

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, July 25, 2023
7:00p-9:00p, Eckington Community Room behind 1611 Eckington Place NE,
Washington DC, 20002**

Agenda:

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Called to order by JB at 7:01 PM on July 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 (online)
Anthony (Tony) Hurst (TH)	X	Treasurer (online)
Sylvia Pinkney (SP)		
Aru Sahni (AS)	X	
Patricia Williams (PW)	X	(online)

Residents present (online)

Alaina Pitt
Arnold Larame
Brandon Bedford
Brittany
Cheryl
Chris
Kendra Wiley
Meena
Michael Savage
NoMa BID
Oana Leahu-Aluas/DOEE
Wayne Core (DGS)
614-361-1140
734-743-1539

Residents present (in person)

10 people in person

2. Public Comment (10 mins., up to 2 minutes per speaker)
 - a. David Perez – Edgewood – 5F04
 - i. July 15 – walking from dinner party to metrobar, attempted robbery
 1. Through the parking lot to get to metro. What are safe ways to get

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- together.
- b. Jireh Aki - Eckington
 - i. City plans for the old Wendy's and finalize the waterways.
 - ii. What is the status of 4th Street work
 - c. Michele Keegan
 - i. Phase 1 plans making North Capitol and Lincoln Road updates?
 - ii. Harry Thomas Rec Center
 - 1. Any updates on this?
 - d. Arnold Laramé
 - i. Bring attention to new neighbors exhibiting violent tendencies
 - 1. Assaulted multiple people and no updates
 - 2. Am afraid to be in the neighborhood area. Recording people at night.
 - 3. Recording people at night.
 - 4. What is ANC doing?
3. Response to Public Comment (5 mins.)
- a. MG – Perez – working to add MPD to areas
 - i. Working on 4th Street DC Water related area, testing completed, but awaiting DDOT for final transfer over.
 - b. PW – working towards adding lighting and MRP has reached out. In the next week hopefully additional lighting will occur. Working hard to address this.
 - c. JB – Wendy's is demolished, a lot of construction for a while at that intersection
 - i. Community advisory committee to advise the street on North Capitol Street
 - ii. Ideas to deck over as well as to close Lincoln Road to through traffic.
 - iii. Assault on Eckington – Meeting with deputy major of public safety on several issues, can bring this up
 - 1. People being assaulted, please share information so that we can get it addressed. Need to charge, not acceptable behavior for anyone to have to experience.

Conclusion: General concerns with construction projects at 4th and RIA as well as Dave Thomas Circle, North Capitol Street, and Lincoln Road. Also, other assaults, attempted robberies, and general feeling of unsafe conditions in the neighborhood were voiced.

4. Approval of the Agenda (2 mins.)
- a. JB – Items on agenda posted a week in advance. Forgot to include a couple of items, hope to add them.
 - b. Move to amend the agenda:
 - i. 7 c. i. – adoption of the 2nd quarter financial report and the quarterly financial report
 - ii. 9 b. presentation from John Stephan to discuss Certificate of Need
 - iii. 11 c. support letter for certificate of need to consent agenda
 - iv. State Superintendent of Education.
 - 1. R Street and the MBT – What is the work happening to give an update on what is happening there.
 - v. Several committee appointments before break for summer

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- vi. 2nd by Commissioner Anderson
- vii. No objection
- c. JA - 1941 2nd Street – Presentation
 - i. 2nd by AS
 - ii. No objection
- d. AS – Present by DDOE – Oana Leahu-Aluas – Energy and Environment
 - i. 13. E – added by
 - ii. 2nd by JA
 - iii. No objections
- e. MG – add Stavan Shah to PSHCE Committee
 - i. 2nd by AS
 - ii. No objection
- f. JB – motion to adopt amended agenda per changes:
 - i. JA 2nd
 - ii. No objection
- g. Changes to agenda to include:

Conclusion: Agenda approved as noted to include additional presentations and additions to committees.

- 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 [April 25, 2023 5F Commission Meeting](#) (Commissioner Galvan)
 - a. MG - Distributed copies of meeting minutes on 7/2/2023 and posted to website about a week after that.
 - i. MG Motion to approve June 27, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes
 - ii. AS - 2nd
 - iii. No objection, minutes adopted.
 - b. JB – noted that some committee appointees were not indicated in the meeting minutes, including Scott McFadden – Appointed to TAPS committee. The recording does in fact show this.
 - c. Suspend the rules to amend the agenda to reconsider the meeting minutes and amend them to include Scott McFadden to the TAPS Committee.
 - i. 2nd by AS
 - ii. No objection

Conclusion: Meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 approved as written and meeting minutes from 5-23-2023 amended to include TAPS committee member that was omitted.

- 7. Officer Reports (5 mins.)
 - a. Chair - JB – Thanks for everyone joining today at new location. Closest level of government, 345, 5F is brand new, peeled off of 5E, now it is just Edgewood and Eckington commissioner. Here to help on zoning, alcohol licensing,

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- i. Eckington Muse – circulated to commissioners. 26 Town House Residential Units related to the project.
- ii. Letter – Edgewood Center in 5F03 – All stuff in the PO Box, letting people know about the project
- iii. Woodridge Library meeting with Robert White and Commissioner Kapur. White is the Chair of the Housing Committee, has oversight of ANCs, specifically talks about technology – hybrid meetings. Authorization to do remote meetings. After October 31st, all commissions have to meet in person. Has emergency legislation to continue to do remote meetings. Would be good to have it done on a permanent basis. Every 225 days having to renew it. If people like the ability to do virtual meetings, please let your councilmembers know.
- b. Vice Chair - JA – No items.
- c. Treasurer - TH – Reviewed two reports.
 - i. [Adoption of 2nd Quarter 2023 and 3rd Quarter 2023 QFR*](#)
 - ii. \$2 bank fee.
 - iii. Worked with Dawn Dickerson for Quarterly Financial Report.
 - iv. Q1 was actually before the 5F was in place
 - v. Can be audited.
 - vi. TH - Moves to adopt for roll call vote
 - 1. 2nd – JA

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Yay (Y) Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP
Nay (N) Vote							
Abstention (A) Vote							

- d. Secretary - MG – No additional comments.

Conclusion: Additional PUD and development work coming down the pipeline. Q2 and Q3 reports approved by 5F.

- 8. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)
 - a. Alcohol Licensing Committee
 - i. No updates (committees still getting ramped up).
 - b. Public Safety, Health, & Community Engagement Committee update (MG)
 - i. Meeting held on July 19, 2023 at the Eckington Community Room. Progress was made to develop a community engagement flyer that would go out to all residents in ANC 5F by members of the committee and residents. The intent is to get the word out to people about what ANC 5F is doing and what resources are available to residents. The plan is to draft this up by August 24 when the committee meets next, and again on August 29th. The committee is also beginning to work towards a Public Safety Town Hall in our neighborhood to help address areas of concern and give resources to neighbors. This is tentatively planned for September 19.

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- c. Transportation & Public Space Committee (AS)
 - i. 2nd TAPS meeting last Saturday – Quality Discussions – Circulator, Resolutions around biking infrastructure around 2nd and 3rd street NE. Reviewing and understanding how to best engage DDOT.
 - ii. Discussion on 4th Street and traffic patterns are going to change. 4th Street has been one way for a long time. Improved crosswalk timing. Feedback for the committee is welcome.
 - iii. No longer a Wendy's
 - 1. Still have a chance in what the plans are for the public safety. What is in the plan. Not everything is codified, maybe another boundary that is in and out can be adjusted with feedback now.
 - d. Zoning & Development Committee
 - i. Committee has not yet met. No new updates.
 - e. Task Force on Outreach (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Better codify templates for newsletters, process in place to run the virtual meeting if AS is not present.
 - ii. New website is <https://www.anc5f.com/>
 - f. Task Force on Library – New task force members are being added this week.
9. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)
- a. 701 Michigan Ave –
 - i. Working for 2-3 years. Update the zoning map.
 - ii. Current zoning is obsolete. Requesting ANC support.
 - iii. Submitted back in March, and then met with zoning. Awaiting feedback from them.
 - iv. Map amendment – change zoning so that it is not inconsistent with comprehensive plan and future land use map (FLUM).
 - v. In application, there is a racial equity analysis completed per requirements.
 - vi. Notice of intent, submitted application. Now completing community engagement. Hearing is in October.
 - vii. Existing MU-3A, proposing MU-2. 20% is affordable housing.
 - viii. Email information to them, will post it.
 - ix. JA - What kind of retailers? Unknown at this time. What does the community want?
 - b. Commissioner Responses:
 - i. CW – for IZ? Yes
 - 1. How many units will it be? Unknown how many units it will be, can't make promises right now.
 - ii. Established is 20% when it is built. No number of units known at this time.
 - iii. When is that hearing? October 5, 2023. It is a publicly available.
 - c. AS –
 - i. Daycare provider – add retailers as well.
 - d. JA – 3.5 FAR – how many retailers? Limited units will be retailers. Limited to institutional or arts walk area.
 - i. Any new updates since the last presentation to the commission? Just the racial equity analysis to discuss if there is any displacement that is happening. No residents are being displaced.
 - e. Resident Questions/Responses:

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6-0-0 Adoption of all the resolutions noted in the consent agenda (approved).

12. Action Agenda

- a. AS – communicating since January/February. Old abandoned Pizza Hut next to CUA. Border with 5A.
 - i. PW – What is the relief they are asking for?
 - 1. 701 Staff:
 - a. Justify how many units you have.
 - b. So it is no longer inconsistent with the comprehensive plan. So that it is within the guidelines. Asking for support for the proposed zoning. No affordable housing or housing there at all.
 - c. We looked at what could be achievable. 133000 square feet – maximum would be under the IZ program. This is not a PUD, not showing schematic. This application is then subject to 20%. Not sure what is economically viable given retail/residential. Will have a significant impact in affordability in the neighborhood.
 - 2. JA: Would this be by-right? 701 Staff: Changes zoning to match in the neighborhood. Will be matter of right once it is approved, but aesthetics and 20% is what is needed. Community would not be included in the future except on architectural related items.
 - a. Zoning has been completed, but Architectural studies will be later.
 - 3. PW: Looking for maximizing affordable housing. 25-30 affordable units. Need more.
 - a. 701: Some is not feasible, what can the process afford? Twice what is the going rate across the city. Have to be realistic of what can be
 - ii. JB - Pushing to add more and do more. 10% and 20% better than ten, voice support for the letter.
 - iii. JA – try to accommodate other set-ups and treat 20% as a minimum and exceed it.
- b. JB - Motion to vote
- c. 2nd - AS
- d. No objections, goes to a roll call vote:

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Conclusion: 5-1-0 letter of support passes.

13. Other reports or presentations (10 mins. each item)
 - a. Anthony Black, Mayor Bowser's Office of Community Relations
 - i. Not present.
 - b. Sam Bonar (SB), Constituent Services Coordinator for Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker
 - i. Presented on Newsletter – sign up! Sign up at ward5.us/newsletter – great information that is in-depth
 - ii. Ward 5 Day – Saturday, August 26, at Turkey Thicket
 - iii. Having a table, sponsor. Email ward5contact@dc.gov
 - iv. Reviewed Prioritizing Public Safety Emergency Act.
 - v. Worried about promoting more incarceration.
 - vi. Only lasts for 90 days
 - c. MG – Nuances of speeding and chases – does reckless driving apply? SB – the law now allows it, but will get back to me on language from a legislative perspective.
 - i. Before there is a developer in the process.
 - d. Michele Keegan – asking about Harry Thomas Updates in the fall. Any details plans on this or are we going to have to choose from others?
 - i. Developer in the process? Sam is asking Christopher Dyer for details, unknown at this time.
 - ii. Defer to area it is – discuss it.
 - e. JB – Great Streets allow expansion for businesses.
 - i. Lost Generation is excepted, want to expand this into those. See if it can be updated by council vote. JB to email SB.
 - f. [Presentation from the Advanced Technical Center at Penn Center \(R Street at the MBT\), Office of State Superintendent of Education*](#)
 - i.
 - ii. Sherry Vincent
 1. Department of General Service at 1709 3rd Street NE
 - iii. 2 year dual enrollment – high school from as early as 9th grade, start pathway as late as 11th grade, centrally located for DCPS and Charter schools for career focus programs
 1. Cyber Security
 2. General Nursing (Trinity University)
 3. Advanced standing and going
 - iv. High School – what programs are offered? Can leave the high schools and come 5 days a week to engage in these courses and then go back to the high schools – 3 sessions per day. Stay enrolled and in career focus. Free college courses and earn credit and start professional learning!
 1. Opening doors on August 20th. Transportation to the center. School buses will drop off there too. Not a GPA barrier.
 2. Opening opportunities to students. Win-win for everyone.
 3. Look at the labor market data to keep workforce strong and people prepared.

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4. Also healthcare and working to making everything safe. Cyber Security updates. Cyber network. Mentor and guide students and college professors. Core courses. Other articulation neighborhoods. Amazing opportunity. Certified Nursing Assistant and continue to go up the ladder.
 - a. Community open house TBD. Want to emulate the workplace. Mimic what the hospital is like. As of now they only occupy the 2nd floor. Hoping to go to 1st and 3rd floors, then 4th floor eventually.
 - b. Hope to have the 1st floor be an open community clinic, Department of Health to help this underserved area.
 - c. 3 sessions a day 8:25-9:45a, then midday, then 2-4p. Add parking spaces to not block 3rd Street. Classes are 5 days a week. 200 students is the goal.
5. AS – what are the criteria for applications?
 - a. Partnering with local schools to get the word out – with DPR for after school programs. This is part of their school day.
 - b. No limiting requirements
6. JA – What does transit plan look like?
 - a. 11 schools working. Working with Yellow Cab as their partner.
 - b. Hired a transportation engineer. Final study starting. DDOT works through having students come and go. Side streets – different times of day.
 - i. Open to making changes to minimize impact to neighborhood.
7. MG – Vehicles on the MBT for permanent access for vehicle restrictions – and helping out the blighted areas.
- v. JB – At 9:00p, move to extend time 30 minutes.
 1. 2nd by JA.
 2. No objection
- vi. Resident questions:
 1. Lily Roberts – Gender dynamics: Very expensive at Trinity but not at UDC.
 - a. ATC: Hold summer offerings to help encourage others.
 - b. Keeping that in mind. Seeing it reflected. More articulation agreements. Build scholarship opportunities, build spaces out. Career guidance experience as well as college applications. College AND career – What pathway to achieve there.
 2. Jireh Aki –
 - a. What was the student success rate? Of 96 students, 73 finishing both courses. 75% students who did drop off was for other issues, wasn't from experience of the program. Do the students to have an opportunity to re-enroll? (not answered)

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- b. Looking for volunteers/jobs in these areas? Hiring instructors who have collegiate and more IT professionals as well. Want to get to yes.
 3. Sam Bonar – Directly leasing from DGS – Pitt Center.
 4. Sam from 701 Michigan Ave
 - a. Set-up for deaf and hard of hearing students? Provided from home student. Can accommodate, but not initial service.
 - b. K-12 program Looking for ways to expand into this community.
 5. Michele Keegan – DGS, extend trash services there as well, include to help, please include there. McKinley Tech – meeting with them on Monday to help engage with them. Not duplicating programs that are already in the schools. If they don't have Health Science, then give others. McKinley Tech also has both of these, is there space there? Or duplication of effort?
 - a. After hours programming – work toward yes. Security only operates during normal business hours. Make sure it is accessible.
 6. JA – Incorporate in the better bus study for the additional.
 7. More info, go to:
 - a. Careertechdc.org/atc
 - g. E 1941 2nd Street NE – Nobody still on the line.
 - h. Oana Leahu-Aluas – DOEE – Sustainability Plan – Due to be updated now, asking for comments from all. Environment, equity, and comment.
 - i. Enhancing how it does racial equity, economic justice, and environmental justice.
 - ii. Youth, people of color, economic lower. In person engagement. Will be at Anacostia Skating rink. Put in your survey. Office is NoMa.
 1. No questions from commissioners
 2. No questions from residents
 - i. Sustainable.dc.gov – link to “Plan Update”
 14. Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)
 - a. Alcohol Licensing Committee*: David Perez
 - b. Public Safety, Health, & Community Engagement Committee*: Jireh Aki, Daniel Ehrenpreis, William Hensley, Tara Rial, Holly Rogers, Stephen Szibler, Stavan Shah
 - c. Transportation & Public Space Committee*: Gordon Chaffin, Nick Frazier, Mark Hamala, Scott McFadden
 - d. Zoning & Development Committee*: Reed Asselbaye, Joe Bishop-Henchman, Zhetique Gunn, JJ Manser, Cynthia Shih, Tobin Stone, Kyle Svingen, **Karl Werner – removed per request.**
 - e. Library Task Force*: Erica Bickford, Stephanie Clinesmith, Jason Crighton, Lily Roberts, Alayna Smith, Michelle Woody
 - f. MG – motion appoint members to all the committees noted above.
 - i. AS – 2nd
 - ii. No objections.

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Conclusion: Commission voted to add more members to existing committees and task forces: 5-1-0

- g. Selection of the ANC 5F member of the DDOT North Capitol Street community advisory committee – tabled for discussion.
 - i. Voice of 5F? Process by which they provide feedback?
 - ii. JB – Unknown, don't want to just "appoint by the chair," formal nomination.
- h. MG – requested to self-nominate for CAC. Hoping for bold new action on North Capitol Street, been working on the initiative from North Capitol Deck Over Steering Committee for past 3-4 years, sometimes on a biweekly or monthly basis to engage with DDOT and community members. Hope to continue to support and engage to make it safer for residents and businesses.
- i. JA – What will CAC member be engaged in communicating with Commission? Plan is to represent 5F, provide updates, and engage community members.
- j. Move to extend adjournment for another 10 minutes – JB
 - i. 2nd – JA
 - ii. No objection
- k. JB - Close nominations. No other person is nominated.
- l. 2nd by Sahni
- m. No objections
- n. Commissioner Galvan nominated to be CAC by 5F.

15. Announcements (2 mins. each)

- a. JA – No additions.
- b. MG – Thank you to Community Engagement Members.
- c. TH – No additions.
- d. AS – No additions.
- e. JB – No additions.
- f. SP – Not present.
- g. PW – Chess Tournament – bringing it back next year. Huge success, lots of young people winning awards.

16. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn - JB
- b. 2nd – JA
- c. Commission 5F Adjourned at 9:39p – JB
- d. Next Regular Meetings: September 26, October 24, November 28, December 19; all at 7pm, further details at www.anc5f.com

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Draft Prepared by Commissioner Mark Galvan, Secretary

Approved by 5F Commission on DATE