

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B

Annual Report

For Period December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023

Purpose

As required by DC Code 1-309.10(n-1) By December 1 of each year, each Commission shall publish an annual report or newsletter that summarizes the activities of the Commission in service to the community over the preceding 12 months, including a highlighting of key issues voted upon, comments submitted to District agencies, and issuance of community grants.

Summary of Activities of the Commission In Service to the Community

January 25, 2023: The newly elected Commission met for the first time

- Councilmember Parker oversaw the election of officers, which resulted in:
 - Commissioner Costello as Chair
 - Commissioner Piekara as Vice Chair
 - Commissioner Borrego as Treasurer
 - Commissioner Sen as Secretary

Following the first meeting, the Commission rapidly launched a new website to replace the prior one. ANC5B's website is now located at: <https://www.anc5b.org/>.

June 4, 2023: Commission 5B participated in the DDOT Open Streets Event on 12th Street NE

From December 2022 and into November, the Commission undertook a number of steps to strengthen its financial position:

- Divested infrequently used office space, costing \$550 per month
- Cancelled a rental contract for a commercial printer, costing \$254.59 per month
- Cancelled mobile phone contracts, costing \$100.87 per month
- Cancelled use of Wordpress (\$300/year) and adopted Google Sites (free)
- Opened a savings account

Key Issues Voted Upon

March 15, 2023

- Resolution Regarding Historic Preservation Review Board Case 22-328 / Brookland Bowling Alleys (3726 10th Street NE).
- Resolution in Support of Councilmember Parker's FY 2024 Budget Requests and Transit and Traffic Safety Priorities.
- Resolution calling on the District Government to Survey and Fix Every (SAFE) Sidewalk
- Support the Board of Zoning Adjustment Case for 2026 Jackson Street NE
- Support the Board of Zoning Adjustment Case for 3315 12th Street NE

May 17, 2023

- Resolution Concerning Mary's Rerouting of Revenue Gains from Automated Traffic Enforcement
- Resolution Urging DDOT to Release its Congestion Pricing Study
- Resolution Regarding OSSE Transportation
- Support the Board of Zoning Adjustment Case for 2214 Otis Street NE
- Adopt a protest letter opposing a liquor license application by Xscape Restaurant & Lounge at 1812 Hamlin Street NE.
- Commission 5B adopted new bylaws.

June 21, 2023

- Support Map Amendment 23-04
- Support Raze Permit for 2601 Brentwood Road NE
- Support Stipulated License for Aurora Market (2006 Rhode Island Ave NE)

July 19, 2023

- Amend section 8 in the settlement agreement for Aurora Market (2006 Rhode Island Ave NE)

September 20, 2023

- Resolution Urging DCPS to Establish a 5B Modular Site
- Flood Liability and Owner Obligation to Declare (FLOOD) Resolution
- Bioswales to Limit Overflow in eCKington (BLOCK) Resolution
- Named Commissioner Crocker as the Commission 5B representative for the Brookland Manor (2413 14th Street NE) zoning case
- Named Commissioner Costello as the Commission 5B representative for the Brookland Lanes Voluntary Design Review

October 18, 2023

- Established a Commission 5B Grants Program
- Adopted a Commission 5B Budget for FY2024
- Support Zoning Relief for 1800 Hamlin Street NE

November 15, 2023

- Support Zoning Relief for 1016 Taussig Place NE
- Resolution calling on the District Government to include No Entry Signs in Southbound Alleys for Urell and Taussig Place NE
- Did not support zoning relief for 2229 Rear Bunker Hill Road NE, due to misapplication of the zoning code by Office of Zoning Administration
- Support Zoning Relief for 3222 20th Street NE

[Comments Submitted to District Agencies](#)

January 25, 2023: Commission 5B sent a letter to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation encouraging DPR to schedule renovations at Bunker Hill Park before FY2028. Additionally, Commission 5B encouraged DPR for Turkey Thicket to repair and widen the track, keep it open longer on Saturdays

and Sundays, and think more expansively about how to better utilize the footprint of the recreation center building.

Issuance of Community Grants

Commission 5B voted to establish a new Grants Program, in accordance with recently published OANC Guidance, on October 18, 2023.

Commission 5B is pleased to announce the program is live and details are available on our website: <https://www.anc5b.org/official-documents/grants>.