

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

Minutes of the Meeting of February 28, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Called to order by JB at 7:34 PM on February 28, 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) |
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| 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 | |
| Aru Sahni (AS) | X | |
| Patricia Williams (PW) | X | |

Residents present (need sign-in sheet):

Reginald Harris
Frank Biega
Shoshana Sommer

Residents Online (couldn't get access to see who was online and wasn't able to record it)

2. Public Comment (10 mins., up to 2 minutes per speaker)
 - a. Reginald Harris – safety in the area has gotten worse. Have been requesting speed humps with Frank Biega. They have taken a petition to signed by 44 people to install speed bumps on 2nd and Douglas, 2nd and Channing by Lincoln Road. People speed through the stop signs all the time nearby children. So many people don't stop for people at all and it is a dangerous. It happens all the time – during evening and night time. Run stop signs. Lived here for 60 years. Can you help to get more speed bumps in the area. What suggestion can we do to help the neighborhood? Douglas got it because of the school on 2nd Street. Safety for everything. Want to work together to get this done.
 - b. Michelle Keegan – What is the process for getting a trash can removed? Two nearby her house has been removed. Can they be emptied more frequently?
 - c. Frank Biega – submitted – mailed in petition, attached to 311 request, submitted on July 18, 2022, should have been resolved by January 18th but it was closed out with no response. When will something happen? Is it a scheduling problem? When does this happen? Would the commission support a resolution to get this done? To have a petition to have between Lincoln Road to Channing
 - d. Melissa Coughlin – Drug traffic at 4th and Sun Market, it is only a matter of time

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before bullets come by. We see multiple break-ins, same people that comes in. Can the ANC make it a priority? Can we compel properties to help fix issues with trash, etc. as nuisance properties. Lots of other crimes before hand to hand selling. BP gets more traffic which is better but it is still a hang out late at night.

3. Response to Public Comment (5 mins.)

a. MG –

- i. Have been engaging with DDOT on updates for 2nd and Lincoln. Have heard there is movement but nothing specific yet. Have requested in budget for these items to get addressed. Recommend a bump-out or one-way out onto Lincoln as well. Recommend engagement on Transportation and Public Spaces committee.
- ii. For 4th and Rhode Island – recommend engagement on ABRA Committee, possible to put restrictions on businesses, need public engagement with MPD.

b. SP -

- i. Trash cans – homeless rifle through items and pull them out and make it a mess.
- ii. We don't get 30-day notices for trash cans.
- iii. DDOT has reprioritized quarterly each of their project. Speed hump to be at the bottom of their lists.

c. AS –

- i. Actively tracking out to engage DDOT. TSI 1.0 to TSI 2.0 changes
- ii. Exploring how to best engage as a commission
- iii. File a resolution if the commission agrees to the approach
- iv. Council resolution – Lewis George to require that DPW provide notice. Taking away a trash can to give public notice. Reach out to Councilman Parker to help get his vote on other items. Let your at-large Councilmembers White, Duffie, and Bonds – let them know too.

d. JA –

- i. Hear traffic safety is a huge problem as a neighborhood.
- ii. Public Safety – More coming up with a forum that MG is helping put together.

e. JB –

- i. Used to have trash cans on every corner near me and now just two on a four-block stretch. Resolution tonight is one way 5F is helping to get responses. NOMA Bid can also help in their area. DPW is actively removing trash cans when they should be adding them.

Conclusion: Neighbors brought up crime (drug dealing, littering, gunshots, etc.) and issues at liquor store at 4th and Rhode Island, brought up traffic violence and requested petition for speed bumps or raised crosswalk at 2nd, Lincoln, and Douglas NE, and how/why public trash cans are being removed more and more often on every block. Commissioners responded that resolutions, engagement with DDOT, and reaching out to council member offices is important as it is budget season right now and to work with commissioners on resolutions to support or get engaged with committees offered by the commission.

4. Approval of the Agenda (2 mins.)

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- a. JB – Request to add Office of Campaign Financing to agenda under 14 A
 - i. JB motion to adopt agenda as amended.
 - ii. JA – 2nd
 - iii. No objections
 - iv. Conclusion: Agenda amended.
 - b. JB – motion to adopt agenda
 - i. AS – 2nd
 - ii. No objections
 - iii. Agenda 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>
6. Approval of Minutes of the [January 31 Commission Meeting](#) (Commissioner Galvan)
- a. MG - Distributed copies of meeting minutes on 2/4/2023.
 - i. MG Motion to approve January 31st Commission Meeting Minutes
 - ii. JA 2nd
 - iii. Without objection, minutes adopted.

Conclusion: Meeting minutes from January 31 adopted.

7. Officer Reports (5 mins.)
- a. JB – 5F is a brand new commission and we applied for a technical assistance grant to do hybrid meetings. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (OANCs) approved the grant for 5F to get equipment to do hybrid meetings more effectively. OANCs is procuring that equipment now and should have it by the next meeting on March 28. ANC 5F is one of the only commissions doing hybrid meetings. Thanks to AS for work on Task Force.
 - b. JA – Recruiting Members for the committees – link to sign up is in the agenda and on website
 - i. Alcohol Licensing (AL)
 - ii. Zoning and Development (ZAD)
 - iii. Public Safety, Health, and Community Engagement (PSHCE)
 - iv. Transportation and Public Space (TAPS)
 - c. TH – Have a bank account! But only have \$0 for now.
 - d. MG – Go to ANC5F.com for more information, notes, recording, and items posted about a week or so after the meeting.
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
 - i. A new survey has been created to help engage residents.
 - c. Transportation & Public Space Committee
 - i. No updates (committees still getting ramped up). A new survey has been created to help engage residents.

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- 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. Getting the application to the technical assistance fund. Focusing on the next phase of the outreach effort to include:
 - 1. Content of presentation of the website
 - 2. Providing committees with meetings
 - 3. Access to printing
 - 4. Zoom for video conferences to help others set up meetings.
 - ii. New website is <https://www.anc5f.com/>
 - iii. Comments from Commissioners:
 - 1. None
 - iv. Public Comment:
 - 1. None
 - f. Task Force on Library (No update)
9. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)
- a. Jason Gerson (Eckington Civic Association) & Shoshana Sommer (Eckington Parks & Arts) relating to 11-B
 - i. Shoshana Sommer – signed a letter to improvements of the MBT, improvements included:
 - 1. Eroded fence and retaining wall
 - 2. Staircase to New York Ave
 - 3. Replacing wall light fixture
 - 4. Performing slope mitigation
 - 5. Providing safe pedestrian at T ST NE and at W St NE
 - 6. Replacing Bollards – Preventing motor vehicles driving on the train
 - 7. Reducing motorcycles
 - 8. Caution and trail users
 - 9. Sound buffering
 - 10. Several pest proof litter cans (industrial areas)
 - 11. Adding in workout stations for healthy activities along MBT
 - 12. Install additional water fountains, and public restrooms
 - 13. Make more green space, native plants and trees
 - 14. Coordinated with NOMA BID
 - ii. Vote in favor of resolution
 - 1. Will take some time.
 - iii. Commissioner Comments:
 - 1. None.
 - b. Simon Galed (Eckington Green Park project) relating to 11-J

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- i. Resident of Northern Eckington, support, help neighborhood establish a new public park
 1. DC Comprehensive Plan is specific is to look for opportunities for Greenspace in The Eckington neighborhood
 - a. Housing and population increase in the neighborhood means a need for greenspace and recreation space. It is important in both Edgewood and Eckington. The space in question is a small triangular space behind Summit PI NE.
 - b. Talk to Crispus Attucks, ANC 5E has put forth a resolution, lot be acquired by the city.
 - c. It takes money, need someone to purchase it. In 2020 Developers to build on alley lot than your regular lot – can get to 90% of the land
 - i. We have a willing partner to engage (developer)
 - ii. There are mechanisms to do this. Requesting something locally for support.
- ii. Questions from Community:
 1. What is address? Between Rhode Island, Summit and U Street NE
 - i. How's it being used? Garbage dump and lead paint, barbed wire fence
 - ii. 1500 square feet
 - iii. Community should decide what it ultimately looks like.
 2. SP – Address? 2022 Rear Summit PI NE
 3. Christopher Dyer – Encourage all to look up the “Ready to Play” Plan by the Department of Parks and Recreation – see if Eckington lies within the priority areas, use that as a basis
 4. Balance creating more greenspace that also needs that.

Conclusion: Presentations reviewed initiatives to improve the MBT and Greenspaces in Eckington and Edgewood (from resolutions on consent agenda).

10. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- a. Melissa Coughlin
 - i. Can we add blue phone lines for safety along the MBT?
 - ii. Shoshana Sommer Response – Will take a look at that, hadn't considered before.
 1. Conservation easements could also be helpful with these challenges of not enough green spaces.
- b. Reginald Harris, MPD - Increase police safety – get more attention in Ward 7 and 8, and feel more, police drive through here, don't sit in the community anymore
 - i. Used to do foot patrol, but don't do it anymore

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- ii. Need to get to communicate with them again
- iii. Used to be on horseback
- iv. We don't have enough police now, crime is going up.
 - 1. Can we ask National Guard to help?
- c. Responses to Comments:
- d. JB - Public Safety Initiative in the budget on March 22nd – confidence in the position to try and get that to the staff.
 - i. If mayor not returning the call – get in touch with MG or Sam Bonar.
 - ii. Wants to Mayor Bowser to see what's going on.
 - iii. Sam Bonar – pipeline issue for why they can't hire police officers – how do we get officers to do better work. What makes a police force effective. There is a gun violence and prevention plan – supposed to north star – the devil is in the details for the plans on this. Money can do a lot, but can't force the systems to work together.

Conclusion: Additional feedback on crime and not enough officers in the area.

11. Consent Agenda *items removed from consent agenda are added to action agenda*
- i. JB – remove items 11 A, B, and J from consent agenda.
 - ii. JB - Motion to adopt remainder of items on consent agenda
 - iii. MG – 2nd

Vote on adopting the items on the *consent agenda (C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, and L)*.

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

12. Action Agenda
- A. Resolution to Adopt 2023 Budget (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i. Moved to action agenda.
 - B. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Metropolitan Branch Trail Improvements (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - i. Moved to action agenda.
 - C. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Additional Air Pollution Monitoring (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - D. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Expanding Violence Interruption Services in Edgewood (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - E. Resolution Requesting Traffic Safety Mitigations for Hope Community Charter School's Tolson Campus (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.

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- F. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Improving Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) Connectivity (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - G. Resolution Requesting DDOT Continue to Prioritize Safety for NOI# 22-183-PSD and Accompanying Letter (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - H. Resolution Supporting Budget Requests for Frequent and Reliable Bus Service, Transit Priority, and Safety Improvements on New York Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, and Other Corridors (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - I. Resolution Supporting Continued Budget Support for the Eckington/Edgewood Library (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - J. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Community Pocket Parks (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i. Moved to action agenda.
 - K. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Enhanced Litter Removal (Commissioner Galvan)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
 - L. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Rec Center Hours (Commissioner Hurst)
 - i. Adopted in consent agenda.
13. Action Agenda (10 mins. Each item)
- a. Resolution to Adopt 2023 Budget (Commissioner Anderson)
 - i. Approved for OANC, remove items already approved.
 - ii. By Q4 with \$5463 in accounts. Pivot on any exchange.
 - iii. Items on proposed expenditures – reference OANC Grant have been funded – would be taken off overall budget expenditure.
 - 1. Strike 6 items under "Submitted for OANC Technical Grant?"
 - a. JA – Motion Remove \$1333.45
 - b. MG 2nd
 - c. No Objection
 - d. Amendment adopted
 - 2. JA - Office supplies equipment and print
 - a. Who can get funding?
 - b. As part of office supplies, printing, and printer
 - c. Getting a commission printer
 - i. Paper, Ink
 - ii. \$1735 for the year for materials.
 - 3. SP – where will the printer and supplies be stored?
 - a. JB: At PUD spaces (MRP, Eckington Yards, once finalized) – will need a location.
 - b. \$100 per commissioner per quarter – other supplies not including paper, toner, etc.

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- 4. JB - Grants \$5K in Q4, Why is it end loaded rather than spreading it out over the year?
 - a. Serves the full community, advertised, vet applicants, will take up to Q4 to finalize process.
- 5. SP – How can I print for my SMD?
 - a. JA – Can reimburse for SMD specific up to \$100.
 - b. SP – Update own newsletter – 5F07 go to the printer once it has been purchased.
 - c. JB: Two options:
 - i. Print out of own pocket
 - ii. Use printer for SMD outreach (until we run out of printer and ink)
 - 1. MG – Current amount may not get us that many physical copies.
 - iii. \$100 per quarter for each commissioner
- 6. SP – move to add \$1000 for toner and paper – a total for the commission.
 - a. PW seconds
 - b. No objection, adopted
- b. AS – Motion to adopt as amended
- c. JA – 2nd
- d. No objections, goes to a roll call vote:

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

Conclusion: Budget adopted unanimously.

- e. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Metropolitan Branch Trail Improvements (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
- f. JB – 2nd
- g. AS – 2nd

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

MG – Noted his previous signature on the letter but abstain due to close personal relationship of individual that wrote letter.

Conclusion: Resolution Passes 5-0-2

- h. Resolution Supporting Budget Request for Community Pocket Parks (Commissioner Anderson)

i. Moved to amend to include language:

“Whereas The DC Comprehensive Plan states: “Encourage preservation and improvement of existing green spaces in Eckington. Identify new opportunities for additional public green space and tree planting throughout the neighborhood and along the Metropolitan Branch Trail, including additional pocket parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5F support inclusion of funding in the Mayor’s Budget for the acquisition of a vacant lot in SMD 5F05 on Rear Summit Place NE that residents have advocated for the conversion to community pocket park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5F support community initiatives to increase green spaces in the Commission area.”

1. JA – Motion to include above language
2. TH – 2nd
3. No objections, amended with language.

ii. JB: moved to amend with co-sponsor to add SP, TH, JB

1. JA – Motion
2. MG – 2nd
3. No objections, amendment with co-sponsors.

iii. AS – Motion

iv. MG – 2nd

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

Conclusion: Resolution unanimously passes with revised language.

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

- a. Belinda Perry – Office of Campaign Finance – 52 that took public financing. Payout 5-1, keeps dark money out of the election, Program November 7, 2019 was rolled out. Where monies are audited. Every single case that comes from. Responsible for funding debates. Must participate in the process. Can’t take a threshold amount - \$ 200. AG - \$200, Council chair - \$200, At-Large - \$100, \$50 State Board. \$5 per every one dollar. Has to have a threshold amount of money to be allowed to be certified. Need an amount. Base payment is given to someone into a contested race. \$160K for Mayor, \$40K AG, Council and Chair and State Board Member, then limitations are put on overall payout. Calculated on the number. \$3.0M full payout for Mayor. All audit, OAG, Office of Campaign Finance, Stay connected to campaign programs. Go to OCF website.
- b. Ashley Wells (DC Smart Street Lighting Project) – 5F timing not available yet. Wireless monitoring capability. Get out there before. 45 days in advance notice to commission will come later
 - i. SP – what color are the lights? Don’t like the blue lights.
 1. Soft white, shouldn’t be blue lights.
 - ii. Brighter fixtures along the more urban areas.
- c. Jared Kahn & Sam Swiller (SK Investments) on 701 Michigan Avenue NE map amendment from MU-3A to MU-2

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- i. 701 Michigan Ave
- ii. Working to gather as much input as possible from residents (engaging a lot of other community organizations) ahead of proposed work.
- iii. 2 lots – 11 and 830, 19,000sf land area, lease expired, keep the site active.
 - 1. Moderate to medium density, 150' from the metro, want to make consistent with new Comprehensive Plan
 - 2. Zoning commission must change the density. Enhanced IZ for more affordable housing – 20% of the area. Limits
 - 3. MU-2 zoning requested. Potential for daycare, arts, museum and trade school. 90' building height. Want community input
 - 4. Just illustration of the height on slides, want to do a map amendment.
 - 5. SP/PW – Want SK Investments to come before 5F again when IZ package has been submitted.
- d. Christopher Dyer (CD) - Department of Parks & Recreation on DPR Programs and Sign-Ups
 - i. Community engagement manager
 - ii. Dpr.dc.gov, dprevents.gov, dprprograms.com for programs to sign up, spring program registration at noon tomorrow! Includes aquatics. Will need a permit to show you on how to apply.
 - iii. Dpraccount – do have reduced rate for some people
 - 1. Summer camp registration program – send this to constituents
 - a. MOCR for DPR
 - 2. TH – lots of people want the summer camps – are there more?
 - 3. CD – Unsure, but there is a new registration process
- e. Hadiyah Jordan (DC Water) on Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project update
 - i. Chronic flooding, reduce untreated water overflows
 - ii. Restriping, and put in new traffic lines and items and street and put in bike lanes.
 - iii. See slides for detailed updates.
 - iv. JB/MG Comment: Unfortunately had to cut off early due to time constraints and availability of Edgewood Recreation Center. Will invite back at a later date.

Conclusion: Three presentations were given and all are posted on the anc5f.com.

- 15. Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)
 - a. Chair of PSHCE Committee
 - i. MG - Self-nomination to chair committee
 - ii. AS – close nominations
 - 1. 2nd by AS
 - iii. PW – close nominations

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iv. Vote on Galvan as chair of PSHCE:

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

Conclusion: MG adopted as chair of the Public Safety, Health, and Community Engagement Committee.

16. Announcements (2 mins. each)

- a. ANC 5F Outreach & Volunteer Survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/xxEbf5iZfs>
- b. OANC Technical Assistance Fund application for hybrid meeting technology approved
- c. DDOT Notice for Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident at 2007 3rd Street NE, comments due March 29
- d. DDOT Notice for Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident at 2506 4th Street NE, comments due March 30
 - i. JA - review these notes for all.
- e. PK-3 – 11:59p
- f. JB - Wendy – permit has been filed to raze the Wendy’s at Dave Thomas Circle. Next regular ANC 5F meeting is March 28, 2023 at 7pm.

17. Adjournment

- a. Motion – MG
- b. 2nd – JA
- c. Commission Adjourned at 9:43p - JB

*Draft Prepared by Commissioner Mark Galvan, Secretary
Edits from Chair Commissioner Bishop-Henchman*

Approved by 5F Commission on 3-28-2023