

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
ANC 5A Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

I.Call Meeting to Order 6:52 pm

II.Quorum

5A01-Malone, 5A02- Cozart, 5A03-Lucio, 5A04- Rojas, 5A05-Boston, 5A08 Fletcher, 5A09 Bocoum

III.Swearing in Ceremony- Emily Singer Lucio will serve as Secretary in addition to Vice Chair. Swearing in was done by Kathy Williams from OANC.

IV.Agenda Review/Acceptance Lucio made a motion. Bocoum 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV.Commission Business

A. Minutes (November 2023- Regular and Special Meeting, January 2024)

i. Nov 2023 Regular Meeting. Moved by Bocoum. 2nd Rojas. Approved with 5 votes and one abstention

ii. Special meeting minutes 2023. Moved by Lucio. Second by Bocoum. Approved Unanimously

iii. January 2024 minutes. Moved by Lucio. Second by Boston. Approved unanimously.

B. Treasurer Report

i. We approved our Q1 report last month.

ii. We will need to add a line item in the future when we look at adding an admin.

iii. Signature needed on FY24 Q1 report

C. Annual Report. The 2023 Annual Report highlights were shared. The full report will be put on the website. Moved by Bocoum. Seconded by Lucio. Unanimously approved.

D. Public Safety Committee Commissioner Cozrt shared that there are no committee updates. They plan to engage CM Parker's office and he shared that the Mayor's office was engaging with the community. CM Parker continues to hold monthly meetings. ANC has put in requests for cameras and lighting. It was also mentioned that we need to connect with the 4D CAC to ensure she is meeting with this area of the 4thD.

E. Faith United Church Community Agreement Update

i. DHS confirmed that the site will be closed as of March 8th. It was made clear to DHS that they need to engage the community earlier on in the process in order to avoid issues in the future. DHS acknowledged that they have changed their procedures going forward based on their experiences with ANC5A.

V.Commission Action Items/Updates

A. 243 Hawaii Ave BZA (5A06)- There are multiple letters of support from residents within 200 feet. Those letters were shared with the ANC Commissioners. Muriel

Wilkins shared they sent out letters to all of the 200 footers and received no objections. BZA application number 21070. Main renovation is interior to convert an existing duplex. Motion to approve made by Boston. Seconded by Bocoum. Approved Unanimously

- B. Catholic University of America- Letter of Support (5A04) In Nov 2023 CUA presented about their new modular housing for 125 students, this has been approved on the Master Plan. They are seeking an amendment. Debra Rodriguez- seeking further processing approval. No parking and traffic impacts. Zoning meeting is next week. They plan to start construction (utility) in May 2024 and then the units will be brought in in late summer and early fall. Occupancy will by Spring 2025. They do not plan to work outside of construction hours. Move by Lucio. Seconded by Rojas. Unanimously approved.

VI. Community Updates

- A. MPD No one was present. Chairman Fletcher reminded everyone that a vigil was held for Ryan R. who had been killed recently.
- B. Mayor's Office unable to attend since the Mayor's Budget Forum is at Turkey Thicket tonight.
- C. Councilmember Parker's office – Carlos reported that CM Parker attend the Budget Forum. The monthly public safety call was today. The 4th District MPD was not present. There is a Youtube recording available. The CM budget letter to the Mayor was shared tonight. Also had their Year in Review drop of what they did in 2023.

VII. Reports & Presentations

- A. 4975 South Dakota Ave NE Gas Station E Charging Station (5A08)- We have not heard from them.
- B. Art Place at Fort Totten Update (5A09) Sean Cahill presented their second phase of four total phases. The garage, Aldi grocery store and children's museum will be part of this phase. Turn it over to Aldi on April 1 and open by October 1, 2024. They are holding on the next phase until they secure funding. It is permitted and titled for 294 units with retail on the first floor. 34 affordable units. They hope to secure funding late 2024. Looking at lease negotiations for the retail. Looking for a live performance theatre. They have three leases out for signature with food services. They are rethinking the food hall idea because other local food halls are struggling. Chairman Fletcher asked about including a security hub to help people feel safe. Traffic issues were also raised.
- C. UDC Presentation (5A01) President Edington shared their strategic plan. The plan will be available to the public for 60 days. It will be on their website. Malone will be getting together with Ms. Gray to get information out to the community. A question was asked in regard to the Community College and the need for that and the renewed attention to the food hub. They believe the Associates Degree program is essential to the community workforce.
- D. Boys Town Closure (5A02) It was shared that they are closing. They will attend the March meeting. Commissioner Lucio did mention that they need to come

share with the community what the plans are and their intentions to work with the community and particularly their neighbor, St. Anselm's.

VIII. Community Comments

- The Parks Main Street Survey: The Parks Main Street website is at <https://t.co/G19Ihe4J0T>.
- There have been some power surges and outages in the area the last two nights. Fletcher will reach out to Pepco.
- NPS- issue with dumping on Gallow Street NE. There needs to be more consistency in the clean up of that area.

IX. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

X. Adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion made by Lucio and seconded by Boston Unanimously approved.

There were 36 people in attendance.

Approved March 27, 2024