

ANC 5A May Meeting  
May 25, 2023, at 6:45 pm

- Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm
- Quorum: Commissioners Malone, Cozart, Lucio, Rojas, Boston, Touré, Hardy, Fletcher, and Ammerman present
- Agenda Review/Acceptance: Motion to accept by Ammerman, seconded by Lucio, adopted unanimously.
- Commission Business
  - Commission Action Items
    - 5A09: Commissioner Ammerman provided an update on the toxic waste issue in Fort Circle Park. He noted that the Army is currently investigating an unknown liquid found inside of a Livens Projector, which was a type of mortar used exclusively during WWI to fire high concentrations of chemical weapons into enemy lines. He noted that he is extremely concerned about that object, and continues to try to increase public awareness about the issue and pressure on the National Park Service to conduct more testing. He also noted that he had spoken to a couple of lawyers working on environmental justice issues to start exploring possible legal avenues that the ANC might be able to take in the future.
    - 5A03: Traffic Safety Resolution. Commissioner Lucio explained the traffic safety resolution she was proposing, about restricting access to an alley in her district to certain times of the day. She has worked with DDOT on this for a long time. Motion to approve the resolution as written by Lucio, seconded by Hardy, adopted unanimously.
    - Letter of Support for North Michigan Park Community Day: Commissioner Fletcher introduced the President of the North Michigan Park Civic Association, Carmen Roberts-Williams, who explained the community day, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023 from noon to 7 pm, and asked for the ANC to write a letter in support of the event. Motion to write a letter in support by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Lucio, adopted unanimously.
    - Minutes for Approval (April 2023), motion to approve by Commissioner Lucio, seconded by Rojas, adopted unanimously.
  - Treasurer's Report:
    - ANC Debit Card: Commissioner Ammerman explained that the ANC has obtained a debit card to facilitate transactions, and that we are just waiting on the Auditor's office to officially give

us the green light on our paperwork so that the ANC can start using it.

- Business cards: Commissioner Rojas presented a quote from a local business that has been used by the ANC in the past to obtain business cards for Commissioners. The quote was \$675 for cards for all 9 commissioners. Motion to approve purchasing the business cards by Commissioner Rojas, seconded by Hardy. Motion adopted, 6-1-2, Commissioner Ammerman voted nay, Commissioners Touré and Cozart abstained.
- Administrative Matters:
  - Committees: Chairman Fletcher explained that the ANC is seeking public participation in several committees, and that he had received a couple of responses from people interested. Commissioner Hardy asked about the composition and leadership of the committees, Chairman Fletcher responded that the committees will be led by members of the public with one or two commissioners participating in each committee.
- Chairman Fletcher had to leave for another event, and turned over the chair to Vice Chair Touré at 7:13 pm
- Community Updates:
  - MPD: No one present
  - Mayor's Office: Anthony Black, MOCR, noted that the Pride Parade would be taking place June 10th at 10 pm, with festivities both before and after. He also noted that the North Michigan Park Civic Association would be holding a bulk trash pick up event for seniors in the NMPCA area. NMPCA President Carmen Roberts-Williams indicated that was only for NMPCA members, but that there would be an electronics drop off component open to anyone.
  - CM Parker's Office: Carlos McKnight spoke briefly about a walkthrough the CM had held along South Dakota Ave with DDOT Director Everett Lott about traffic safety along the corridor, and noted that \$1 million had been secured in the FY 2024 budget for tactical road safety improvements along the corridor. He mentioned that CM Parker will be participating the Pride Parade June 10th as the only openly gay member of the Council and the first openly gay black member of the Council. CM Parker will be in the Fort Totten/Pleasant Hill area next Friday to canvas on community issues and concerns.
- Reports and Presentations:
  - Providence Hospital Redevelopment (5A03): Representatives from EYA and the Menkiti group presented their initial plans for

the redevelopment of the Providence Hospital site. They indicated that they had already held 6 community engagement sessions and had around 11 more planned to solicit public feedback and input into the plans, and that their plans would certainly be changed based on that feedback. Initial plans include extensive new parkspace, a multi-purpose sports field, 15% protected affordable homes, senior affordable housing, that many of the existing medical offices would remain, and that they are considering retail such as coffee shops, restaurants, etc.

- Art Place Fort Totten II: Representatives from the Cafritz Foundation presented an adjustment to their construction plans and asked for ANC support for their case before the Zoning Commission. They are seeking explicit approval from the ZC to allow them to continue construction on part of the site after they have finished construction on the Aldi and Children's Science Museum, which they are on track to complete by February 2024. While their current plans do not disallow construction to continue on the rest of the site once these two locations are finished, they are wanting to make sure they have explicit approval from the ZC to do so. Ammerman notes that the Cafritz Foundation has been an excellent partner on a couple of minor things in his district and asks for the ANC's support. Ammerman moves to draft a letter in support, Lucio seconds, adopted unanimously.
- Community Comment:
  - Juanita Gray from UDC notes briefly that the UDC Bertie Backus campus has been officially renamed the UDC Lamond Riggs Campus
  - Robert Oliver notes that the Parks Main Street (Edwin Washington could not attend the meeting) is seeking public input on its commemorative works project to identify locations and subjects for memorials, plaques, statues, etc. in Ward 5. They will be having a public meeting seeking input on this Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 pm.

Ammerman moves to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Seconded by Cozart, adopted unanimously.