



ANNUAL REPORT
2019–2020

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
5E



This report, published in compliance with D.C. Code, Title 1, Section 309.10 (n-1) summarizes the activities of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (ANC5E) over the twelve month period beginning November 1, 2019 and ending October 31, 2020.

THE MEMBERS OF ANC5E

SMD	Commissioner	Term(s) of Office (covered by this reporting period)
5E01	Nicholas Cheolas	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E02	Patricia Williams	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E03	Cortney Segmen	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E04	Sylvia Pinkney	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E05	Bradley Thomas	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E06	Karla Lewis	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E07	Bertha Holliday	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E08	Robert Brannum	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E09	Dianne Barnes	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)
5E10	Nancy Jones	(January 2, 2019 - January 2, 2021)

Officers

Chair	Bradley Thomas
Vice Chair	Dianne Barnes
Treasurer	Karla Lewis
Recording Secretary	Cortney Segmen
Corresponding Secretary	Nicholas Cheolas



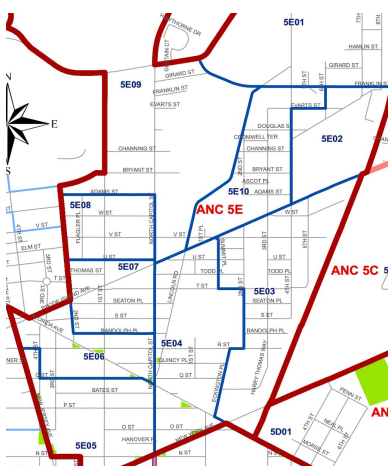
KEY ISSUES VOTED ON

At its public meeting in January 2020, the commission voted to approve a plan to create two new advisory committees; one to help inform the commission on matters coming before the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) and the Zoning Commission (ZC) and one to provide guidance on matters coming before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA).



At a Special Call Meeting on February 11, 2020, ANC5E voted to adopt a Resolution outlining Commissioner and resident feedback on the Comprehensive Plan update. Then, at its regular February 2020 public meeting, the commission announced the opening of recruitment of members to serve on those two advisory committees.

The planned March 2020 public meeting of ANC5E was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and concerns about the safety of participants gathering in person.



In April 2020, the commission resumed public meetings by holding the first of its virtual meetings on the Zoom platform. Attendance at the meeting was notably higher than the average attendance at prior in-person meetings but, after initial technical challenges, was conducted smoothly and effectively. 15 community members were commissioned to serve as the inaugural members of the Zoning Advisory Commission and Commissioner Pinkney was appointed as the commission’s liaison to the committee. 10 community members were

commissioned to serve as the inaugural members of the Alcohol Licensing Advisory Commission and Commissioner Williams was appointed as liaison to that committee.

At the ANC5E May 2020 public meeting, the commission voted to support the building of a National Cardiac Electrophysiology Training and Education Center at the Washington Hospital Center. In June 2020, the commission adopted two amendments to its bylaws. Article VII-Section 6 was amended to specify guidelines for consideration of licensing, zoning and real estate development matters. Article IX-Section 4 was amended as to notice requirements for committee meetings.



In September 2020, the commission voted to adopt a resolution honoring the late Senator Florence Howard Pendleton, the D.C. Statehood pioneer and former commissioner on ANC5C, predecessor to the current commission who passed away on September 10, 2020, after decades of service to the community. ANC5E's special guest at the October 2020 public meeting was Dr. Roger Mitchell, D.C. Chief Medical Examiner and recently appointed Deputy Mayor for Public Safety who shared his vision as to violence prevention and gun violence as a public health issue.

COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO D.C. AGENCIES



At its public meeting in November, 2019, the commission submitted to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) a resolution supporting community involvement in the renaming of an alley behind the 2600 block of North Capitol St., NE, in Stronghold. The commission also submitted a resolution to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) opposing the closing of an alley behind 30 R St., NE, in Eckington. Finally, ANC5E submitted Form 129 ANC Reports to the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) supporting special exemptions for modifications at 1416 3rd St., NW, 149 Rhode Island Ave., NE, and 2011 1st St., NW, as well as a variance for a project at 2017 2nd St., NE.

In December 2020, ANC5E submitted letters of support to DDOT for a traffic calming study on an alley in Stronghold and for relief from Northeast Boundary Tunnel construction impacts for residents of the 1700 block of 4th Street, NW.

At its January 2020 public meeting, the commission issued a letter to the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in support of the 2020 Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon as well as letters of support to the Mayor for budget line items of \$500,000 to purchase a vacant lot in Eckington and \$12,000,000 for the construction of a new Harry Thomas, Sr. Recreation Center. In February 2020, the commission issued a letter to DDOT in support of a traffic calming assessment for First St., NW.



In April 2020, ANC5E passes resolutions to the D.C. Council in support of legislation providing for home improvement grants for Bloomingdale residents and to DDOT in support of resident only parking on three blocks in ANC5E06 and four blocks in ANC5E04. The commission also issued letters to

DDOT opposing the position taken by ANC6E on a redesign proposal for Florida Avenue traffic and to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) in support of a stipulated license for the Great American Bistro in the Bates community in addition to a Form 129 ANC Report to the BZA in support of the granting of a special exception for modifications at 220 Ascot Pl., NE.

At its May 2020 public meeting, the commission issued a letter to DDOT requesting safety enhancements and removal of rush hour restrictions on Franklin St., NE. The commission also submitted a Form 129 ANC Report to the BZA supporting a request for a special exception for a project at 600-640 Rhode Island Ave., NE.



In June 2020, ANC5E submitted letters of support to the D.C. Council for public safety, criminal justice reform and budget reprioritization, to the Office of Zoning for a proposed map amendment for the 500-600 blocks of Rhode Island Ave., NE, and to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) on behalf of the owners of 41 Quincy Pl., NW and 1626-1648 North Capitol St., NW. The commission also sent Form 129 ANC Reports to the BZA in support of a requests for a variances and a special exceptions for 401-403 Richardson Pl., NW, and for special exceptions for 302-304 Florida Ave., NW, 41 Quincy Pl., NW, 2116 4th St., NE and 315 (Rear) W St., NE.

At its September 2020 public meeting, ANC5E passed a resolution encouraging financial support for District homeowners affected by late summer flooding. The following month, in October 2020, the commission submitted a Form 129 ANC Report to the Zoning Commission in support of the developer's request for a modification of significance for construction of Edgewood Commons 5.

All total, during the period covered by this report, ANC5E passed and submitted to the appropriate D.C. Government agencies, 9 resolutions, Resolution Numbers 2020-001, 2020-002, 2020-003, 2020-004, 2020-005, 2020-006, 2020-007, 2020-008 and 2020-009, 21 letters of support and 12 ANC Reports (Form 129).

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING ISSUED

At its public meeting in December, 2019, the commission voted to issue a grant of \$2,500.00 to Harmony Public Charter School for the purchase of picture books and library shelves.

In January, 2020, the commission voted to re-approve a grant of \$2,500.00 to the Bloomingdale Civic Association to support the Bloomingdale Village Square project, a project intended to educate the public about community engagement, heritage, architecture, planning and efforts to address the adverse impacts of gentrification, after the original grant was rejected by the auditors because the participation of a commissioner with a perceived conflict of interest. All potentially conflicted commissioners recused themselves from participation in the discussion and the vote on reapproval.

After January 2020, the commission, based on predicted budget shortfalls, informally agreed to suspend consideration of grant applications for the remainder of the fiscal year.

