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ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (May 2023) Tuesday, May 16, 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 p.m. ET with a quorum with 6 Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Lewis motioned to add the BZA application no 20935 on 16 Quincy Place NW to the agenda, Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
 - a. Motion to add BZA case # 20935 to 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 Imtiaz motioned to approve the agenda with amendments, Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
 - 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 asked to remove treasurer's report, QFR items and bills and reimbursents from the consent calendar items.
6. Treasurer's report
 - a. Commissioner Vining submitted a [document with background](#) on status of 2022 Quarterly Financial Reports for ANC 5E records.
 - b. Commissioner Vining informed ANC 5E that Commissioner Lewis and Vining have submitted forms for reimbursements.
Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to approve ANC 5E's FY 2022 Quarterly Financial Reports (QFRs) for Q3 and Q4, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.

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- c. Motion to approve QFRs for FY22 Q3 and Q4 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. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to approve the request for reimbursements, Commissioner Carver seconded.
 - a. Motion to approve passed via voice 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 introduced the [Resolution in Support of Safety Measures on Rhode Island Avenue NW](#).
 - a. Commissioner Imtiaz 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. Councilmember Zachary Parker presented an update on the FY24 budget.
 - a. The first FY24 fiscal budget vote was held in the D.C. Council today (5/16).
 - b. The D.C. Council asked for the Deputy Mayor of Education to form a taskforce that would investigate safety measures for schools, including the presence of non-police officers in schools to expand safety for the FY25 budget.
 - i. RE: the ongoing debate for School Resource Officers, Council adopted the move to reverse the removal of SROs.
 - c. FY24 budget includes \$1 million investment for South Dakota Avenue, opioid outreach funding for Wards 5 and 7. For Ward 5, funding will target Trinidad, as well as rotating resources throughout Ward 5.
 - d. Council also restored the funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to \$43 million (had been cut in Mayor's budget); funding for legal assistance for residents facing eviction has also been restored.
 - e. Resources for domestic violence victims was also restored.
 - f. Council increased pay for charter teachers and ratified the contract for DCPS teachers.

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- g. K Street Transitway project: funds were taken away from project, \$8 million was allocated to commission a new study of the transitway with the possibility of investing more funds in the future.
- h. Council did not support moving the Department of Forensic Services to MPD, will remain an independent agency.
- i. Councilmember Parker had also proposed an amendment to extend the deed and recordation fee for commercial properties sold at \$2m and more, amendment was withdrawn due to pushback.
- j. Committee actions:
 - i. Housing: received concerns from residents at Montana Terrance on lead paint, as well as expanding livability on DCHA properties.
 - ii. Health: Working with Washington Hospital Center and Children's Hospital to improve visitor rate.
 - iii. Medicaid cliff – the end of public health emergency means the automatic Medicaid renewal has also ended. Residents should check their Medicaid registration and reapply.
 - iv. Family Services committee – there will be a improvements and capital investments in a number of Ward 5 schools and rec centers including at McKinley Tech High School, Harry Thomas Rec Center is also on track for modernization.
- k. Questions:
- l. Chair Lewis: can there be a rodent-resistant trash can pilot for residents.
 - i. CM Parker: Will make ask. Director Spriggs was also confirmed as DPW director.
- m. Commissioner Imtiaz: Timeline for ATE funds + school safety zones.
 - i. CM Parker: Funding has been allocated for safe streets around school zones legislation in the FY24 budget. DDOT will begin work in October to improve school safety zones around Ward 5. On ATE revenue distribution: while challenges remain since money was added to general fund, funding from revenue has allowed for investments in street safety investments. Funding is also being allocated to additional bus service.
 - ii. Revenue has also gone to securing SD Avenue safety improvements,
- n. Commissioner Imtiaz: Question on public housing improvements and maintenance timeline.

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- i. CM Parker: DHS is overseeing ERAP, the federal government also granted DC funding for FY23, the housing committee is working with DHS to utilize the funding. DHS is expected to open the ERAP program again in light of funding.
- ii. Montana Terrace: DCHA has moved residents to hotel while the concerns around lead paint is addressed.
- iii. DCHA is also reopening its waiting list for housing for the first time in over a decade.
- iv. Secured funding for maintenance and security in light of security issues at Edgewood Towers.
- o. Commissioner Robinson-Paul: Question on timeline for NY Avenue playground and rec center improvements.
 - i. CM Parker: Have gotten a renovation approved in out years (FY28).
 - ii. Sam Bonar: Working with OCTO on getting seniors access to the laptops in the rec centers.
- p. Commissioner Vining: Question on SROs.
 - i. CM Parker: Issues we have heard is that there is not enough responsiveness, or they're not enough officers.
 - ii. Councilmember Robinson-Paul asked that Dunbar High School do outreach with students.
- q. Community questions: Any new ideas or programs aimed at moving DC residents out of endless renting and onto a path to home ownership?
 - i. Sam Bonar from CM Parker's office: We're organizing a Community Wealth Building working group to explore the future of work and ownership, and part of that is building on the work of the limited equity co-operative task force to build a path for more permanent deep affordability in our housing stock.
 - ii. CM Parker: Ward 8 CM Trayon White asked for an investment of \$2 in Douglas Community Land Trust that would also aim to empower folks to ownership. Council will weigh in on second vote.
 - 1. Other programs that the Council has invested in include DC Department of Housing and Community Development, Mayors' programs, Black home ownership funds, rent to own program. <https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/home-purchase-assistance-program>
- r. Commissioner Lewis: Carjackings and crime are of concern to residents.

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- i. CM Parker: Public safety is overseen by the Mayor who also oversees MPD. Mayor should produce a comprehensive public safety plan.
 - ii. The Council has invested in MPD at the levels requested by the Mayor. Funding for hiring 150 additional officers is present, only 65 have been hired due to attracting and retaining talent, also a nationwide trend.

 - s. Commissioner Imtiaz asked about ongoing traffic safety issues in 5E
 - i. CM Parker: Will take time, working with DDOT Director Lott. Transportation and Environment committee will also hold an enforcement hearing in the fall. More work needs to be done with enforcement, as well as reengaging with MD and VA on reciprocity.
 - ii. Contact information: Contactward5.us/newsletter and email: zparker@dccouncil.gov
10. Robert Weaver presented as Jeremy Emmert's agent on BZA case 20935 for address 16 Quincy PI NW
- a. This case was previously approved by ANC 5E two years ago, are now asking for special exception due to incorrect survey of property that was presented to homeowners. Also requesting lot occupancy relief as well.
 - b. Proposal includes new covered porch, trellised area, deck area and spiral staircase to garden with more privacy measures.
 - c. ANC 5E will hold a vote on the case at the June 2023 meeting.
11. MPD 5D's Lt. John Sprague provided an update on monthly crime statistics.
12. MPD 3D's Lt. Fleming provided monthly crime statistics.
13. Public information
- a. Community comments:
 - i. Scott Roberts: This Saturday (5/20) is Bloomingdale Community Day at Crispus Attucks Park from 9am-3pm
 - ii. 5/20: 57 O St NW art studios are having an open house.

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14. Sharon Wise from the DC Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) provided an update.
 - a. Website: <http://dacl.dc.gov>, DACL helpline: 202-724-5626.
 - b. DACL provides services to people aged 60 and over, caregivers, and people aged 17 and above who have disabilities. Programs include safe at home program and safe at home 2.0: <https://dacl.dc.gov/service/safe-home>

15. Syga Thomas from Maison Kesh presented on the Maison Kesh project.
 - a. The wooden façade is being removed and sidewalk will be constructed.
 - b. Will also be applying for an ABCA license in days to come.
 - c. Expected open date is fall, the hotel will have less than 100 rooms/.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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