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## ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (March 2024) Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Present: Commissioners Joyce Robinson-Paul, Karla M. 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 7:00 p.m. ET with a quorum with 6 Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to approve the agenda with amendments, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda with amendments 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 Vining motioned to approve the consent calendar with meeting minutes from the February 2024 meeting with clerical changes, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
  - a. Motion to approve the consent calendar passed via voice vote with a 5-0-1 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (A), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
5. Commissioner Vining presented the Treasurer's Report.
6. Commissioner Vining provided an update on the bills and reimbursements submitted by Commissioners:
  - a. Commissioner Robinson-Paul
    - i. \$64.17 for business cards (office supplies)
  - b. Commissioner Lewis:
    - i. \$200 for distribution of flyers (personnel assistance)
    - ii. \$41.95: memorial letter for Dr. Holliday (office supplies)
    - iii. \$254.27 Adobe Pro subscription renewal (office supplies)
    - iv. \$75 Zoom hosting for SMD meeting by virtual assistant – PAYABLE TO TRIPLE C LLC (personnel assistance)
    - v. \$99.62 printing and bags (office supplies)

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- vi. \$120.80 printing supplies (office supplies)
  - c. Commissioner Vining
    - i. \$366.76 stamps for distributing SMD flyers (office supplies)
  - d. Motion to separate the payment of reimbursement of stamps from bills and reimbursements was introduced by Commissioner Imtiaz, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion failed via voice vote with a 2-4-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (N), Commissioner Lewis (N), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (N), Commissioner Vining (N).
  - e. Motion to approve the payment of bills and reimbursement was introduced by Commissioner Vining, Commissioner Robinson-Paul seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (N), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
7. Commissioner Carver introduced SMD 5E03 resident Michael Bloomberg as the new committee member on the Zoning Committee.
8. Lt. de Roo presented from MPD Third District.
- a. PSA 306: No robberies within last two weeks, one incident of an assault with dangerous weapon (3/13) at 10pm, vehicle involved in this incident was also used in other incidents. One incident of a person committing a robbery being killed, no charges will be filed. Carjacking incident at Bryant St NW – units responded and were able to locate the suspect. On Hanover Pl, crime suppression unit arrested suspect, recovered ammunition and drugs. FI Avenue: arrest of suspects in vehicle that was carjacked, 4D carjacking incident – were able to stop the vehicle and arrested the suspects.
  - b. Secure DC, next rotation for drug free zones will likely be 1400 block of N. Capitol St NW and 7<sup>th</sup> and T St NW.
  - c. Commissioner Robinson-Paul: concerns about fights outside Dunbar High, is MPD responsible for response.
    - i. Lt. de Roo: Shortage of School Resource Officers (SROs), have been in touch with schools regarding issues. Outside of school building it is MPD responsibility.
  - d. Question from resident and Commissioner Lewis on other incidents of carjackings and robberies around the neighborhood, Lt. de Roo will send details by email.

## 9. Community Comments

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- a. Shannon Boyle from Uncle Chip's: Since Feb 21 have been doing deliveries and loading in the alley, asked developer to move fence and waiting for him to do so. Asked ANC to help inquire about a timeline about the construction.
  - b. Rebekah Pinto: Due to ongoing construction, the intersection at P St NW and NJ Avenue NW has unsecured metal panels. The contractor CW & Sons has not been responsive, nor have DC agencies. Asked for ANC 5E to reach out to DDOT.
  - c. New NOI from DDOT on NJ Avenue NW and Morgan St NW.
10. Sam Bonar presented from Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's office.
- a. Latest newsletter is available at [Ward5.us/news](http://Ward5.us/news)
  - b. Budget has been delayed which also impacts budget hearings.
  - c. Street designation ceremonies in Ward 5 underway which honor Black historic figures.
  - d. Spring cleaning events ongoing in different neighborhoods.
  - e. Next Wednesday: next public safety call, from 4D and 5D commanders, [ward5.us/monthlycall](http://ward5.us/monthlycall)
  - f. CM Parker met with DDOT Interim Director Kershbaum, also highlighted the DDOT proposal on N. Cap and Rhode Island Avenue and neighborhood opposition – asking for data and other solutions for issues around N. Cap and RI Avenue.
  - g. Question from Commissioner Robinson-Paul: trash through the neighborhood due to SOME food distribution in interim location due to ongoing SOME renovation, asking for help to address issues.
    - i. Sam: ask DPW to request additional public trash cans since they want ANC commissioners to put in requests.
    - ii. Helena: trash at N. Cap, as well as the bus stop at N. Cap and P St NW, request to address safety issues.
    - iii. Sam: Working on North Capitol Trust Builders, how to coordinate resources, outreach, and presence of agencies, MPD is also present in the area.
11. Naomi Cohen-Shields presented from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network on Stop Project Pipes.
- a. Stop Project Pipes is raising community awareness about Washington Gas' Project Pipes which will impact DC residents.
  - b. Washington Gas wants to do an accelerated project to upgrade and replace old gas pipelines over the course of 40 years. Project will be paid for by rate payers, with costs for the upgrade expected to be very high.
  - c. Washington Gas has to get approval in phases from the DC Public Service Commission (PSC), asking for \$670 million for phase 3. Estimated total cost of the project over 40 years is \$4.5 billion in direct costs, not including interest rates and profits.

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- d. Issues: DC aims to be carbon neutral by 2045. With this project, Washington Gas is locking DC into fossil fuels, DC should instead transition to electricity and alternative energy sources.
  - e. The costs of the project will be borne by people who don't have the means to transition from gas to other energy sources, could increase income inequality.
  - f. Public health: burning methane gas in home is dangerous and leads to elevated health risks.
  - g. Multiple Councilmembers are opposing Project Pipes, DC Public Service Commission (PSC) needs to also reject the Washington Gas ask.
  - h. Asking ANCs to pass a resolution against Project Pipes, can be filed with the PSC.
  - i. PSC has given Washington Gas an additional year, next February is likely but could be sooner. PSC has not scheduled a hearing yet.
12. Miguel Trindade presented from the Make All Votes Count – Initiative 83 Campaign.
- a. Presentation [link](#)
  - b. Make All Votes Count is currently collecting signatures to have Initiative 83 to get on the November ballot, doing voter education as well.
  - c. Initiative 83 has two parts:
    - i. First: Ranked choice voting: vote for your favorite candidate and rank your backup. Right now candidates split the votes, with RCV candidates must earn at least 50% to be elected.
    - ii. Second part: open the primaries, proposing for independents to be able to vote in DC taxpayer funded primary elections to help stop voter suppression.
    - iii. In July want to deliver 30,000 signatures to the Board of Election
    - iv. CTA: Sign the petition, [Makeallvotescountdc.org](http://Makeallvotescountdc.org)
13. Commissioner Lewis presented in support of a sponsorship honoring the life of Dr. Bertha Holliday.
- a. Dr. Bertha Holliday was a former ANC 5E commissioner and Bloomingdale Civic Association member, she passed away late last year.
  - b. DC Council also passed a [ceremonial resolution](#) to honor her life.
  - c. Ask to sponsor part II of oral history project which would focus on groups that made an impact on community, asking for sponsorship of \$2500.
  - d. Commissioner Vining proposed a motion to accept the sponsorship honoring the life of Dr. Bertha Holliday with a proposed video produced by the Bloomingdale Civic Association with a reimbursement after completion of video to an amount not exceeding \$2500, Commissioner Carver seconded.
    - i. The motion passed via voice vote without objections with a 6-0-0 vote:

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Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y),  
Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner  
Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

14. Helena Okolicsanyi presented in support of a grant for [Bloomingdale Community Day](#).
  - a. Asking for grant for \$2000 to support rental of chairs and tables for the event.
  - b. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to support the grant application for Bloomingdale Community Day, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion to approve the grant 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).
  
15. Adre du Plessis presented on certificate of need from Children's National Hospital.
  - a. Presentation [link](#).
  - b. Children's National Hospital is applying for a certificate of need to create a special delivery unit for low-risk mothers but high-risk babies.
  - c. Currently, families in the District can either deliver their child remote from Children's National and ask for expeditious transfer, or leave the District for more remote centers that are able to do the delivery and pediatric interventions.
  - d. Children's will need to recruit obstetric personnel. The space will not be expanded but will be renovated.
  - e. Commissioner Vining motioned that ANC 5E send a letter of support for the Children's National Hospital's application for a certificate of need, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion to approve the letter 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).
  
16. Commissioner Vining presented on the direct expenditure form for beautification day cleanups and sponsorships.
  - a. Commissioner Vining motioned to sponsor the beautification day events in ANC 5E using the \$6000 budgeted in the ANC 5E budget, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
  - b. Motion to approve the motion passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (N), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

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17. Commissioners Imtiaz and Rapp presented on a resolution in support of improvements at the KC Lewis site.
  - a. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to support the resolution in support of calling for DC government to develop a budget and plan for reimagining and enhancing KC Lewis Fields, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - b. Motion passed via 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).
  
18. Commissioner Carver introduced a letter asking for information on DDOT's process for permits for farmer's market.
  - a. Commissioner Carver motioned for ANC 5E to send DDOT a letter seeking clarification on rules and permits for farmers market, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - b. 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).
  
19. Commissioner Carver introduced the BZA case 19887A on Jam Doung's application to modify the existing zoning to allow for a modified trash collection space.
  - a. Currently, the case is scheduled on the consent calendar for the upcoming BZA hearing on April 24.
  - b. Commissioner Imtiaz and Carver have received feedback from residents about grease leaking from the trash can, DOH has been notified and is investigating.
  - c. Commissioner Carver motioned for ANC 5E to send a letter to request BZA to remove the Jam Doung case 19887A be removed from the consent calendar meeting on April 24 and moved to a public hearing, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - d. 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).
  
20. Commissioner Joyce Robinson-Paul motioned to support the request to extend the comment period for DDOT NOI 24-58-TESD to 45 days from 10 days.
  - a. Commissioner Imtiaz offered a friendly amendment that ANC 5E send a letter to DDOT on NOI 24-58-TESD clarifying the deadline for submission of comments. Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
  - b. Motion passed via voice vote without objections with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner

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Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

21. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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