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## ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (March 2023) Tuesday, March 21, 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 six Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Vining asked to move the treasurer’s report and approval to pay bills from the + add it to the FY23 budget section. Commissioner Lewis asked to remove the Resolution for Sidewalks on Bates St and Hanover Pl. In addition, the ABRA Uncaged Mimosa Application item was also removed from the agenda by Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis advised that the dancing endorsement was removed, hence there will be no protest of the application by Uncaged Mimosas to ABRA.
4. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve agenda with amendments, Commissioner Imtiaz 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 Lewis did the second 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

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- committee meetings.
  - d. Commissioner Rapp motioned to approve the bylaws as amended, Commissioner Vining seconded.
  - e. Motion to approve changes to bylaws 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).
6. Commissioner Lewis provided an update on the ANC 5E committees and the changes to the committee guidelines. The changes include:
- a. Each committee will have no fewer than three members and no more than 12 members.
  - b. Each committee will be represented by no fewer than three members from each Single Member District.
  - c. No committee shall have more than two members from a single SMD.
  - d. Transportation and Safety Committee is being added to the list of committees.
  - e. Commissioner Carver motioned to approve the amended guidelines; Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
  - f. Motion 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).
7. FY23 budget and Treasurer’s report
- a. FY23 budget: Commissioner Vining presented the FY23 budget. On OANC’s advice, the grants category has been updated to include the \$6000 previously categorized under Other. The grants budget line includes \$5000 for grants and \$6000 for beautification projects.
  - b. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve the budget, Commissioner Imtiaz seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion 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).

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- c. Treasurer Report: Commissioner Vining updated that the DC Auditor has approved 5E to write checks from the checking account. 5E is still waiting on the Q1 allocation.
  - d. Commissioner Vining presented an update on outstanding bills – two payments for the virtual assistant Ms. Brooks, for the amounts of \$275 for January and \$575 for February.
  - e. Commissioner Robinson-Paul motioned to approve the payment of bills; Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion 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).
8. Commissioner Imtiaz provided an update that the ABRA committee has the minimum required number of members and can begin to conduct meetings. The ABRA committee members are:
- a. Hugh Youngblood (resident)
  - b. Loretta Lewis (resident)
  - c. Tanya Sharma (resident)
  - d. ANC Commissioner for 5E03 Fred Carver

### Voting Matters:

9. Commissioner Robinson-Paul introduced the New York Avenue Recreation Facility Resolution.
- a. The resolution has received approval from the Bates and Hanover civic associations, and the Concerned Coalitions (Friends of NY Avenue playground).
  - b. Comm Robinson-Paul motioned to pass the resolution, Commissioner Vining seconded.
  - c. Motion passed by voice vote with a 5-0-1 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (abstain), Commissioner Vining (Y).
10. Commissioner Vining introduced the Letter in Support of Extended Hours for McMillan

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## Development.

- a. Residents advised that they are in support of the extended hours for construction work as long as no work takes place after 9 p.m. ET and there is no work on DC or federal holidays.
  - b. Commissioner Vining motioned to issue a letter in support, support, Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion to issue a letter in support 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).
11. Commissioner Imtiaz introduced the Resolution in Support of Sidewalk Fixes on Rhode Island Ave NW and NE, and North Capitol St NW.
- a. Commissioner Imtiaz moved to pass the resolution; Commissioner Vining 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).
12. Commissioner Carver presented on the HPA 23-218 for 1733 1<sup>st</sup> St NW Permit/third floor addition.
- a. Traci Pietra, the homeowner and developer, talked about the project. They are looking to convert the townhouse into two condos, adding a third-floor addition, with a deck and a spiral staircase in the rear. They have received approval for adding two more steps for the underpinning, will not impact the front.
  - b. They are asking for ANC approval for the project for the addition of the third floor. They have done outreach to neighbors and have received a letter of support from their immediate neighbor. The houses on either side of 1733 1<sup>st</sup> St NW have pop-ups which were constructed prior to Bloomingdale's designation as a historic neighborhood.
  - c. Commissioner Carver highlighted that the HPO staff report recommends that the third-floor addition not be approved until the plans are changed so it is not visible

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- from 1<sup>st</sup> St NW and Randolph St NW.
- d. Commissioner Carver introduced a motion to approve the plans only if there is no visibility of the popup from the street. Commissioner Robinson-Paul seconded the motion.
  - e. Motion passed by voice vote: 2-3-1 Commissioner Robinson-Paul (abstain), Commissioner Lewis (abstain), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (N), Commissioner Rapp (abstain), Commissioner Vining (Y).
13. MPD 3D's Capt. Moore provided monthly crime statistics.
- a. Property crime including theft from autos and motor vehicle thefts have increased.
  - b. Commissioner Lewis asked for increased MPD presence in 200 block of Florida Avenue NW.
14. MPD 5D's Lt. John Sprague provided an update on crime statistics as well as traffic citations issued by MPD in the Third District, which are 901.
15. 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. The Councilmember's office is putting together a [Ward 5 Bus Network Taskforce](#)
  - c. Sam highlighted the DC Auditor's report on Vision Zero, DC has failed to meet the goals, and that Ward 5 has the third highest number of fatalities (CY2019-CY2021)
  - d. Councilmember Parker has asked for an increase in the budget for more towing crews. and has also asked the nominee for director of DPW director about their plan for effective enforcement at confirmation hearing.
  - e. There will be extended hours at Turkey Thicket + Edgewood recreation centers effective March 27. Updated hours are Mon-Fri from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - f. CM Parker has introduced two bills: District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act as well as the Financial Support for Families with Children Amendment Act 2023. He also issued a statement on school safety legislation.
  - g. Commissioner Vining asked about reciprocity and booting of cars with unpaid fines.
16. Cristobal Puig-Monsen provided an update from the DC Office of Tenant Advocate. The presentation is available [here](#).

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17. Commissioner Imtiaz advised that the program manager for DC's Rodent and Vector Control program will be doing a walkthrough with her of SMD 5E04 on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m.
18. Commissioner Rapp advised that he will be hosting a SMD block party on June 3, location in the alley between Bryant and Channing St NW.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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