

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B

Annual Report

For Period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

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 17, 2024: Commission 5B met in our first public meeting for the start of our second term:

- 5B01: Commissioner Edward Borrego
- 5B02: Commissioner Nandini Sen
- 5B03: Commissioner Cyril Crocker
- 5B04: Commissioner Ra Amin
- 5B05: Commissioner Colleen Costello
- 5B06: Commissioner Prita Piekara
- 5B07: Commissioner Gail Brevard

Kathy Williams with the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) oversaw the election of officers, which resulted in:

- Commissioner Piekara as Chair
- Commissioner Costello as Vice Chair
- Commissioner Borrego as Treasurer
- Commissioner Sen as Secretary

Committees

Commission 5B created 3 new Committees this period to promote increased community engagement and allow for more time to address issues. They are:

- Transportation and Public Space
- Communications & Outreach
- Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing

Additionally, Commission 5B created 1 new Special Committee this period, specifically to coordinate with Commission 5A on the Taylor Street Protected Bike Lanes Project.

Service

Commissioner Costello announced her resignation from serving as Commissioner for Single Member District 5B05 on June 26, 2024. In accordance with the Commission's Bylaws, Steve Farole was voted to

serve the remainder of her term as Delegate for Single Member District 5B05. While a Delegate cannot vote or provide quorum in Commission meetings, they can undertake all other responsibilities. Commission 5B thanks Commissioner Costello for her service! Commission 5B also thanks Delegate Farole for his support!

Commissioners Crocker (5B03) and Brevard (5B07) both announced their intention to not run for re-election next term on September 18, 2024. Commission 5B thanks them for their service!

Meetings

Commission 5B held 8 Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings, 1 Special Meeting, and 8 Regular Public Meetings for this period. This does not include other Committees which were established by the Commission this period. The COW meeting scheduled for September 4 was used for a Special Meeting and is not counted twice in these figures.

Financial Position

The Commission continued last year's work to strengthen our financial position:

- As of November 20, 2024 the Commission has a total of \$43,527.38, contrasting with
- As of November 15, 2023 the Commission had a total of \$26,785.60

Key Issues Voted Upon

March 20, 2024

- Resolution to Establish Standing Rules on Committees
- Resolution to Establish a Transportation and Public Space Committee
- Resolution for Traffic Safety near Burroughs Elementary School
- Resolution for Traffic Safety near Bunker Hill Elementary School
- Resolution supporting budget priority for DPR Parks in Commission 5B
- BZA Case: - 21099 1310 Monroe St. NE
- Great Streets Application – Letter of Support for Tastemakers
- Great Streets Application – Letter of Support for Taco City II

May 22, 2024

- Resolution: Friends of Noyes Park Community Agreement with DPR
- BZA 41128: 1303 Quincy St NE
- 2640 Reed St NE, DPW Impoundment Lot
- Resolution: DDOT NOI
- Letter of Support: Public Space Application for 3021 15th St NE

June 26, 2024

- Delegate nomination
- Update to standing rules on committees
- Resolution: WMATA Better Bus Plan
- Liquor License Application: Sahara Market LLC (Vote to Protest)

September 4, 2024 (Special Meeting)

- Settlement Agreement: Sahara Market LLC

September 18, 2024

- Friends of Noyes Park Grant Application
- Communication and Outreach Committee
- BZA 21181 - 2610 Monroe Street NE
- Resolution: Taylor Street PBL Project

October 16, 2024

- Letter in Support of NOI 24-266-TESD
- Update to Standing Rules on Committees
- ABCA Committee

November 20, 2024

- Resolution Supporting a Strong, Equitable Beverage Container Deposit-Return Law
- Letter Re: FY2025 Q1 Prioritized TSIs in ANC 5B
- Joint 5A/5B Special Committee on Taylor Street PBL Project

Comments Submitted to District Agencies

Resolution: DDOT NOI: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B passed a Resolution in Support of HAWK Signal Installation at Michigan Ave & Quincy Street NE (NOI 24-84-TESD) and Rhode Island Ave and Thayer Street NE (NOI-24-85-TESD) and sent to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CALLING FOR KEY ADJUSTMENTS TO WMATA'S 2025 PROPOSED BUS NETWORK: ANC 5B wrote the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to support the service improvements in WMATA's Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network, especially the D30, D36, P33, C71, C63, D32, and D74; and urges to restore late night service to the proposed D34 as the existing G8 bus runs until 2:00 AM and without it, there will be no bus service after midnight for any location within Commission 5B except for the P40 (T18 bus) running until 2:00 AM on Rhode Island Avenue and 24 hour service provided by the D30 (80 bus), the C61 (H2/H4 bus), and the C41 (B2 bus); and urge to re-add service equivalent to the proposed DC207 line, which would run for the entire length of South Dakota Avenue NE, from Fort Lincoln to Fort Totten.

Resolution in Support of DDOT Moving to the "Design" Phase of the Taylor Street NE and Fort Drive NE Bike Lane Project, Based on the Concept of a Two-Way Protected Bike Lane on the South Side of the Corridor.

Letter in Support of NOI 24-266-TESD: Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5B wrote to DDOT to express our conditional support for the proposed safety improvements in NOI# 24-266-TESD in response to the fatal crash which took place on August 28, 2024 near the intersection of Randolph Street and Eastern Avenue NE.

Letter Re: FY2025 Q1 Prioritized TSIs in ANC 5B: ANC 5B wrote to DDOT to express our support for installation of sidewalks, daylighting for intersections, installation of speed humps/bumps/tables where appropriate, and DDOT review the rotational speed camera program.

Issuance of Community Grants

On September 18, 2024 Commission 5B voted unanimously to authorize a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Friends of Noyes Park for their 2024 Halloween Parade. In accordance with OANC guidance, the funds were issued October 1, 2024, to coincide with the new fiscal year.

More information on Commission 5B's grants program is on our website: <https://www.anc5b.org/official-documents/grants>.