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## **ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (February 2023) Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

Present: Commissioners Joyce Robinson-Paul, Fred Carver, Karla Lewis, Huma Imtiaz, Kevin Rapp, Kirby Vining.

1. Commissioner Lewis provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
2. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and began at 7:00 p.m. ET with a quorum with six Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Rapp requested to remove the item HRPB matter HPA#23 -174 – 2324 North Capitol St NW from the agenda.
4. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve agenda with amendments, Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
  - a. Motion to approve agenda passed via voice vote without objections 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).
5. Commissioner Vining asked to remove Treasurer's Report and FY2023 Q1 Report from the consent calendar.
6. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve consent calendar item of the approval of the meeting minutes from January 2023.
7. Commissioner Lewis did the first reading of the proposed changes in ANC 5E's bylaws. The changes include:
  - a. Article 1, Section 1: Updates the name and number of the law that defines the boundaries of ANC 5E.
  - b. Article 2, Section 5: Updates that the quarterly report will be signed by the treasurer and chairperson of the commission and attested to by the recording secretary.
  - c. Article 9: Updates that there will be notice of no less than 2 days for the committee meetings.

The second reading of the bylaws will take place at the March ANC 5E public meeting.

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8. Commissioner Vining presented an update on ANC 5E's financial situation.
  - a. Commissioner Vining presented the FY23 budget, highlighted the categories for the budget, and updated that the budget can be amended as needed with proper justification. The ANC 5E will vote on the budget at the March 2023 public meeting.
  - b. In response to a question on grant amounts from Commissioner Robinson-Paul, Commissioner Lewis clarified that the Other category includes funds for beautification projects. Commissioner Lewis will check with OANC on whether this needs to be added into the grants category.
  - c. Commissioner Vining also highlighted the ongoing work with OANC on the security fund and allocation, and progress in resolving outstanding issues.
  - d. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to amend the ANC 5E December 2022 meeting minutes as below to clarify an outstanding question from OANC, Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
    - i. Amendment: Update the existing line: "Commr. Brannum gave the ANC5E Treasurer's report. Commr. Brannum motioned for ANC 5E to receive Treasurer's report pending audit" to "Commissioner Brannum motioned for ANC 5E to receive and approve the Quarterly Financial Report pending audit."
    - ii. The motion to amend December 2022 meeting minutes passed by voice vote without opposition with 5-0-0 votes: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
    - iii. Commissioner Vining also updated on ongoing issues with gaining online access to the ANC 5E bank account, will be going in person to stop payment on an old check. In addition, ANC security fund paperwork has been submitted after updates.
9. Community Questions:
  - a. In response to a question from Scott Roberts, Commissioner Rapp clarified that Mr. Dinesh Tandon has decided to not move forward with the permit for the enclosed sidewalk café and has withdrawn his petition from HPRB in the matter HPA#23 -174 for 2324 North Capitol St NW.

## 10. Commissioner Lewis discussed the ANC 5E committees.

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- a. Previously, ANC 5E had zoning and ABRA committees.
  - b. The new changes to guidelines adds a Transportation & Safety Committee.
  - c. The updated guidelines also state that each committee will have no fewer than five members and no more than 12 members per committee.
  - d. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve changes to the ANC 5E committee guidelines, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - e. The motion passed by voice vote without opposition with 5-0-0 votes: Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
11. MPD 3D's Capt. Moore provided monthly crime statistics.
- a. Property crime is driving crime statistics with motor vehicle theft being the primary issue. Hyundai and Kia models of cars continue to be targeted.
  - b. Commissioner Rapp inquired about the incident at Cookie's Corner on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elm St NW, Capt. Moore provided an update that the warrants for the subjects were declined, Capt. Moore did not receive a reason for the decline. In addition, the hate crimes unit was notified and has investigated the case.
  - c. In response to a question from Commissioner Rapp, Capt. Moore highlighted that MPD is willing to participate in any upcoming safety walks with residents.
12. MPD 5D's Lt. John Sprague provided an update on crime statistics.
- a. MPD 5<sup>th</sup> District is also seeing similar trends as in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, however they have recently a very minor decrease in property crimes, compared to the exponential increase before this.
  - b. Lt. Sprague warned residents to remain alert, since people wearing high-end designer items are being targeted. People wearing items with high end labels are being targeted.
13. Sam Bonar provided an update from the Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker.
- a. CM office updates can be found [ward5.us/newsletter](http://ward5.us/newsletter), residents can sign up for office hours at [ward5.us/officehours](http://ward5.us/officehours). The office is open five days a week at the Wilson building.
  - b. Contact information for constituency services coordinator Sam Bonar: 202-724-1344, [sbonar@dccouncil.gov](mailto:sbonar@dccouncil.gov)
  - c. Oversight hearings for agencies are ongoing, full schedule of oversight hearings

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can be found at [ward5.us/oversight](http://ward5.us/oversight)

- d. In response to a question from Commissioner Carver on DCPS funding, Sam Bonar highlighted the ongoing conversations between the Council and DCPS leadership regarding budget cuts. The proposed DCPS budget has been presented to the Council with cuts to a number of school budgets.
14. Sean Moore presented on the [Lead Free DC program](#) from D.C. Water.
- a. D.C. Water's goal is to eliminate lead pipes by 2023 in DC including the various programs regarding free lead pipe replacement in public areas, as well as targeted programs for private area.
  - b. For questions and updates on the program, and information on the progress re: lead pipe replacements on your block, email [lead@dcwater.com](mailto:lead@dcwater.com), or call at 202-787-4044.
  - c. Sean Moore highlighted the block program that provides funds for lead pipe replacement on select private property based on a prioritization model that looks at several factors.
  - d. For FY2023, 18 premises in total have been selected for the program, 9 have signed agreements, 9 do not. Sean Moore will follow up with ANC 5E on outreach to the households.
  - e. Presentation is available [here](#).
15. Latoya Davenport and Anita LaRue presented from the U.S. Attorney's Office.
- a. The U.S. Attorney's office can add residents to the mailing list if they would like to receive court reports, this will help residents find case numbers, and allow them to do victim or community impact statement.
  - b. Upcoming virtual meeting: quarterly hate crime task force is meeting virtually on March 9 at 6 p.m., ADL and other groups will present.
  - c. The U.S. Attorney's office also provides programming in the community, including educational programs such as creating awareness on financial crimes targeting seniors.
  - d. Anita LaRue, the community prosecutor for the Third District from the U.S. Attorney's office, provided background on how residents can submit victim or community impact statements as needed.
    - i. Victim impact statements are for victims affected directly by the crime. The assigned prosecutor will ask victims before sentencing if they want to

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- submit a statement, which can be submitted in writing, can also be delivered in person at the sentencing.
- ii. Community impact statements are for residents who are affected by crime that happens in their neighborhood. Residents can submit a joint statement about how the crime has affected them and their daily lives, it will be submitted to the judge when they determine sentencing.
  - iii. Contact info: [Anita.LaRue@usdoj.gov](mailto:Anita.LaRue@usdoj.gov)
- e. In response to questions from Commissioners Lewis and Carver, Anita LaRue highlighted the ongoing work with MPD on case prosecutions.
16. Commissioner Robinson-Paul highlighted So Others Might Eat's proposed plans to demolish their building on 71 O Street NW including rat mitigation as part of the construction process. SOME will be rebuilding their building at that site.
- a. SOME also attended the January and February 5E01 SMD meetings. The March 5E01 Single Member District meeting will be March 14th at Dunbar at 6:00pm.
17. Danielle Drumgoole presented from the Office of Unified Communications.
- a. For 311: residents can reach 311 by phone, the app, the online portal that is staffed by live agents, and by making requests on Twitter, where 311 has 19 customer reps.
  - b. For 911: text to 911 (only in English) is available in the District. Upcoming updates to the 911 platform will include the ability to integrate photos and videos when texting 911, which will aid responders.
  - c. Urge residents to create a profile on [Smart 911](#), which allows residents to include additional information and notes about their households and family members that will be available to first responders. Commissioner Vining also encouraged residents to use Smart 911.
  - d. The OUC Junior Academy will be launched in March 2023 targeting high-school age students to help raise awareness about career opportunities. For more information, email: [ouc.publicrelations@dc.gov](mailto:ouc.publicrelations@dc.gov)
  - e. In response to a question from Commissioner Vining on 311 service requests being closed with no action when the work has been assigned to another agency, OUC updated that there are ongoing conversations to fix this.
  - f. In response to a question from Commissioner Imtiaz on text to 911 language

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support, OUC updated that the next generation of 911 will have additional languages support.

- g. OUC also highlighted that they are looking at making the 311 portal and app available in other languages.
  - h. In response to a question from Commissioner Imtiaz on delayed response time for emergency calls made to 911, OUC shared that they are aware of complaints. Residents are encouraged to follow up with complaints and feedback to OUC. OUC will also be testifying at the oversight hearing at D.C. Council on March 1.
  - i. OUC will also be hosting open houses and townhalls throughout the year beginning the end of March, these will take place in Wards 7 and 8 to begin with.
  - j. Presentation is available [here](#).
18. Commissioner Robinson-Paul introduced background on an upcoming resolution that will be presented to the ANC in March on the NY Avenue Recreation Facility.
- a. The playground is one of the oldest in the District, and the rec facility was one of the first to serve African-American residents.
  - b. In addition, the rec facility has four new computers for seniors, as well as a lunch program for senior citizens 60 and over and is operated by Seabury Resources.
  - c. The Resolution is to reissue resolutions from April 15, 2008, and in 2013 for a new facility at the existing New York Avenue Recreation Center to include a splash park.
  - d. After input from the Bates and Hanover civic associations, the resolution will be presented to the ANC 5E in the March public meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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