



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5F

ANC 5F Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 7:00PM to 9:30PM

In Person and Online

In Person: [Eckington Community Room, Judd & Weiler Building, Quincy Lane NE](#)

Online by Zoom: login information at www.anc5f.com

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PROPOSED AGENDA

**The draft agenda is posted 7 days prior to the meeting and finalized at the meeting.
Items with a * were late-noticed and will need approval to be added to the agenda.**

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1) Call to Order & Roll Call – 7:00 PM

- a. Called to order by JB at 7:01 PM on November 28, 2023

Commissioner	Present for Roll Call	Permanent or Acting Roles
Jennifer Anderson (JA)	X	Vice Chair
Joe Bishop-Henchman (JB)	X	Chair
Mark Galvan (MG)	X	Secretary (late)
Anthony (Tony) Hurst (TH)	X	Treasurer
Sylvia Pinkney (SP)		
Aru Sahni (AS)	X	
Patricia Williams (PW)	X	(late)

- 2) Public Comment (10 mins., up to 2 mins. per speaker)
 - a) Resident 1
 - i) Jackie - resident of Eckington Place for 3 years. Has been an issue at T Street by the McKinley Tech and trying to leave at 3:00p-3:30p - too many people are double parking. Asked crossing guards if people move as double parked but say they do not have the authority to do so. Also an issue at other hours. People also parked in the bike lane as well. Is a big problem in the area.
 - b) Resident 2
 - i) Daniel Ehrenpreis, putting a document in the chat - petition to sign on to ask the DC Council to demand a Cease Fire for Gaza - take a peek and see if we will be willing to sign on.

Residents present (online)

Numu Kamara, Daniel Hoagland, Mark Belak, Michael Murray, Melissa - CM Parker, Chelsea Williams, Drew Penrose, Melissa Coughlin, Amoni Woodby, Michael Cross

Residents present (in person)

- 3) Response to Public Comment (5 mins.)
 - a) JB - CM Parker's staff will be here later in this meeting to discuss upcoming related issues.
 - b) JA - none
 - c) MG - none
 - d) TH - Advice is that you use 311 to get DPW out for parking enforcement daily/weekly. Has to be called in each time. Did get parking enforcement when we did call. Call within an hour of notice, it might help. Cars that were empty did get ticketed.
 - e) AS - Parking is similar issue in Edgewood.
 - i) Same issue at Charter Schools nearby
 - ii) Good luck reaching out to school administration. Have closer relationship with family members. Has been some success in getting DDOT out there, and get the intersection clear.
 - f) PW - none
 - g) SP - not online

- 4) Approval of the Agenda (2 mins.)
 - a) JB - 10 days before meeting, draft agenda then posted 7 days in advance. Now is the opportunity to make amendments to the agenda from commissioners.
 - b) Move to Adopt the agenda
 - i) 2nd by AS
 - ii) No Objections
 - iii) Agenda Amended
 - c) Agenda adopted as amended

Brief: Agenda adopted as adopted.

- 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>
 - b) [JB - Will work with Right Proper Brewery and go to the Alcohol Licensing Committee - will get help from the committee to draft a settlement agreement.](#)
- 6) Approval of [Minutes of the November 28 Regular Meeting](#) (3 mins.) (Commissioner Galvan)
- a) MG - Distributed copies of draft [Minutes of the November 28 Regular Meeting](#) on 12/3 and posted to the website on 12/10.
 - b) MG Motion to approve November 28 Commission Meeting Minutes
 - c) JA 2nd
 - d) Without objection, minutes were adopted.

Conclusion: Meeting minutes from November 28 Regular Meeting 2023 approved.

- 7) Officer Reports (5 mins. each)
- a) Chair (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman) - ANC 5F Meeting; best practices - turn on cameras for voting. Would not like to police people.
 - i) New guidance by OANC for sign on letters and what is legally required. Great weight is attached only to resolutions passed at public meetings that were properly noticed.
 - ii) ANC Holiday Event - CMs were present. Discussed with CM White staff about the permanent ability to hold hybrid meetings. Only temporarily allowed DC Council Action to make it a permanent event. Mr. Hilgendorf asked CM White to try and maintain hybrid meetings.
 - b) Vice Chair (Commissioner Anderson) - None.
 - c) Treasurer (Commissioner Hurst) - \$17,807.67. No charges, no additions in the last month. Significant uptick in crime, meeting with CM Parker.
 - d) Secretary (Commissioner Galvan) - Eckington Parks and Arts and the Eckington Civic Association - board positions are opening, always need more, get involved and run!
- 8) Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)
- a) Alcohol Licensing (AL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin) - new application for Doki Doki BBQ at Bryant Street NE. Committee recommends another settlement agreement. Ask them why they are not aligned with existing Bryant Street developments. Check out the distribution list. Placard with Cannabis - a couple placards from ABCA in 5F. Can we add Cannabis requests to the Alcohol Licensing Committee now that ABRA changed to ABCA? Check out the link on any feedback on establishments that serves alcohol, have the committee be in a better position (see website).
 - i) MG and JB to assist with moving from ABRA and the ABCA. MG to work on this. Right Proper Brewery - get started on a settlement agreement (JB)
 - b) Community Engagement (CE) Committee - No Chair yet, no new update.
 - c) Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis) - Meeting every third Thursday of the month. This Thursday from 6p-7:30p. Will be hybrid as well. Click on committees and agendas. We have a google drive, house agendas, meeting minutes, city council legislation as it relates to public safety, committee readings. The focus is on gold standards/evidence

based practices. City Council trackers on certain legislation. Currently 3 pieces of legislation - Emergency, Safety Commercial Corridors Acts. Working to hold a continuation of the public safety portion and ensure what DC Council is moving forward is common sense. Provide a resource to the community. MPD has an anonymous tip line - illegal or suspicious behaviors, 24/7, send pictures. 50411. Join our committee. Need more help. Start testifying to get the right legislation past.

- i) MG - Testimony is due 2 weeks after - 2nd one is today.
 - ii) JA - Rodent abatement. Submit 311 request for rodent abatement at an individual property. Request a petition - rodent control. Don't need ANC support. Door knocking to help get this information out to others - can the committee help with this?
 - iii) TH - Awaiting for a specific time. Emergency meeting in the neighborhood is necessary. CM Parker is taking the lead for Thursday meeting at 6:30p at Edgewood Recreation Center
- d) Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
- i) AS - no meeting in December. Postpone presentation from Mr. Hart on the Q & R Street NE, postponing to February.
 - ii) Draft resolutions for wayfinding and pedestrian improvements for ANC5F in a subsequent meeting
 - iii) Attending the Friends of MBT - to improve the quality of the MBT. End of season gathering at Wundergarten. DDOT also came for trail safety. DDOT has improvements between Irving Street and Monroe Street gap coming soon. Come join to try and shape something we are all pleased with.
- e) Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD)
- i) No chair yet. JB - no new zoning applications. SMD meeting by JA by Mr. Togenstone will chair the committee.
 - ii) Appoint Togenstone as the chair.
 - iii) Don't overlap with other meeting time periods, will find out more next year
- f) Task Force on Outreach (Commissioner Sahni)
- i) Set up committees for additional infrastructure. Renewed our domain name. anc5f.com
 - ii) Come forward in the January meeting.
- g) Library Task Force
- i) JA - No updates from Martha Saccocio at DC Public Library

9) Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)

- a) None.

10) Public Comment on Agenda Items (10 mins., up to 2 mins. per speaker)

- a) Comment 1 (Jackie) - separate issue not noted at beginning - MBT - run along the trail. Water Fountains do not work. Last ones are not working.
 - i) JB - email him each areas and he can follow up.
 - ii) At Dave Thomas Circle Construction - One lane is closed, 2 lanes from the FedEx, merge on to Florida runs red lights and blocks intersections. Get stuck because vehicles on Florida Ave to go to New York Ave get blocked. Vehicles consistently run red lights. Construction staff are also concerned. Intersection is a problem.
 - iii) JB - straddles SP and JB's spaces. Check on other spaces.

- b) Comment 2 - Mark Belak - President of HOA for the adjacent property at 1941. Do not support or oppose any action at this time.

11) Consent Agenda -

items may be removed from the consent agenda by any commissioner and are added to the action agenda

- a) To call a regular meeting for Tuesday, January 23, 2024, to be conducted in a hybrid format (in Zoom and in person, **at the Edgewood Recreation Center if available** or if not at a location determined by the Chair). (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
- b) Action on [Zoning Case 20981, 1941 2nd Street NE](#) (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i) Be it resolved that supports the following relief:
 - (1) Rooftop and Upper Floor
 - (2) Special Exception to change from 2 unit to multi-unit housing
- c) Action on [Zoning Case for 1801 4th Street NE](#) (So Others Might Eat/Shalom House) (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i) Be it resolved that supports the following relief:
 - ii) Providing support for the relief and requested the BZA Requested.
- d) JA - remove item B from the consent agenda.
- e) JB – Move the adoption of the consent agenda for items A and C.
- f) JB - Motion to adopt remainder of items on consent agenda
- g) MG – 2nd

Vote on adopting the items on the *consent agenda (C, D)*

Commissioner	5F01 (TH)	5F02 (AS)	5F03 (PW)	5F04 (MG)	5F05 (JA)	5F06 (JB)	5F07 (SP)
Yay (Y) Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP
Nay (N) Vote							
Abstention (A) Vote							
Not Present (NP)							

6-0-0 Adoption of resolution on first regular meeting on Tuesday, January 23 at Edgewood Recreation Center and Letter of Support for 1801 4th Street NE, noted in the consent agenda.

12) Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)

- a) Resolution “B
- b) Zoning Case 0981 – Moving on the amendments:
- c) JA - Had multiple discussions at ANC5F meetings both in person and separate SMD Meeting last Saturday. This resolution is for the support of two of the relief items. Technical Language to plain speak:
 - i) Design Feature - relief to allow for the removal of the mansard roof

- (1) many people did not have much opinion based on the mansnard roof change, just the focus on the 20' back from the existing space.
 - ii) Special Requirements - requesting to change to multi-family. By right allows only 2 units. This would allow them to build more than 2 units but does not specify the exact amount.
 - iii) Exceeding beyond the 10' line. Current proposal at 20' in size. Have been significantly differing opinions on that between neighbors and the owner.
 - (1) You are also welcome to submit written testimony and oral testimony so that your voice is heard by the BZA.
 - iv) JB - outreach on this project. What is their engagement in the community?
 - (1) Architect on behalf of the applicant. Reached out in June 2023, July month. Met at 2 additional SMD meetings.
 - (2) ECA voted to support the changes in this community.
 - (3) Numu was available at the final presentation meeting.
 - (4) The Hearing for the Board of Zoning Adjustments is in January. BZA has the final say. Will be given great weight, up to the zoning board. Still have opportunity for others to submit testimony altogether, as a granted party status. BZA votes, have to go through a permitting process, have to go through a certificate of occupancy.
- d) JA - appreciate all the engagement with neighbors. Has been a spirit of compromise.
 - i) Request a Roll Call Vote
 - ii) 2nd by MG

Roll call vote:

Commissioner	5F01 (TH)	5F02 (AS)	5F03 (PW)	5F04 (MG)	5F05 (JA)	5F06 (JB)	5F07 (SP)
Yay (Y) Vote	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Nay (N) Vote							
Abstention (A) Vote							
Not Present (NP)							

5-1-0 Resolution passes to support changes to multifamily unit and changes to roof and front facade.

- 13) Other reports or presentations (5 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)
 - a) Anthony Black, Mayor Bowser's Office of Community Relations
 - i) Not present.
 - b) Melissa Littlepage (ML), Communications Director, Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office

- i) Encourage people to subscribe. Ward5.us/newsletter (and all previous editions of the newsletter), go to ward5.us/news
- ii) Modified government services next week, trash and recycling collection. Public Safety and the Chancellor Row had horrific issues. Daily coordination with MPD. Commissioner Hurst - public safety meeting to focus on the chancellor meeting. Thursday at 6:30p - tentative. Should confirm tomorrow morning. Edgewood Recreation Center. Legislation - many pieces of legislation. Safer/stronger DC Legislation. Council passed some of the things. Whole of Government Response to Crime Amendment Act. Is going through the Committee on Judiciary Committee. Take up these bills for a vote in January. CM Parker will be supportive of what will occur, but hasn't seen final versions of the legislation so cannot make agreements yet until has read everything. Pretrial release is a challenge. 18 armed robberies by one person. Allowed out on pre-trial release - is up to the discretion of the court. We do not appoint our judges. Affecting the legislature is needed, but we (the Council) can limit Judge's discretion. Currently if they have committed a violent crime the onus is on the Court to justify why that individual should be held. If an individual is presumed guilty, but there is a proposal to change that the other way - why the individual should NOT be held. Another challenge is the crime lab accreditation - it is a huge problem. Need to have residents talk with the mayor. When the council held the public safety meeting and discussion with Matthew Graves on why are they not papering cases - 1 issues with the crime lab, the second one - body worn camera footage allowed to be seen by MPD officers first. The reason why they are having problems and constitutional issues with body cameras.
 - (1) TH - Has CM Parker been very supportive of these efforts? ML - Will come before the council in January. Is not a member of the committee on the Judiciary but thinks they can get to yes.
 - (2) AS - Crime lab - was reopened crime lab by end of year but is still behind. Struggling to get answers from the Mayor
 - (3) MG - Traffic Safety is still a huge problem and is getting worse. Crime lab - can we put the pressure on the Mayor to withhold her paychecks? Or something to put pressure to actually change things? ML - This is a big priority of CM Parker. Once you're a victim of a crime, already too late. STEER Act is beginning to move forward and hold drivers accountable.
 - (a) ML - Oversight priorities - oversight season for the council. Welcome feedbackPut in your oversight priorities:
<https://form.asana.com/?k=U82eYeWZhT32PnujCdG-jg&d=134131749997798>
 - (b) JA - forms to collect that information for budget priorities? ML - CM Parker will have a budget forum in the Winter/Spring and will occur soon.
 - (c) Public Comment - Michael Clarke - Melissa Littlepage - Will include 4th Street, shared with commissioners to help spread word. Meeting at 6:30p - -will create a bracket.

14) Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)

- a) MG - request to formally add Daniel Ehrenpreis as Chair of Public Safety and Health Committee
- b) JB - add Toven Stone to chair of Zoning and Development Committee.
- c) JB - move to adopt
- d) JA - 2nd

- e) No objection
- f) Mr. Stone and Mr. Ehrenpreis are appointed as chairs to their respective committees.

15) Announcements (2 mins. each)

- a) PW – None.
- b) SP - None.
- c) JA - None.
- d) MG - Happy Holidays - please be safe!
- e) TH - Public Safety - Thanks to Melissa Littlepage and CM Parker.
- f) AS - Budget season - playground improvements. Please surface them, now is the time to start to figure out what is needed.
- g) JB - DC Budget and Oversight Committees, let us know how we can use or save money! We have new trash cans! Have gotten some along 4th street and along the advanced technical center. 4th and V Street. Great for neighbors! DC Tax revision commission meet every 10 years. Unveiling the report on January 8th. If you have any feedback, offer to us or to the Council.

16) Adjourn – 8:30 PM

- a) Motion to Adjourn - JA
- b) 2nd – TH
- c) No objection.
- d) Commission 5F Adjourned at 8:30p

Committee Notes Drafted by Mark Galvan, Secretary

Meeting Minutes Adopted by 5F Commission on January 23, 2024.