via voice vote without objections with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver

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- (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
  - d. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to approve 1Q 2023 and 2Q 2023 Quarterly Financial Reports, Commissioner Rapp seconded.
  - e. Motion to approve 1Q 2023 and 2Q 2023 QFRs passed via voice vote without objections with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
7. Director Everett Lott from the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) presented on the Mayor's budget and DDOT's proposed budget. Main highlights below:
- a. As a result of budget shortfalls, DDOT is proposing a budget of \$185 million for FY24, down from \$192m in FY23.
  - b. DDOT is proposing cutting three Circulator routes and keeping the following: Georgetown-Union Station, Congress Heights, and National Mall.
  - c. Eliminating \$4m in vacant positions
  - d. Adding \$5.8m to increase Capital Bikeshare services.
  - e. Reducing Open Streets events.
  - f. Pursuing grant opportunities for infrastructure improvements.
  - g. Maintaining 478 positions for FY24 for traffic control officers and crossing guards, eliminated vacant positions that could not be filled.
  - h. Adding 342 new automated traffic enforcement cameras.
    - i. 140 cameras on buses to keep bus-only corridors free of cars.
    - ii. Replace existing cameras with new technology.
    - iii. 120 additional speed cameras, red light and stop sign cameras.

## Questions from Commissioners:

Commissioner Imtiaz asked about the MPD costs for Open Streets. Director Lott said it is the biggest cost component, security needs necessitate presence, also use manpower from DPW and DDOT.

Commissioner Imtiaz asked about bike lanes and enforcements. Director Lott said the department was adding Capital Bikeshare stations and new bike lanes, have over 30 miles of protected bike lanes in District.

Commissioner Imtiaz asked about unpaid parking tickets and enforcement. Director Lott said

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department does not handle parking tickets. On tickets from automated traffic enforcement cameras, 70 percent of infractions are from drivers outside of DC. Mayor's office is working on a reciprocity program with other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Imtiaz asked about repainting faded street markings. Director Lott said DDOT is currently repaving and repainting streets from March to November, also doing pothole repairs.

Commissioner Vining asked about the streatary program. Director Lott said that new requirements will go into effect on January 1. Old permits will expire later this year and establishments will have to reapply based on new guidelines.

Commissioner Carver asked about the proposal to move ATE revenues to the general funds. Director Lott said that previously funds have not been certified and the revenue support from ATE funds will go to augment services that agencies need to provide.

Commissioner Rapp asked about data-collection regarding placement for ATEs. Director Lott said that ATE placement decisions are driven by data, DDOT looks at crash and speed data. However some locations are not feasible for camera placements.

Commissioner Rapp asked about bus camera installation. Director Lott highlighted the car-free / bus only lanes that have been created in the city, eliminating cars will allow for buses to operate more efficiently.

Commissioner Vining asked about reductions in traffic ticket charges. Director Lott mentioned creation of committee from Mayor to talk about ATEs.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for a no-entrance sign to be placed on Hanover Pl due to cars that are speeding down the street from North Capitol, Director Lott made note.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul highlighted no parking signs placement in the unit block of Hanover Place, Director Lott took note.

## Community comments:

Miguel highlighted safety issues at Park Place, North Capitol St and Michigan Avenue NW intersections, including speeding cars, asked about safety measures to be considered as part of new McMillan project. Director Lott highlighted plans for North Capitol Street including resources

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for the planning study currently underway that will look at traffic in general including in light of new development at McMillan. Studying long-term deckover of North Capitol St at New York Avenue and Florida, and North Capitol St at Rhode Island Avenue NW. Also looking at short term measures for pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Imtiaz asked about sidewalk expansion and sidewalks that are currently not ADA-accessible in 5E. Director Lott said DDOT was aware of issue, agency is finalizing an ADA plan that will be released in late spring / early summer. Department will continue to evaluate how they can prioritize accessibility needs; however, no immediate short-term plans are in place to address the issue.

Commissioner Rapp asked about making sidewalk repairs for street instead of block by block. Director Lott said when contractors do work they are limited by scope, however when DDOT is conducting the work there is more flexibility. DDOT staff have been directed to take a 360 look at issues. Residents are asked to flag hazardous sidewalk conditions for DDOT to address.

8. Commissioners Lewis and Robinson-Paul introduced the Resolution for Speed Bumps on Hanover PI NW & Bates St NW.
  - a. Commissioner Robinson-Paul moved to pass the resolution; Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
  - b. Motion passed by voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
  
9. Commissioner Imtiaz introduced the Resolution on Safety Improvements RI Ave and Lincoln Rd NE.
  - a. Commissioner Imtiaz moved to pass the resolution; Commissioner Robinson-Paul seconded the motion.
  - b. Motion passed by voice vote without opposition with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
  
10. MPD 3D's Capt. Moore provided monthly crime statistics.
  - a. ANC 5E stats: biggest driver of violent crime is robberies, there were 11 incidents in the last 30-day period.

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11. MPD 5D's Lt. John Sprague provided an update on monthly crime statistics.
  - a. 435 NOIs (traffic tickets) have been written and captured by MPD members in the last month, of that total, 73 of which were directly attributed to ANC 5E.
  
12. Public information
  - a. Community comments:
    - i. Helena from the Crispus Attucks board corporation provided an update on Bloomingdale Community Day taking place on May 20. Proceeds from taste of Bloomingdale event, general donation requests, vendors and table requests will go to the park. A dog show will also take place, along with a yard sale. Still looking for sponsors as well as volunteers. Information is available at <http://crispusattucksparkdc.org> and on Instagram.
    - b. Commissioner Rapp highlighted he is organizing a block party on June 3 between Channing and Bryant Streets NW, working with Councilmember Parker's office and other city agencies.
  
13. Sam Bonar provided an update from the Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker.
  - a. Contact info: [sbonar@dccouncil.gov](mailto:sbonar@dccouncil.gov), 202 724 1344
  - b. Councilmember Parker Introduced gun violence safety legislation, allows AG office and other d to sue gun manufacturers.
  - c. Upcoming community walk on South Dakota Avenue on April 20.
  - d. On Friday, April 21, CM Parker's office is organizing a neighborhood walk with DPW acting director Spriggs, meeting in 5E on North Capitol St NW.
  - e. In response to a question from Commissioner Robinson-Paul on an update with reference to the resolution passed by ANC 5E in support of building a new park at New York Avenue and splash park, Sam highlighted that the budget request to the Mayor includes a full renovation of the recreation center.
  - f. Sam is also visiting a model in Columbia Heights to see if it can be replicated on North Capitol St NW regarding community resources.
  - g. Community questions: Ms. Bertha Holliday asked about amount earmarked for the North Capitol corridor study in the capital budget, Sam will revert on details. Ms. Holliday also asked to present the FY22 report on the deckover project at the next ANC 5E meeting.
  
14. Anthony Black from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services provided an

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update.

- a. Street sweeping program from DPW in progress.
  - b. On 4/19 from 10am-6pm, D.C. government is hosting a job fair.
  - c. On 4/19, spring break community pop up for youth event at LeDroit Park from 3-6pm.
  - d. Ward 5 MOCRs will do community sweep through neighborhood on Friday, 4/21.
    - i. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for MOCRs to visit the playground at NY Avenue on 4/21, where volunteers will be painting art on the wall.
15. John Carlos Green and Geoffrey St John provided a presentation about the D.C. Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB).
- a. PCSB provides academic and oversight for all public charter schools in D.C. and is the sole public charter school authorizer.
  - b. Are working with DDOT on creating a program where charter schools have traffic plans for curbside pickups, installation of traffic stops, etc.
  - c. More information available here: <https://dcpcsb.org/advisory-neighborhood-commissions-ancs> and contact information: [jgreen@dcpcsb.org](mailto:jgreen@dcpcsb.org)
16. JR Russ provided a presentation on the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.
- a. Highlighted opportunities for grants for public art work. Grant applications open week of May 8 and released through early June.
  - b. Regarding support with the application, interested individuals and organizations can stay updated about live chats here: <https://dcarts.dc.gov/page/live-chat-dccah-grants-specialist> and workshops here: <https://dcarts.dc.gov/page/grant-writing-assistance>
  - c. <https://dcarts.dc.gov/page/public-art-building-communities-pabc>
  - d. April e-newsletter here: <https://conta.cc/3GciGaG>.
  - e. Contact information: [jr.russ@dc.gov](mailto:jr.russ@dc.gov).
17. Celeste Duffie from D.C. Department of Public Works (DPW) provided an update on current projects and public trash cans.
- a. April 26: community conversation with acting director of DPW.
  - b. Process for installing public trash cans:
    - i. Place requests via 311 for installation of removal of public trash cans, SWEEP will conduct a survey and provide a recommendation. DPW will contact the commissioner – by mail – to advise on the SWEEP recommendation and ask for the ANC commissioner to make a recommendation, after which a final determination will be made.

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- ii. Installation of new trash cans can take up to 180 days, contingent on availability of trash cans.
  - c. In comments, Commissioners highlighted need to reduce duration of trash cans installation, as well as need to not remove trash cans given their high usage.
- 18. Motion to table the reimbursement request by Commissioner Vining was introduced by Commissioner Vining. Commissioner Carver seconded. Motion passed by voice vote without opposition with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- 19. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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