



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

**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 December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2024.

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ANC5E COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners

SMD	Commissioner	Term(s) of Office Covered by this Reporting Period
5E01	Joyce Robinson-Paul	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025
5E02	Karla M. Lewis	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025
5E03	Frederick Carver	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025
5E04	Huma Imtiaz	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025
5E05	Kevin Rapp	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025
5E06	Kirby Vining	January 2, 2023 - January 2, 2025

Officers

Chair	Karla M. Lewis (2023-2024)
Vice Chair	Joyce Robinson-Paul (2023) Kevin Rapp (2024)
Treasurer	Kirby Vining (2023-2024)
Recording Secretary	Huma Imtiaz (2023-2024)
Corresponding Secretary	Frederick Carver (2023-2024)



KEY ISSUES VOTED ON

2024

Mar **Call For DC Government to Develop a Budget and Plan for Reimagining and Enhancing KC Lewis Fields**

ANC Commissioners from 1B, 1E, and 5E met to coordinate a comprehensive approach for articulating issues at and advocating enhancements for KC Lewis Fields; They engaged the community in documenting issues around KC Lewis Fields and identifying solutions and opportunities to increase utilization. ANC 5E supported the resolutions passed by ANC 1B and ANC 1E that DPR, DC Water, Department of General Services (DGS), District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and other applicable agencies work together to develop a budget and plan for reimagining and enhancing KC Lewis Fields to be included in the FY25 budget;

Jun **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) removal of Bus stop at North Capital and P St NW**

ANC 5E passed Resolution No. 2024-0002 opposing WMATA's removal of a bus stop at the intersection of North Capitol St NW and P St NW without public notice. The removal affected residents and students who now have to walk through dangerous intersections at New York Ave and Florida Ave to reach the nearest stop.

Jul **WMATA Better Bus Network**

The proposed 2025 WMATA Bus Network sought to overhaul the existing bus routes in the WMATA bus network coverage. While some of the new routes will provide increased connectivity to places of work and recreation for residents in ANC 5E, critical routes have been changed that will significantly impact commutes for bus riders. ANC 5E opposed the portion of the proposed C55 bus route that operates on First St NW.



COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO D.C. AGENCIES

2023

Dec **Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABCA)**

ANC 5E voted to protest ABRA-126820, O'Kabul's Street Food & Restaurant new retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license. The applicants requested hours for alcoholic beverage sales, service and consumption for the restaurant and sidewalk café are far later than the operating hours of existing restaurants and establishments in the neighborhood, and would have a negative impact on the noise, order, quiet and peace in the neighborhood.

Department of Transportation (DDOT)

At its public meeting, the commission voted to support a letter directed to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), calling for DDOT to investigate safety changes that were implemented on New Jersey Ave NW. ANC 5E requested: 1) data from DDOT on how the safety improvements were working, 2) a postmortem to see if changes contributed to congestion and other adverse impacts reported by residents, and 3) a public meeting with residents.

ANC 5E voted to support traffic pattern changes on the 100 Block of T St NW and to have DDOT conduct a traffic safety investigation, study and implement measures to reduce traffic speeds and improve street safety on the 100 block of T St NW, and add signage on the 100 block of T St NW to indicate reduced speed limits on neighborhood roads at 20 mph and improve street markings.

2024

Jan **Rock 'N' Roll Marathon**

The commission voted to issue a letter to the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in support of the 2024 Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and its associated street closings.

Feb **ANC 5E Testimony to DC Council about Department of Buildings (DOB's) failure to provide After Hours Support for illegal constriction**

ANC 5E provided testimony to the DC Council that DOB lacks a mechanism to inspect reports of after-hours construction. Complaints were filed concerning construction activity on Sundays or holidays, outside permitted hours and DOB followed up during regular hours only to find no violations.

Historic Preservation

ANC 5E voted to support HPA 24-090, a project that would approve the plans to construct a new two story accessory building at the rear of 51 V St NW.

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABCA)

ANC 5E voted to support a settlement agreement for ABRA-126820, O'Kabul's Street Food & Restaurant new retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license.

ANC 5E voted to protest ABRA-117346, Mood Swings Food Hall substantial change to its Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license.

Mar Children's National Maternal Fetal Delivery Program

ANC5E voted to support Children's National Hospital's Certificate of Need Application to the DC State Health and Development Agency to establish a low-volume delivery unit at the hospital. The letter written to Children's Hospital to submit with its application to the DC State Health and Development Agency.

Department of Transportation (DDOT) to investigate Rules for Farmers Market Street Closure

At its public meeting, the commission voted to support a letter directed to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), calling for DDOT to investigate the policy for approving new or renewing permits issued to farmers markets.

Apr Medstar Rehabilitation Hospital

ANC5E voted to support Medstar Hospital Center's Certificate of Need to the DC State Health and Development Agency (SHPDA) to relocate and modernize the inpatient behavior health unit to the MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital

Mi Casa Public Space

ANC 5E voted to support the DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS), TOPS-441571. The proposed changes outlined included, but were not limited to, the planting beds, entry canopy (i.e. marquee) overhang on Q St NW and Florida Ave NW, bay windows, and bike racks.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) cases

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 19887A, a request for the Jam Duong restaurant to store trash in an outdoor shed with conditions.

May Department of General Services (DGS) Reservoir Park Recreation Center Designation Act

At its public meeting, ANC 5E supported a letter to oppose naming the new recreation center as 'Reservoir Park Recreation Center'. Instead, ANC 5E proposed 'McMillan Park Recreation Center'.

Jun Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital

ANC5E voted to support Medstar Hospital Center's Certificate of Need to the DC State Health and Development Agency to establish an outpatient at-home physical therapy program. The letter written to Medstar to submit with its application to the DC State Health and Development Agency.

McMillan Hours

The Commission voted to oppose the McMillan's developer request to work overtime on holidays.

Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC)

ANC 5E voted to support Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) FY24-FY28 Strategic Plan.

Jul Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

At its public meeting, ANC5E voted to support a resolution that requested Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to create a new recreation facility and splash park at the existing New York Avenue Recreations Center located at 100 N St NW.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) cases

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 21175, a request for a special exception for the extension of the rear yard at 49 Adams St NW.

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABCA)

ANC 5E voted to protest ABRA-128451, Smoke & Tingz Inc. 2 Medical Cannabis Retailer's license. Applicant applied for delivery, Summer Garden and Treatment facility endorsements near a Day Care Center.

ANC 5E voted to protest ABRA-128552, Hillview Market LLC new retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license in order to pursue a settlement agreement.

Sep **Fresenius Home Hemo Dialysis (HHD)**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (ANC 5E) supported the application request for Fresenius Columbia Heights' for a certificate of need to establish home hemo dialysis services. Fresenius Columbia Heights is located within ANC 5E at 106 Irving Street, NW.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 21197 request for a special exception and area variance to construct a new detached 4-story 29-unit apartment building at 10 Q St NW that has been vacant lot for many years.

Historic Preservation Office (HPO)

ANC5E voted to support Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners' proposed facade changes to Reservoir District Parcels 2 and 4, Case # HPA-24-437.

Oct **Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Cases**

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 21207 requests for a special exception from rear yard and side yard requirements and area variance lot occupancy at 15 Rhode Island Ave NW.

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 21204 requests for a special exception from rear yard requirements and area variance lot occupancy at 43 Girard St NE.

Historic Preservation Office (HPO)

ANC 5E voted to support the application for HPA Case 24-473, and to endorse the view that roof decks in the rear alley that are not visible from the front should not be under the purview of the historic preservation district.

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABCA)

ANC 5E voted to protest ABRA-127841, Lucid X Dreams 2 Medical Cannabis Retailer's license. Applicant applied for a Delivery and Treatment facility endorsements.

Nov **Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Cases**

ANC 5E voted to support BZA 21217 relief sought is a special exception that is retroactive for a rear deck built prior to occupancy at 149 Thomas St NW.

ANC 5E voted to oppose BZA 21195 requests a change in zoning district from the existing R-3 to an RF-1. The application documents filed requests to change of a single family residential home to a two unit home by adding a separate basement unit at 10 Girard St NE.

In total, during the period covered by this report, ANC 5E passed and submitted 5 resolutions to the appropriate D.C. Government agencies.

ANC 5E Resolutions

Dates	Resolutions
2023	
Dec	2023-011 Support of Street Safety Measures on the 100 Block of T St
2024	
Mar- Nov	2024-001 Resolution Calling For DC Government to Develop a Budget and Plan For Reimagining and Enhancing KC Lewis Fields
	2024-002 Resolution Opposing WMATA's Removal of P St NW Bus Stop
	2024-003 Resolution on Proposed 2025 WMATA Bus Network
	2024-004 Resolution to Provide Immediate Splash Park and Recreational Programs at the New York Ave Playground



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING ISSUED

2024

Mar **Bloomingdale Community Day**

ANC 5E voted to approve \$2000 grant to support the Crispus Attucks Park’s annual Bloomingdale Community Day. This vibrant event supports the upkeep of the park and serves as a valuable resource for the neighborhood. The Community Day is Bloomingdale’s largest annual event, bringing together people from across the neighborhood for a yard sale; the “Taste of Bloomingdale,” where neighborhood businesses share their food; music; kids activities; and tables by community organizations to share information about their missions and activities.

Bloomingdale Village Square Sponsorship

In honor of the late Dr. Bertha Holliday, ANC 5E voted to approve \$2500.00 to sponsor the Bloomingdale Civic Association's Bloomingdale Village Square Oral History project Part 2, which will be centered on the groups and events, such as Orange Hats, Crispus Attucks Park events, Big Daddy Running Club, and Beautification Day events within ANC 5E that played a major role in building the community that stands today. It will be a study of community building within ANC 5E and the lessons learned which are valuable to all of the residents in ANC 5E.

Beautification Day Sponsorships

ANC 5E voted to approve \$6000.00 to support beautification projects. In each of its six single member districts, each commissioner has the authority to allocate distribution of sponsorship funds up to \$1,000 to civic associations or other entities within their single member districts for neighborhood beautification purposes.

April Bloomingdale Civic Association Beautification and Earth Day Day

For the Bloomingdale Civic Association Beautification Day event, ANC 5E02 allocated \$500, ANC 5E03 allocated \$1000, and ANC 5E05 allocated \$500. The total amount of \$2,000 was approved to sponsor this event.

May Bates Area Civic Association Flower Power Beautification Day

ANC 5E01 allocated \$500 and ANC 5E02 allocated \$500 for a total of \$1000 to sponsor the Flower Power event.



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