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ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (July 2023) Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Present: Commissioners Joyce Robinson-Paul, Karla Lewis, Fred Carver, 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 7:01 p.m. ET with a quorum with 6 Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the agenda.
 - a. Motion to approve the 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).
4. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the consent calendar.
 - a. Motion to approve the 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 presented the Treasurer's report, which included updates on the following:
 - a. Reimbursements: ANC 5E reviewed expenses at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 11.
 - b. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve the reimbursements and delay the 3Q QFR report, Commissioner Rapp seconded.
 - c. Motion to approve the reimbursements and delay Q3 QFR report passed via voice vote with 5-0-1 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (A), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
 - d. Commissioner Vining talked about the request for a debit card.
 - i. ANC 5E would like to request a debit card from the bank the ANC uses to facilitate certain recurring payments for certain online services the

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ANC uses that are currently paid via a commissioner's personal credit card which is cumbersome and an unnecessary inconvenience for that commissioner.

- ii. An ANC 5E debit card would allow the treasurer to pay those recurring ANC expenses, following ANC approval, directly, obviating the need to reimburse a commissioner for the use of their personal credit card.
- iii. OANC has instructed that ANCs are permitted to obtain and use debit cards under the following constraints, and instructed that these constraints must appear in ANC 5E minutes approving the acquisition and use of a debit card:
 - The card will be issued in the name of DC Govt/ANC 5E Kirby Vining.
 - The card will be used for web-based purchases OR with vendors that do not accept checks as payment.
 - The ANC will not incur over \$1,200 in monthly expenses payable by debit card.
 - The debit card will be secured by the treasurer in the same manner as the checkbook.

- 6. Commissioner Vining did a first reading of the proposed amendments in the bylaws.
 - a. Currently Article VI, Section 1. states: Distribution of funds may only be made by check or through a petty cash fund disbursement.
 - b. Adding only the words "debit card," to the list of acceptable forms of disbursement, as follows: Section 1. Distribution of funds may only be made by check, debit card, or through a petty cash fund disbursement.
 - c. The second reading of the proposed amendment in the bylaws will take place at the ANC 5E meeting in September.
- 7. Matt Starr presented on the BZA case 20936 for 147 U St NW.
 - a. The applicant has lived in the home for decades, wants to increase the lot occupancy from 60% to 70% with an addition that would include a new basement bedroom, a rear yard with steps from basement and main floor, a screened-in porch, and a new bedroom on top floor.
 - b. The case hearing is on October 4, 2023
 - c. Applicant was advised to reach out for letters of support from immediate neighbors.
 - d. ANC 5E asked that applicant come to September meeting for second hearing before their hearing at BZA.

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8. Oye Owolewa, U.S. Representative of Washington, D.C. presented.
 - a. Expungement Clinic on Saturday (July 22nd) at CSOSA (2101 MLK Ave SE)
 - b. Reaching out to NPS for better management of NPS-managed parks.
 - c. Contact: adeoye.owolewa@dc.gov, (202) 390-9480

9. Commissioner Imtiaz presented on the ABCA application 089186 for Showtime
 - a. Currently, Showtime's sidewalk café is open from Sunday 3pm – 9:30pm, Monday through Thursday 10am – 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am – 10pm.
 - b. The **proposed new hours of operation** for the patio hours would be: Sunday 3pm – 11pm, Monday through Thursday 10am – 11pm, Friday & Saturday 10am – 12am.
 - c. Feedback was solicited from residents; majority supported the change in hours for Showtime. Commissioner Carver updated that the ANC 5E's ABCA Committee voted unanimously to approve the application. Representatives for Showtime clarified that the hours are for the outdoor patio only.
 - d. Commissioner Imtiaz introduced a motion to support the ABCA application 089186 for Showtime, Commissioner Carver seconded.
 - e. Motion passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y),

10. Lt. Fleming presented from MPD's Third District.
 - a. There have been a string of robberies by suspects in a car from 1st St NW from V St NW to Florida Avenue NW, incidents of robbers on 1st St NW when residents are walking late at night. MPD is working to solve these.
 - b. Robberies at U First Market – suspect has been arrested.
 - c. Robbery on 1700 block of 1st St NW – also had an arrest in that case.
 - d. Request from Commissioner Rapp to have MPD personnel to patrol in the streets.
 - e. Commissioner Robinson-Paul expressed concerns from residents about safety at O St NW.

11. Lt. Sprague presented from MPD Fifth District.
 - a. Snapshot of last 30 days: few thefts including from an automobile, mail from a USPS truck, and construction equipment from two different locations.
 - b. Given violent behavior from residents, urge residents to not resist when they are being robbed.

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12. Community comments

- a. Commissioner Robinson-Paul: basketball tournament at NY Avenue playground (8-18) every Saturday in July.
- b. Commissioner Rapp: Sept 10 – block party
- c. Commissioner Rapp: Halloween event – unit block of Bryant St NW

13. Sam Bonar presented from the Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker.

- a. Contact: 202 724 1344, sbonar@dccouncil.gov
- b. Ward 5 Day on Saturday, August 26 at Turkey Thicket
- c. Council passed the Prioritizing Public Safety Emergency Act on 7/11
- d. Council also passed the OUC Transparency and Accuracy Emergency Amendment Act of 2023
- e. Sexual Harassment Investigation Review Emergency Act also passed.
- f. Middle School Career Exploration Pilot passed, co-introduced by CM Parker.
- g. Updates about Council votes here: ward5.us/july11-2023
- h. Committee of the Whole hearing on symbolic street designations. Testimony can be submitted until 5pm on 7/27.
- i. Ward 5 Day: National Building Museum – free entrance on 7/20
- j. Black Restaurant Week from July 16-30
- k. Creative Grounds is organizing a history of DAP multimedia art exhibit.
- l. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about meeting with Dunbar principal, meeting taking place on September 13.

14. Anthony Black and Christopher Ingram presented from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations.

- a. Anthony Black contact: Ward 5 Liaison Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services. 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 332, Washington, DC 20004. Mobile: 202.251.5049. Email: Anthony.black@dc.gov
- b. 7/19: Dave Thomas Circle groundbreaking event with Mayor Bowser
- c. 7/19: event at Walter E. Washington Convention Center to help people with disabilities and their families to connect to services.
- d. MOCRs continue to do neighborhood walks, senior residents should also reach out to MOCRs about assistance with yard work.
- e. Commissioner Vining asked about reciprocity for tickets from neighboring states.

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15. Mark James presented on Cycle House, located at 1520-1522 North Capitol Street NW.
 - a. Cycle House project is a 100% affordable, net zero energy and zero carbon project, The project is expected to close in early August, planning and staging will start by September.
 - b. The project will have modular housing as well as restaurant space on the first floor. They are in talks with businesses now.
 - c. There will be a crane set up on North Capitol St NW, half of Bates St will be restricted to allow for staging, however the alley running behind building will remain open. Commissioner Lewis asked about working with DPW to address parking issues.
 - d. Traffic control plan will be sent to relevant commissioners, setting up a website as well for construction plans, will also have an email address to report issues.
 - e. Project will take about 12 months for construction, the project is for residents with 30-50% of AMI. Commercial space will be completed at the end.
 - f. Contact: mjames@urbangreenllc.com

16. Benjamin Levy from Roundtrip Properties presented on the new development project located at 77 and 79 Bryant St NW.
 - a. They are in contract to buy the properties. The properties are two small lots on Bryant St NW, previous developer had originally planned for four units to sit on those lots. The lots are zoned as RF-1. They are considering using the prior developer's plans as a starting point. They will not require BZA approval but will be going to HPRB.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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