Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (November 2023) <u>Tuesday, November 21, 2023</u>

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 Vining seconded.
 - a. Motion to amend 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 consent calendar with October 17, 2023 meeting minutes, Commissioner Carver seconded.
 - a. Motion to amend the consent calendar passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (N), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
 - b. Commissioner Robinson-Paul stated that she opposed the approval of minutes due to a discrepancy in her remarks in the minutes.
- 5. Commissioner Vining presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. ANC 5E FY23 3Q QFR has been refiled as requested by the OANC (following one change the OANC made to correct an error) and the FY23 4Q QFR has been filed, as specified in the minutes of the Oct. 17th ANC 5E meeting.
 - Below is a list of all activity in ANC 5E's checking account since the Oct. 17 ANC 5E meeting:

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- i. Automatic debit of \$59.35 on Nov. 6 for monthly Zoom charges (the first charge against the debit card ANC 5E obtained and started using for recurring online expenses)
- ii. Check #468 for \$400.10 to Commissioner Vining, reimbursement for postcard postage, cleared on Oct. 27th
- iii. #469 for \$65.70 to Commissioner Lewis for reimbursement for Zoom, printing costs, cleared on Oct. 23rd
- iv. Deposit of 4th quarter quarterly allotment, \$3,910.83 deposited on Oct. 18th.
- Commissioner Lewis presented the update to the ANC 5E committee guidelines.
 - a. New addition to the guidelines: for ANC 5E committee meetings, the ANC representative or committee chair should provide a report that should be posted on the ANC 5E website, no later than two weeks after the meeting.
 - b. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve the changes to the committee quidelines, Commissioner Rapp seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion to amend the committee guidelines passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (N), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- 7. Anthony Hall, director of public engagement, from Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) presented an update on DBH's services.
 - a. Contact info: Cell: 202-503-8520, anthony.hall@dc.gov
 - b. DBH Mental Health Hotline (24/7): 1-888-793-4357 or 988
 - c. Civilian Responder Team (CRT) is a 24/7 program, conducts evaluations for involuntary hospitalizations, they also work with MPD and Core teams.
 - d. For substance use and opioid order, DBH handles things like opioid harm reduction including needle exchange and disposal, and providing naloxone.
 - e. DBH recent opened a 24/7 stabilization center at 35 K St NE for 18+ and over. So far 230 people have received services, the stabilization center also has an urgent behavioral health clinic.
 - DBH's Anthony Hall also walked through steps of involuntary evaluation, intake and commitment of individuals.

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- 8. Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker presented an update on Ward 5 issues:
 - a. Upcoming event: Monthly public safety call on November 29 at 3:00pm. Attendees will include DBH Director Bazron, who will discuss efforts underway to improve support for neighbors struggling with addiction and those dealing with mental illness, as well as MPD Ward 5 Commander Altieri and US Attorney Graves. The call is recorded. You can sign up here: https://ward5.us/monthlycall
 - b. Rise in violence in D.C. including Ward 5. Councilmember Parker is actively weighing several bills at Council which will streamline resources + address violent perpetrators.
 - c. Petit Scholars: Russell Dunkley, the alleged assailant in the case, is still being held at Psychiatric Institute of Washington, a court hearing is scheduled for December 12 which will determine whether he is turned over to MPD or institutionalized at St. Elizabeth's. Working with CM Henderson to look at FD-12 policies to see if there are any loopholes and whether changes are required.
 - d. Sam Bonar from CM Parker's office is leading work on a pilot program on North Capitol to coordinate across public health, community organizations. safety agencies and partners.
 - e. Thanksgiving the CM's office will be closed on Thursday-Friday. CM office did holiday turkey giveaway ahead of the holiday. If you know someone in need and experiencing food insecurity, reach out to CM Parker's office.
 - f. Questions:
 - i. Commissioner Imtiaz highlighted the substandard conditions at St. Elizabeth's, Councilmember Parker highlighted the problematic history of institutionalizing individuals against their will and the conditions at St. Elizabeth's are being taken under consideration.
 - ii. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked to pay more attention to DPR and to ensure that children whose parents who don't/are unable to pay fees are still able to get DPR services and that a fund be made available for assistance. Councilmember Parker talked about current work on Edgewood + NY Avenue rec centers and Dunbar pool and reports of and neighborhood youth not being able to access facilities, and working on prioritizing access for neighborhood children. The McMillan facility,

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when brought online, will also mitigate capacity concerns. CM Parker is asking for \$30 million for Ward 5 DPR facilities.

- 9. Commissioner Lewis presented the community impact statement on Mr. Dunkley and the Petit Scholars incident behalf of ANC 5E to be sent to the USAO office.
 - a. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to approve the community impact statement to be sent to USAO, Commissioner Vining seconded.
 - Motion to approve the letter for transmission to USAO 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).
- 10. Commissioner Lewis presented on the interim use of 1600 North Capitol St NW.
 - a. The lot at the corner of Florida and N. Cap St NW has been unused for 17 years. This year, Joe Mamo, the developer, let the PUD expire, there is some discrepancy if it has officially expired or if there will be a new PUD issued.
 - b. There are reports that the developer also wants use of half of the slip lane located at that corner, however the community wants to see the slip lane to be used to expand the corner park.
 - c. Commissioner Lewis suggested tabling the letter to next month's ANC meeting when more details will be available on the PUD.
 - d. Commissioner Imtiaz made a motion to table the letter on the 1600 North Capitol St NW to the December 19, 2023 ANC 5E meeting.
 - Motion to table the letter to the December 2023 meeting 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).
- 11. Commissioner Rapp presented on the request from Gilbane for extended weekend work hours for the McMillan Community Center construction.
 - a. Gilbane would like to work on Sunday's and holidays to increase the weekly production and mitigate possible weather impacts. This would include work installing pavers in the service court and plaza area along with other site related activities such as landscaping and installation of hardscapes. Gilbane

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would not be performing any work in the public area's around the perimeter of the project.

- b. Commissioner Rapp updated that Gilbane had not provided an update to the Bloomingdale Civic Association, similarly Commissioner Vining updated that no update had been provided to the Stronghold Civic Association.
- c. Commissioner Rapp motioned to table the Gilbane request for extended hours at the McMillan site until further information is received from DGS, Commissioner Vining seconded.
- d. Motion to table the request from Gilbane for extended hours 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).
- 12. Commissioner Vining presented on the letter to DPW to cancel tickets issued due to construction work in alley in SMD 5E06.
 - a. Commissioner Vining motioned to approve submission of a letter to DPW on lack of coordination and issuing tickets to residents during alley construction work, Commissioner Robinson-Paul seconded.
 - b. Motion to approve ANC 5E's letter to DPW 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).
- 13. Commissioner Rapp presented on HPA case 24-049 77 and 79 Bryant St NW.
 - a. The presentation was made by the architect Will Teass on behalf of Jarvis, the client. Two new brick three-story rowhouses will be constructed on two new lots.
 - b. The applicant has the matter of right from zoning perspective, not asking for special exceptions.
 - c. The applicant updated that HPRB had a principal design issue on treatment of western façade, where alley façade is more neutral compared to front lot. The roof deck will not be visible from street.
 - d. The Bloomingdale Civic Association also voted to support the case.
 - e. Commissioner Rapp motioned to support the case for 77-79 Bryant St NW, Commissioner Vining seconded.

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- f. Motion to approve the case 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).
- 14. Lt. Sprague presented from MPD Fifth District.
 - a. Compared to same period last year: Reduction in violent crimes and in theft from autos Property crime is up, motor vehicle thefts are also increasing but at a slower pace compared to last year.
 - b. Lt. Sprague said that he obtained these statistics from crimecard.dc, https://crimecards.dc.gov/all:crimes/all:weapons/1:year%20to%20date/in:ANC:5E
 - c. Arrests have been made in spate of robberies on the Metropolitan Branch Trail.
 - d. Commissioner Imtiaz asked for data around traffic tickets issued on N. Capital St., MPD will provide data.
 - e. Commissioner Robinson-Paul highlighted the issues around the 24/7 store at N. Cap and P St NW and has asked for them to curtail the hours.
 - i. MPD: Ongoing investigation into properties along that area, to reduce the draw of people using drugs around the area, and the unoccupied space. While there is no law against loitering, a unit does go by that spot twice during the night.
 - f. Commissioner Carver asked for an update around 1st and Seaton PI NW incident on Halloween, an arrest was made.
 - g. Commissioner Lewis asked for an update on shooting incident at 1st and Q St NW, MPD will provide update.
 - h. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for MPD to work with WMATA to address issues at N. Cap and P St NW bus stop to address people lying down on bench stops and preventing bus riders from using bench. MPD informed that WMATA is paying MPD overtime to do WMATA transit police enforcement, WMATA deploys resources as they see fit.
 - i. Commissioner Vining asked about reports of a car being stolen with a club on steering wheel, MPD informed that such tools do exist.
- 15. Maximilian Tondro and Alexandra Cain presented from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).
 - a. Presentation available here.
 - b. OAG's Equitable Land use division started under former DC AG Racine, advises on

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zoning and adjustment, intervening between Board and ZC including filing comments or proposing change to zoning that would be in public interest.

- c. OAG has been focusing most on affordable housing, environmental sustainability, equity and literacy.
- d. OAG has done presentations for OANC and ANCs, and also serves as a resource for the Council and their staff.
- e. In addition, with PUDs asking developers to get flexibility and incentives to develop but in return providing public benefits including affordable housing. OAG looks to ensure that professor for affordable housing is commensurate with flexibility being sought.
- f. OAG did provide text amendment to reduce income levels to ensure people in lower income levels could get access to housing. Had asked for lowering Median Family Income (MFI) and Area Median Income (AMI) levels, and ways to encourage and incentivize developers to provide deeper affordability. OAG also proposed a series of amendments, one to remove Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) exemption from downtown zones to ensure everyone participated equally.
- 16. Commissioner Robinson-Paul provided SMD updates.
 - a. ANC 5E01 will have a SMD meeting on November 28, meeting at 6:30pm, 1519 4th St NW at Masjid Mosque #4.
 - b. The Mayor and other groups are working on finding a way for families of senior citizens to obtain inherited priorities that are available to them, as laws families lose their longterm housing and working on a way that they don't have to go to probate or that their relatives can acquire those properties.
- 17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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