

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5F
Of the Edgewood, Eckington, and Chancellor Row Neighborhoods**

Minutes of the Meeting of April 25, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Called to order by JB at 7:05 PM on April 25, 2023
 - b. Commenced Meeting Recording, located link here: <https://www.anc5f.com/>

Commissioner	Present for Roll Call	Permanent or Acting Roles (Commissioner, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, N/A)
Jennifer Anderson (JA)	X	Vice Chair
Joe Bishop-Henchman (JB)	X	Chair
Mark Galvan (MG)	X	Secretary
Anthony (Tony) Hurst (TH)	X	Treasurer
Sylvia Pinkney (SP)	X	Arrived late at 7:08 p
Aru Sahni (AS)	X	
Patricia Williams (PW)	X	Arrived late at 7:15 p

Residents present (online)

Anthony Black
Frank
Paulette Johnson
Sam Bonar
Pedro S
David Ross

2. Public Comment (10 mins., up to 2 minutes per speaker)
 - a. James – satisfied that people were there. Happy to see others. Really encouraged
 - b. Melissa Haupt – Trash cans at 4th and U and public trash cans – dumping continues around the neighborhood. Happy to see people come out and help clean up. Anything we can do to help keep the area clean.
 - i. Parking – bus company, RAPP, and parking is in rough shape. Residents don't have anywhere to park. Nearly impossible to find parking spots – increase in traffic and from businesses is problematic.
 - ii. Street signs are wrong – says Zone 1 parking (and when they redrew the lines for the parking it was incorrect, even though it appeared to extend the parking) – at 4th Street near U Street and DPW keep giving tickets to residents.
 - c. Ely Ross –
 - i. Trash and DPW ticketing enforcement – lived here in 5-6 years. Hasn't had an issue with trash cans but it appears street sweep team has targeted it as an enforcement area. What we are supposed to be doing on a normal day that we have done for a long time, now 8 or 9 people on the block received tickets for where trash cans were placed.
 - ii. We need common sense consistency – what was ticketed for is not realistic for residents and DPW should reverse the policy and engage with residents

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- iii. Had some community engagement to question that ticketing processing
 - iv. Find workable solutions
 - v. Cannot carry trash cans down the stairs. Smaller cans or more frequent pick-up is the best solution or allow them to be how they have been in the past.
3. Response to Public Comment (5 mins.)
- a. MG – DDOT can assist with moving signs, RPP parking is a good idea to get in place to minimize problematic interactions with DPW
 - i. Will request DPW to join next Commission meeting (they were unable to make it today)
 - b. JA – 4th Street – thanks for coming out for the walk. Can assist with the parking issue.
 - i. Send photos along to her.

Conclusion: Residents indicated anomalies in parking enforcement and issues with trash enforcement in SW Edgewood in SMD 5F04 and 5F05.

4. Approval of the Agenda (2 mins.)
- a. MG - Request adding Samantha Poon to Library Task Force, remove or defer 4th Street Bike Lanes to TAPs committee
 - b. AS – Nominate Elwyn Gonzalez to TAPS
 - c. JA – Add Director of Department of Buildings to the agenda after the committee Reports –
 - i. JA – motion to add presentation by DOB between sections 8 and 9.
 - ii. MG – 2nd
 - iii. No objections
 - d. JB – motion to adopt agenda as amended
 - i. MG – 2nd
 - ii. No objections
 - iii. Agenda adopted as amended.
5. Referral of Items to Committees (if any)
- a. None – to join committees, a sign-up survey is online on our website – it is posted to the website here: <https://www.anc5f.com/committees> with quick link to survey here: <https://t.co/JVhYySau93>
6. Approval of Minutes of the [March 28, 2023 5F Commission Meeting](#) (Commissioner Galvan)
- a. MG - Distributed copies of meeting minutes on 3/29/2023 and posted to website on 4/4/2023
 - i. MG Motion to approve March 28, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes
 - ii. TH 2nd
 - iii. Without objection, minutes adopted.

Conclusion: Meeting minutes from March 29, 2023 approved.

7. Officer Reports (5 mins.)
- a. Chair - JB – Walk with DPW staff went well, included TH, SP, JA, JB, CM Parker, Director of DPW brought staff. Walked up Lincoln, through Eckington and then went to RIA. Trash cans were a big topic, parking enforcement.

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- i. Action and follow-up by DPW was appreciated. Trying to get DPW as the director is currently acting, is getting things done.
 - ii. SP – did follow-up with us on abandoned cars, nice to see things get done.
 - iii. TH – good to see Eckington.
 - 3. Vice Chair - JA –
 - iv. Excited for a Library coming down – walk through community coming soon.
 - v. In a location that makes sense for the community
 - vi. Community outreach soon. Walk will get the staff acquainted with the community
 - vii. Website plug – check out monthly website newsletter.
 - b. Treasurer - TH – First allotment of funds, \$9370.02, \$140.35 for checks, \$35, \$10, send out a reimbursement form for all ANC Commissioners if they want reimbursement.
 - i. Needs to have a received and approved by the Commission.
 - c. Secretary - MG – no updates.
- 8. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)
 - a. Alcohol Licensing Committee
 - i. No updates (committees still getting ramped up). A new survey has been created to help engage residents.
 - b. Public Safety, Health, & Community Engagement Committee update (MG)
 - i. The committee held its inaugural meeting with its 3 nominated individuals and 3 public guests and discussed related issues in the neighborhood including hot spots, and mitigation strategies. Committee discussed the public safety forum and what kind of questions are needed. Committee reviewed what can be done to get the word out by knocking on doors and building community in a grassroots way to provide the necessary resources to those who need it most. Also talked about how the committee can work with MPD to better improve their respect for all community members and have them out in the neighborhood to meet neighbors. Meeting minutes posted on <https://www.anc5f.com/committees>
 - 1. Public safety – 4th and W will be one of the focus areas.
 - 2. Please let MG know if you're interested in joining.
 - c. Transportation & Public Space Committee
 - i. Began exchanging on draft rules in how we proceed with resolutions, what constitutes the processes.
 - ii. No votes yet, but will get engaged soon.
 - iii. Have some new resolutions for ANC 5F next month.
 - iv. A new survey has been created to help engage residents, please sign up!
 - d. Zoning & Development Committee
 - i. No updates (committees still getting ramped up). A new survey has been created to help engage residents.
 - e. Task Force on Outreach (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. New website information coming out soon!
 - ii. New website is <https://www.anc5f.com/>

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- f. Task Force on Library (No update) – library walk-through on Thursday, May 4 from 1:30p-3:30p with Director of Library.
9. Ernest Chrappah, Acting Director of the Department of Buildings
- a. 3 broad areas to talk about
 - b. Operating Context – budget requires tough choices, COVID money is starting to run out. Economy has slowed down. Have high office vacancy rates.
 - i. \$8M – down payment assistance for home-purchase assistance
 - ii. Great streets initiative
 - iii. Nadeau having mark-up session soon on budget for her committee
 - iv. April 28 – mark-up session.
 - c. Anderson – Who to contact for ???
 - d. MG – Is there an increase in budget for inspectors? EC - The challenge with inspectors is there are not enough people. Training people to become inspectors. Consider people to help with getting people involved.
 - e. Resident Comment: Phyllis Cureton –
 - i. Voucher inspections – for a 4-unit building needs to occur soon. When will this happen?
 - 1. EC – Does heating inspections
 - 2. Do inspections (3 units and above) –
 - 3. Looks at risk profile and predicts a housing code violation.
 - 4. Do an inspection as a part of a business license.
 - 5. DOB.dc.gov – housing inspections
 - 6. Reach out to Mark Anthony – Ward Liaison for Ward 5.
 - ii. Property maintenance and housing standards
 - iii. Type of inspection or a voucher client
10. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)

Conclusion: Director of the Department of Buildings discussed the Mayor's budget and took questions from the community about how to engage them.

11. Public Comment on Agenda Items:
- a. Rob Harris Lincoln Road –
 - i. Street Paving by the park – any updates on the DDOT work?
 - 1. Lots of aggressive drivers is just as bad as other violence.
 - 2. Plan to invite the MPD to these meetings
 - a. MG – we will be sure to add MPD to the next meeting.
 - b. JB – we can get reciprocity agreements to residents.
 - b. Michael Clark –
 - i. 3rd Street and RIA – Edgewood Civic Association is in support of this 3rd and RIA at traffic
 - c. Melissa Haupt
 - i. Stop light at 3rd and RIA
 - ii. Has there been any consideration of an overpass?

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12. Consent Agenda *items removed from consent agenda are added to action agenda*
- a. Resolution Supporting Traffic Safety Improvements to Review Safety and Durability of Protected Bike Lane Improvements in Eckington and Edgewood (Commissioners Galvan, Sahni) (Removed and referred to the TAPS committee)
 - b. Resolution Requesting Safety Improvements in Response to Automated Traffic Enforcement for Oversized Vehicles (Commissioner Galvan)
 - c. Resolution Supporting Litter Can Installation Requests (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman, Anderson, Galvan)
 - d. Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Lost Generation Brewing Company (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman, Anderson)
 - e. Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Eckington Hall (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman, Anderson)
 - f. Resolution Stating Conditional Support for Curb Cuts at 605 Rhode Island Avenue NE (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - g. Resolution Requesting Safety Improvements in Response to Notice of Intent 23-55-TESD (Commissioner Galvan)
 - h. Resolution Requesting Traffic Calming for the 2800-3400 Blocks of 7th Street NE (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i.
 - i. JB – remove item A to get moved to the TAPS committee and C to amend it
 - ii. JB - Motion to adopt remainder of items on consent agenda
 - iii. AS – 2nd

Vote on adopting the items on the *consent agenda* (B, D, E, F, G, H).

Commissioner	5F01 (TH)	5F02 (AS)	5F03 (PW)	5F04 (MG)	5F05 (JA)	5F06 (JB)	5F07 (SP)
Yay (Y) Vote							
Nay (N) Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Abstention (A) Vote							

7-0-0 Adoption of all the resolutions noted in the consent agenda (approved).

13. Action Agenda

- a. JB – Resolution supporting litter can requests
 - i. If ANC acknowledges them, removals and
 - ii. Move to amend to add 3 additional 1 –
- b. 23-00192586 (329 Rhode Island Avenue NE) - this is the Mint building in Commissioner Galvan's district
- c. 23-00197930 (2018 5th Street NE) - this is next to the UberEats ghost kitchen
- d. 23-00201938 (2135 5th Street NE) - this is next to the UHaul between what will soon be 38 condos on one side and hundreds of units on the other
 - i. MG – 2nd
 - ii. No objections to changes.
 - iii. SP – near residential areas?

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- iv. JB - On main streets or near commercial districts, will submit additional information on this.

e. AS – Motion to adopt as amended

f. MG – 2nd

g. No objections, goes to a roll call vote:

Commissioner	5F01 (TH)	5F02 (AS)	5F03 (PW)	5F04 (MG)	5F05 (JA)	5F06 (JB)	5F07 (SP)
Yay (Y) Vote							
Nay (N) Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Abstention (A) Vote							

Conclusion: Resolution unanimously passes with revised language add the three additional locations for litter cans.

14. Other reports or presentations (10 mins. each item)

- i. Leah Fantle, Upshift DC & Anthony Mitchell, Lyft
 - 1. Trainings for people to use Lyft services
 - 2. New fleet of scooters, bigger, brighter lights, brakes on both hands, phone mounts, longer batter and bigger tires, left/right hand turn lanes, do not go on sidewalks and ride with the road traffic, lock to fixed objects like bike racks and sign posts that are not blocking roads and sidewalks.
 - 3. Photo required to make sure it is locked safely
 - 4. Have a community pass available that Capital Bikeshare has.
 - 5. Has availability for 30-minute rides
 - 6. Scooter – in person show how to use the App and the system
 - 7. Scooters to connect public transit to home?
 - 8. If blocking the traffic – 311 report is the best way to get to Lyft
- ii. JB – Locked to a public, fixed object
 - 1. LF – take a photo nearby and report to 311.
- iii. SP – Should multiple people be on the scooter?
 - 1. LF – no, shouldn't be used with more than 2 people, it is not safe.
- iv. LF – link for free – post this?
 - 1. Posted to chat in meeting.
- v. MG – Any desire to increase the speed limiters on the scooters? Yes, trying to lobby DC council on this.
- vi. AS – scooters taking up space; job to just install bike racks
- b. Anthony Black, Mayor Bowser’s Office of Community Relations
 - i. 4th and W ST as a hot spot on his radar
 - ii. MPD with speeding vehicles
 - iii. Senior Fest on May 31st at Gateway Pavilion
 - 1. Celebrate Seniors
 - iv. Early Bird Hype Event on Thursday from 12p-2p, line dancing
 - v. DPR – OT opportunities - \$35/hour
 - vi. TH – Ages 16 and up for jobs. No new updates.
- c. Sam Bonar (SB), Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker

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- i. Constituent Services
- ii. Budget shortfall
- iii. Each committee has a mark-up. Any last minute requests, please send them along to the relevant committees or to at-large and Ward 5 Councilmember.
- iv. Focus on safety, lots of violence. Both transportation equity and street safety.
- v. Comprehensive plan – how do we make sure agencies are coordinating and communicating with the community.
 1. New bill to make gun companies accountability.
 2. Reasonable safety precautions for guns – still needs to pass
 3. Difficult to hire police right now and will take years to help
 4. School safety director – making sure coordination with MPD and behavioral health and safety and everything in between.
 5. Keep holding people accountable.
 6. Trash and parking enforcement.
- vi. JA – cuts to the budgets
 1. SB – not a ton of DPW enforcement – booting cars; larger increase in booting staff for vehicles.
- vii. SP – Harry Thomas – able to be upgraded majorly?
 1. SB - \$19M for budget.
 2. SB - \$2M
- viii. Melissa Haupt - Safety –
 1. For crime deterrents for cameras?
 - a. Do we know where these are going?
 2. SB – pushing for in public safety cameras adding information.
 - a. Cuts to violence interrupters, hope to pass more holistic items
 3. Large cameras – deterrent as an option?
 - a. SB – likely not for this round of budget but follow-up for next year.
 - b. Right on 4th Street areas.
 - c. Focus on pushing forward what we have heard and not going into the next round.
- ix. Michael Clarke
 1. Can we get more money to talk to them about Harry Thomas?
 2. SB - \$19M is in the budget still at this time.
 3. Organize to call that number to push for Trayvon white – want to see the pressure – call those area.
- x. JA –
 1. This week each committee has a mark-up – the public announcement on what we should include and not include.
 2. Then 2 weeks of negotiation and full council mark-ups
 3. Larger legislation can be passed.
 4. Full budget mark-up is in May 16 – people should outreach now.
 5. Final vote is May 30 for budget.

Conclusion: Three presentations were given on Lyft scooter program, Mayor's office initiatives, and Ward 5 Councilmember Parker's budget information.

15. Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)
- a. TH – Motion to add Samantha Poon to Library Task Force and Elwyn Gonzalez to TAPS committee.
 - i. JA – 2nd
 - ii. No objections.
 - iii. Added to committees.

Conclusion: Samantha Poon added to Library Task Force and Elwyn Gonzalez added to Transportation and Public Spaces Committee.

16. Announcements (2 mins. each)
- a. JA – No additions.
 - b. MG – No additions.
 - c. TH – No additions.
 - d. AS – Trash cans are a concern in the area, we are working to add even more of them. Please let AS know if there are others that need to be added.
 - e. JB – The Eckington Yards development had a Planned Unit Development and a public space that was created for public organizational uses. It is located behind Eckington Hall.
 - i. Space been furnished with some furniture although it isn't necessarily high quality but it has seats for maybe 15 people and a couple folding tables.
 - ii. If any commissioner wants to utilize it, it is available for meetings and it can be used now.
 - iii. NoMa BID is putting on movie night on Wednesdays starting May 3 each week in Alethia Tanner Park.
 - iv. Bus restructuring plan there are two draft areas proposed in the neighborhood - #214 is the one going to through Eckington/Edgewood, and #302 is like the P6 but with a different route.
 1. Including frequency additions as well.
 2. Starting the discussion on Florida Ave and bus lanes – another update is coming shortly.
 - f. PW – PUD at MRP Development
 - i. MG should check at IZIS website
 - ii. A PUD was created to develop a space from MRP, need to correct the record that it does not exist – the PUD does exist and it can be looked up.
 - iii. Even though the PUD exists, the space guaranteed by the PUD has not been created yet by MRP.
 - iv. MG apologized for the misunderstanding.
 - g. SP – Dave Thomas Circle – doing a survey a context by rename Dave Thomas Circle and the three small parks – NoMa BIDs is doing the survey. It is due by June 25th for your great ideas!
 - h. JA - Sign up for the newsletter if you haven't already at anc5f.com!

17. Adjournment
- a. Motion to Adjourn - JA
 - b. 2nd – PW

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c. Commission 5F Adjourned at 8:58p - JB

Draft Prepared by Commissioner Mark Galvan, Secretary

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