

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
ANC 5A Monthly Meeting

Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order 6:47pm

II. Quorum 5A01 Malone, 5A02- Cozart, 5A03-Lucio, 5A05- Boston, 5A06- Toure, 5A08-Fletcher, 5A09- Bocoum. 5A04 Rojas (7:08 pm)

III. Agenda Review/Acceptance Cozart made a motion. Boston made the 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV. Commission Business

- A. Secretary Update: Minutes for Approval (September 2023) Lucio moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bocoum. Approved Unanimously.
- B. Treasurer Report- She will be working with OANC to produce the budget and the 3rd and 4th quarter report. The bill was not paid for the mail box. The 3rd quarter, 4th quarter and the budget. She will need to get access to the bank and make sure to pay the outstanding bills.
- C. Annual Report Actions Chairman Fletcher will be working with all of the Commissioners to gather the information to put in the report.

V. Commission Action Items/Updates

- A. Public Safety Committee-Cozart reported that he would be reaching out to the Civic Associations to raise awareness and spread the word. There was a new public safety form and CM Parkers call today. Focus on scope of the purpose of this committee. They plan to push out community based initiatives. For the remainder of the year it is about raising awareness and outreach to community leaders. He made note of the 50-411 number to report incidents to MPD. There is a monthly call with MPD that everyone should be on. This is an important issue to the community.
- B. UDC Letter of Support (5A01) Malone requested a vote for a letter of support of the UDC campus master plan. The draft letter was shared with the commissioners. Torre makes a motion to support the letter in the expansion of the campus. Malone made a second. There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of sharing the letter with the community before it is voted on. Commissioner Malone did share the highlights of the letter. The recommendations in the letter came from the community partners. Torre shared that UDC came in front of the previous meeting. The vote was unanimous in support of the UDC expansion.
- C. Providence Hospital Update (5A03) Lucio reported that there are no updates. They are still in the review process with the AG's office and SHIPTA. Encouraged people to review the Providence Reimagined website to see the current design. There was a comment from WHI (Washington Health Institute) who provides care for residents. They are concerned about the medical office buildings and the potential of that building being sold. They are also concerned with the urgent care being closed and plan to make a proposal for an urgent care. They will be looking for our support. A resident raised concern for the senior residents in the community.

There was a request for single level homes as part of the project. It was also asked about the sale and the competitive bids.

VI. Community Updates

A. MPD No one was present. There was a community safety walk recently and we requested that MPD attend a future meeting. Fletcher will work to ensure that someone is here at the next meeting. It was reminded that sector 2 meetings be attended by everyone.

B. Mayor's Office- Anthony Black provided an update. Address Crimes Trend Act to support safe and effective policing. Leaf season is coming up. DPW has made changes to their process. Going by letter (A's first) starting November 1st. DC Open Enrollment has started. The Mayor will be having Halloween parties at DPR at Turkey Thicket. Ward Days are Tuesday's and Friday's- MOCR putting eyes on things within the ward. He was at SMD 5A01 which had 21 issues and 5A02 had 24 issues. 5A08 there were 19 issues. Most around illegal dumping and sidewalk repair. There were a couple of questions from residents.

C. Councilmember Parker's office- Carlos McKnight shared some updates including the CM monthly public safety call. Spoke about the Safe Passage program and Violence Interrupters. All three MPD areas were represented. It is available to watch on the CM YouTube channel. The next one will be the last Wednesday of the month. Addressing Crimes Amendments Act Now has not been shared yet with the Council. There will be a hearing on the legislation. New legislation- Grandparent eligibility Act to assist with the costs and care of those helping raise grandchildren. Tax Revision Commission Town Hall on Nov 6th at MLK Library at 6pm- Child tax credit is a part of this. Two new farmers markers in Ward 5- Trinidad and Union Market.

VII. Reports & Presentations

A. Faith United Church of Christ Hypothermia Project- Enrique Cobham

They shared that FUCC will be the host of a shelter for women during the cold weather. Up to 35 women from Nov 1st to March 31st. The church has created a website with an FAQ. The residents will be provided transportation to and from the site. They would like to create a community advisory group. They want to be successful and proactive. Email faithuccdc@gmail.com or call 202-635-7777 to get involved. Some residents raised some concerns.

Commissioner Lucio made a motion that was seconded by Bocoum that we create a MOU between ANC 5A, NMPCA and FUCC on how things would be communicated between the parties. Cozart expressed concern about if we might be overstepping. Torre expressed concern with this as well. Questions about timeline and enforcement and this as a legal document. There was a motion to table this motion with a vote of 6 in favor and 2 not in favor.

There was further Q&A with the community to help answer questions. The Chairman called for a special meeting to discuss this issue.

B. DPW- Back to Basics Leaf Season and Fall initiatives Randi Thorpe, Public Affairs Specialist Not in attendance.

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023* pending approval. Lucio made a motion to move the November meeting. It was seconded by Bocoum. Approved unanimously.

UDC Friday 10/24 Community Open House from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. It was noted that there was never a community meeting about the name change of the campus from UDC Backus to UDC Lamond Riggs. She will bring that to the current UDC President.

IX. Adjourned at 9:16 pm Cozart made a motion and Lucio seconded. Unanimously approved.

Attendees: 60

Approved Nov. 29, 2023