

**ANC 5F Regular Meeting
November 18, 2024
Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Commissioner Anderson noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- b. Attendance Roll Call:

Commissioner Tony Hurst	5F01	Not Present
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Present
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Present
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Present
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Present
Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney	5F07	Not Present

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Commissioner Anderson moved to amend the agenda to incorporate all items submitted to date, as well as a presentation by Shea Beltran, a Verizon contractor. Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection.
- b. Commissioner Galvan noted that the item for The Family Tree should be listed as a protest.
- c. Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt the agenda as amended, and it was adopted without objection.

3. Approval of Minutes (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)

- a. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman presented and moved to adopt the [Minutes of the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting](#). Commissioner Galvan seconded, and the minutes were adopted.

4. Officer Reports & Commissioner Announcements (5 mins. each)

- a. Treasurer Hurst submitted a written report noting a balance of \$33,688.00.

5. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)

- a. Sam Bonar, Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office
 - Performance hearing this Friday on Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services: <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Hearings/hearings/556>
 - Turkey giveaway next week.
 - Councilmember Parker is advocating to retain the 4th/Todd stop.
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will be open on Wednesday, November 20 at noon: <https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/>

6. Public Comment (10 mins. total, up to 2 mins. per speaker)

- a. Jessica from Edgewood requested that the ANC protest the cannabis licensee.

- b. Talisha from Eckington presented a petition from 46 residents of Shalom House asking that the bus stop not be removed.

7. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)

- a. Roger Davis and Erica Massey presented on behalf of The Family Tree Medical Cannabis at 2316 4th St NE relating to their ABCA medical cannabis application, and answered questions from commissioners and the public. Public comment:
 - i. Jessica from Edgewood said the corridor has a problem with crime, noise, loitering, and trash from existing cannabis and alcohol establishments, and this proposed establishment would worsen it.
 - ii. Joseph from Edgewood said there have been murders and drug trafficking on the block and more cannabis would worsen it.
 - iii. Caroline from Eckington asked about the applicant's engagement with the settlement agreement process, including being open until 11pm instead of 10pm in the proposed agreement.
 - iv. Kish from Edgewood said the establishment would harm property values, contribute to ongoing violent crime in the neighborhood, and peace and order would be disturbed with the noise and late-night traffic.
 - v. Phil from Edgewood said the establishment may worsen the trash and parking problems in this area.
 - vi. Cristina from Edgewood said crime is a concern, as is smoke, noise, and traffic.
 - vii. Paige from Edgewood said Emergent Prep is a day care center with an entrance within 300 feet of the proposed establishment, and said there are significant crime (murder, attempted murder, assault, drug sales, public intoxication, littering) issues on this block in particular. She said she fills a trash bag with trash every single week.
 - viii. Commissioner Anderson moved to extend time on this item by a further 10 minutes. Commissioner Galvan seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection. She noted the ABCA protest deadline on this application is December 9, 2024.
 - ix. The applicant further responded to the questions and comments from the public.
 - x. Commissioner Anderson moved to extend time on this item by a further 5 minutes, and the motion was adopted without objection.
 - xi. Jessica from Edgewood added there is no garage and the applicant's customers may use the alley for parking beyond the allotted parking, and is concerned about worsening the drug use problem on that block.
 - xii. Cristina from Edgewood added the neighbors work hard to keep the alley clean and is concerned about safety, speeding, and exposure to children.
 - xiii. Caroline from Eckington added that there is a problem with unregulated businesses but noted that this applicant is seeking to abide by the rules.

8. Consent Agenda *items may be removed from the consent agenda by any commissioner and are added to the action agenda*

Roll Call on the Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Tony Hurst	5F01	Not Present
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney	5F07	Not Present

By a vote of 4-0-0, the consent agenda was adopted.

- a. [Resolution Requesting Actions to Prevent Injuries on the Metropolitan Branch Trail](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-109 on the consent agenda.**
- b. [Resolution in Support of the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-110 on the consent agenda.**
- c. [Resolution Requesting Retention of Bus Stops at 4th St NE & Todd Place NE](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-111 on the consent agenda.**
- d. [Resolution calling for safety countermeasures at New York Ave NE & Florida Ave NE Crossing](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-112 on the consent agenda.**
- e. [Resolution calling for DDOT investigation into citywide protected bike lanes on Q or R Street NE & NW connecting to the Metropolitan Branch Trail](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-113 on the consent agenda.**
- f. [Resolution requesting rapid funding and implementation of Initiative 83](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-114 on the consent agenda.**
- g. [Resolution in Support of Application BZA 21207 \(15 Rhode Island Ave NW\)](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-115 on the consent agenda.**
- h. [Resolution in Support of Application with Conditions in BZA 19887A \(1724 North Capitol St NW\)](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-116 on the consent agenda.**
- i. [Resolution Requesting Party Status and Joint ANC Meeting on ZC Application Relating to 901 Monroe St NE](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-25-117 on the consent agenda.**
- j. Amendment to ANC5F-25-106 (Settlement Agreement with The Warehouse - adopted resolution text [here](#)) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - a. Motion to amend the first sentence of the preamble to replace “DC Code § 25-446” with “Chapter 16B of Title 7 of the D.C. Official Code” and in Section 5 Noise Mitigation to delete the phrase “and shall comply with D.C. Code 25-725.” These changes were advised by ABCA for legal consistency reasons and agreed to by the applicant. **Adopted on the**

consent agenda.

9. Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)

- a. Action regarding The Family Tree, medical cannabis retailer: [Draft Settlement Agreement](#) (Commissioner Galvan). Commissioner Bishop-Henchman asked if a protest must be done whether the outcome is settlement agreement or protest. Commissioner Anderson replied that today would be the deadline for action for a regular meeting, but that a special meeting could be called.

Commissioner Galvan moved to adopt a Resolution to Protest Medical Cannabis License ABRA-127855. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded.

Commissioner Anderson moved to amend by striking the text of the resolution and substituting that ANC 5F shall schedule a special meeting to act on the application at a time convenient for commissioners. Commissioner Sahni seconded. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Roll Call on the Resolution as Amended:

Commissioner Tony Hurst	5F01	Not Present
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney	5F07	Not Present

The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-25-118, by a vote of 4-0-0.

10. Other reports or presentations (10 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)

- b. Shea Beltran, a Verizon contractor, [presented on a proposed monopole wireless tower](#) to be constructed on the site of McKinley Tech High School in place of an existing light pole. He answered questions from commissioners and the public.
- i. DC asked about possible health concerns.

11. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)

Details on all committees at: <https://www.anc5f.com/committees>

- c. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
- i. Meets 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm.
 - ii. Form to provide feedback to ANC 5F on licensees:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM3nvuumRskwtF_8J8nKe5IeJF4llphooevxO7cFUg_Vh9iw/viewform
- d. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
- i. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month at 6pm.
- e. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
- i. Meets first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.
- f. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
- i. Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

- g. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett)
 - i. Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8pm.
 - ii. DCPL page on the project:
<https://www.dclibrary.org/news/new-edgewood-eckington-library>

- 13. Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)**
 - a. Commissioner Galvan moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add Commissioner-elect Nicole Jones to the Public Safety & Health Committee. Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection.

- 14. Adjournment**
 - a. Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn, Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.
 - b. Next ANC 5F regular meeting is Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7pm, Eckington Community Room & online via Zoom.