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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

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Monthly Public Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Washington, DC 20002

**STANDING REPORTS &
 ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Welcome & Reports

7:08 PM. Call to Order & Roll Call, Comm Sauced-Guzman

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Cobb, Sauced-Guzman, McCullum, May. Absent: Roblin, Henderson, Blacknell.

Comm Henderson was on but as a viewer. Comm McCullum kept trying to promote her and the message he kept receiving is she kept declining to be promoted. Comm Roblin arrived late. Comm Blacknell was absent.

7:10 Comm McCullum announced we have quorum. For voting purposes all Commissioners must be on video so for quorum we have 6 present, 3 not, but Comm Henderson is present, she just cannot vote.

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Adoption of the Agenda

7:12 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adopt the agenda. Second Arbuckle.
 Vote: 6-0-0. Roblin, Henderson, Blacknell absent.

Adoption of the Minutes

7:15 Comm. May motioned to adopt the minutes from June 2024. Second Cobb.
 Vote: 5-0-0. Roblin, Blacknell, Henderson absent. Saucedo-Guzman temporarily absent due to technical difficulties.

Treasurer's Reports

7:16 June and July Monthly Reports.

For June, we had an opening balance of \$37,493.27. Expenses totalled \$455.65, for MailChimp, admin personnel wages, and Verizon FiOS. The closing balance for June was \$37,037.62.

For July, we had an opening balance of \$37,037.62. We had one expense for MailChimp, and we received our quarterly allotment of \$5,663.08 in full with no withholdings. The closing balance for July was \$42,666.25.

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7:17 Quarterly Financial Report for April, May, and June 2024. At the beginning of the quarter in April, we had a balance of \$39,557.73. We had no allotments; expenses in the quarter totalled \$2,520.11. The ending balance of the quarter (at the end of June) was \$37,037.62.

Comm. Cobb motioned to accept the Quarterly Financial Report, second Comm Rhodes.

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Vote: 5-0-0. Roblin, Blacknell, Henderson absent. Saucedo-Guzman temporarily absent due to technical difficulties.

Admin’s Timesheets

7:18 Admin Timesheets (June and July)

Purpose is to pay administrative personnel for time worked in June and July. Total of \$513 for hours worked in June and July.

Comm. Cobb motioned to pay administrative personnel. Second Comm. May

Vote: 5-0-0. Blacknell, Henderson absent. Saucedo-Guzman temporarily absent due to technical difficulties.

7:21 Question from a member of the public:

Is it typical for ANCs to have so much money saved up? What does the allotment get used for? Comm. Cobb explained how the ANC uses the funds: grants, office expenses, communications (fliers, MailChimp, texting), administrative assistant, supplies for committees. All of these expenses help the ANC carry out its mission and/or benefit the community. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman added that the balance of \$36,000 amongst all the ANCs in the city is not that high. Comm. Cobb noted that new restrictions have limited how we spend and disburse the funds in certain ways. Residents can apply for grants to utilize those funds. Grants must be given only to 501c(3) non-profits, for projects that primarily benefit the community of ANC5D. The grants cannot go to individuals or for-profit organizations – only 501c(3) non-profits. Grant applications go through ANC5D’s Grants Committee, and interested parties can request to present to the Grants Committee.

Comm. McCullum noted that all of the ANCs are regularly audited, and there have not been any charges or reports of misappropriation by the commission or individual commissioners.

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Standing Presentations (5-8 minutes; 2 minutes for questions)

7:27 Commissioners Reports

5D01 (Union Market): Comm. Arbuckle announced that Edens (Union Market neighborhood developer) and their contractor plan to redo many streets in the Union Market district to replace utilities, widen sidewalks, and add trees. Edens has presented two options for the planned work schedule:

1. Start work at 9:30 AM. It would take two years to complete the entire project, in individual sections.
2. Start work at 7:00 AM (no loud saws or jackhammers until 9:30 AM). It would take 1.5 years (six fewer months) to complete the entire project, with each individual section also being completed more quickly. Please let him know what your thoughts are.

There are many pedestrian safety issues in the area. Comm. Arbuckle is working on town hall with DDOT regarding these issues. It will most likely be scheduled for the week of September 9. Keep an eye out for fliers around Union Market with the date and time.

5D02 (Ivy City): Comm. Rhodes announced that the comment period for Ivy City Small Area Plan ends this Friday, August 16th. Please get comments in. Later in this meeting, we will be presenting a resolution in opposition of the planned development with 10-story high buildings on Okie St. and New York Ave.

Illegal dumping has quieted down, though it hasn't subsided completely. New cameras have been installed and those have helped.

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5D03 (south Trinidad): Comm. Roblin stated that on Thursday 8/15/2024 at 2:15 PM meeting at the Trinidad Rec Center to discuss starting a community garden at that location. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting.

Comm. Saucedá-Guzman clarifies that according to Mr. Shaw at Trinidad Rec Center, the rec center does not have any space for a community garden, but they do have beekeeping on the roof of the main portion of the rec center and they are providing green space on the roof for the bees. Comm. Roblin clarifies that the community garden effort will be led by Josh Singer, a community garden specialist from DPR. Comm. Rhodes suggests talking to Josh Singer about testing the soil before planting edible items.

There will be another Trinidad tree walk in early September with Jabbari Brew from DDOT Urban Forestry. A tree walk is where we walk around the neighborhood and scope out where we should plant new trees, where trees need to be replaced. Having an abundant tree canopy is very important for the environment. This will be our third tree walk. Contact Comm. Roblin if you are interested in joining the tree walk.

Comm. Roblin has been working on resolving issues with vacant properties in 5D03. She has been working on the following properties: alley behind 1124 Morse St. NE, 1118 and 1122 Neal St. NE, 1304 Florida Ave. NE, 1175 Morse St. NE, and 1325 Montello Ave. NE. If you know of any other vacant properties in 5D03 or elsewhere in ANC 5D that need intervention due to various issues (occupancy, prostitution, rats, trash, debris falling, mosquitoes), contact Comm. Roblin.

Comm. Roblin plans to do a series of Zoom meetings to educate everyone on how to get things done for your neighborhood using government agencies. All commissioners are welcome to join and teach people as well. Afterwards, Comm. Roblin is considering creating a 5D “resident’s advisory group” to help other residents who may be struggling with roadblocks when trying to request changes or actions from government agencies.

5D04 (Trinidad): Comm. Cobb requests that residents please keep picking up trash in front of their properties - let’s keep our neighborhood clean together.

5D05 (northern Trinidad): Comm. Saucedá-Guzman states that they are busy preparing for Trinidad Day, which will be August 24 from 12 to 6 PM at the Trinidad Rec Center. They are working with the

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community in Trinidad to get this off the ground, and gave thanks to staff at the Trinidad Rec Center for their help preparing for the event. There will be resources, music, and food: they will be giving out boxed lunches, there will be barbecue, and they will be giving out backpacks for students. They are working with a lot of different agencies and entities in DC to put on the event. All residents of ANC 5D and Ward 5 should come out and get to know their neighbors. There will be music and they are working on having water slides for the kids.

Comm. Saucedá-Guzman also reiterated Comm. Cobb: let's do our best to clean up in front of our buildings or homes. Please call 311 if you see an overflowing public litter can, and/or issues with hotspot alleys.

Simms Pl. is the current activity hotspot (loud music and gathering); Raum St. and Montello Ave. have quieted down a bit. Mt. Olivet Rd. has issues as well and that is a long-term project. For the Simms Pl. alley that is shared with the shopping area off of Mt. Olivet, we are looking to see if DPW can return trash collection to the rear.

Reach out to Comm. Saucedá-Guzman, they are looking for more block captains in 5D05. If you are highly active on your block, please reach out. Comm. Saucedá-Guzman is thankful to have a handful of active neighbors in 5D05 already.

5D06 (eastern Trinidad and western Carver Langston): Comm. Henderson had a very successful National Night Out event; Sam Ford received the community icon award. There was lots of community participation, food, and business participation. Comm. Henderson continues to meet regularly with our MPD Commander to discuss public safety matters, and she continues to report multiple issues in our community that the city is slow to respond to.

5D07 (southern Carver Langston): Comm. McCullum announced a community services meeting to be held via Zoom next month. This is similar to Comm. Roblin's efforts noted above. They will seek to coordinate their events.

Comm. McCullum stated that in June, he had an emergency work meeting that did not allow him to attend the ANC 5D public meeting on June 11, 2024. Therefore, he was not present for the BZA vote on 828 21st St. NE. He thanked Comm. Rhodes, Blacknell, and Henderson for opposing the proposed development. He found it disheartening that commissioners supported the project in

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McCullum’s absence, and constituents were upset with him. He stated that he was not elected by developers; he was elected by neighbors.

Comm. McCullum highlighted Amethyst Delglen(sp?) for her assistance with her neighbors. There is a big problem with folks not picking up their dog’s poop; she has taken the initiative to clean up around her property and provide poop bags for others.

Comm. Saucedá-Guzman asks if the pet waste collection bins are permissible expenses for the ANC; nobody replied, so they will be emailing the OANC regarding this question.

5D08 (northern Carver-Langston): Comm. May gave an update on the DC-owned space in Carver-Langston at 19th and L Sts. NE. There was a community walk and talk with DPR in June regarding what residents would like to see at 19th and L. There was funding allocated for that space as part of the FY24 Capital Budget. DPR will enter into design phases in late summer/early fall of this year. They plan to come up with a design in the next 6-9 months, followed by construction sometime in 2025. Folks can track progress of the park space here:

<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/carver-langston-park>.

Regarding Mt. Olivet/17th St corridor road work (bike lane installation): there was lingering work at the West Virginia Ave. and Mt. Olivet Rd. intersection; DDOT was waiting on completion of work by DC Water related to the NE Boundary Tunnel Project. That work is complete, and DDOT should be finishing the intersection this week. The road work will continue starting Monday on the stretch of 17th St. NE between Bladensburg Rd. and Maryland. Ave. NE. He estimates that portion will take 2-3 weeks. Comm. May stated that he is excited about the progress and encourage folks to be patient during the construction.

Comm. May announced that the DC State Fair will be on Saturday, Septembre 7th at Franklin Park downtown. This is a free event, with lots of different free-to-enter contests for gardeners, cooks, bakers, and others: <https://www.dcstatefair.org/contests>.

7:56 5th District MPD report, Sergeant Jackson

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Crime Type	Last Year (1/1/2023 - 8/13/2023)	Year-to-date (1/1/2024 - 8/13/2024)
Total crime	271	230
All violent crime	55	36
Homicide	3	2
Sex abuse	3	0
Assault with a dangerous weapon	8	3
Robbery	41	31
Total property crime	216	197
Burglary	13	3
Theft from auto	51	74
Other theft	56	67
Motor vehicle theft	82	53
Arson	0	0

The largest increase in crime from last year has been theft from auto. Sergeant Jackson recommends not leaving anything of value in your car. Next month, the presenter of the public safety report will have additional information on the locations of crime hotspots in ANC 5D.

Comm. Rhodes states that there is an issue with stolen cars being dumped in Ivy City, specifically in the Ivy City Apartments parking lot. Tenants have been calling to report this for months and it

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remains an issue. This is also an issue more broadly in Ivy City. We do not know where the cars are coming from. Sgt. Jackson says there could be multiple factors leading to this situation.

Comments from the public:

- There is a request for the bottles to be removed again from the area around the tree at the intersection of Neal and Orren Sts. NE in Trinidad. This is in PSA506.
- Residents at Hecht Warehouse in Ivy City have had numerous vehicle break-ins. What can be done about this? Can we have a greater public safety presence in the late-night timeframe? Sgt. Jackson reiterates that you should not leave anything valuable inside the vehicle that anyone can see.

The next CAC meeting will be Thursday, September 26. These meetings allow direct public access to our public safety officers.

8:06 Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember’s Office, Oliver Stoute

Multiple updates:

- Ivy City Small Area Plan - reminder to provide comments by Friday, August 16.
- DPW held a meeting for neighbors to provide construction updates on projects across the ward. Mr. Stoute will share slides from that meeting. Included projects, budgets, timelines for projects across Ward 5. One of them was the Carver-Langston park at 19th and L Sts. NE referenced by Comm. May. The Crummell Community Center in Ivy City construction will be starting in the spring of 2025.
- The comment period for raised crosswalks on Holbrook St. NE will also be ending on Friday, August 16.
- The Ward 5 Education Equity Committee will be having their annual back to school backpack drive at Wheatley Education Campus on Saturday, August 24 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is the same day as Trinidad Day that Comm. Saucedo-Guzman announced.
- Langston Day will be held on Saturday, August 17 from 12 PM to 6 PM
- The DC Council is still in recess until September 16. Councilmember Parker’s office is always open for any concerns that residents have.

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Comm. Saucedá-Guzman thanked Mr. Stoute for attending the July Trinidad Community Meeting held by Comm. Saucedá-Guzman and Comm. Roblin. Councilmember Parker was in attendance as well. This was a great opportunity for residents to ask questions about Trinidad specifically rather than Ward 5 as a whole and that was really appreciated.

Comm. Rhodes asked Mr. Stoute why construction on the Crummell Community Center got pushed to the spring? Mr. Stoute did not know the answer to the question, but he will look into it.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

Per the parliamentarian Comm. McCullum, commissioners must have their camera on in order for their votes to be counted.

8:12 Resolution Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza (Comm. Roblin)

Comm. Roblin states that we would like to ask the DC Council to make a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. If the council makes a resolution, it would be a lot more powerful than ANC5D doing it. Many cities around the country have passed a resolution calling for a ceasefire: Atlanta, Detroit, Oakland, Providence, Seattle, and Wilmington, as examples. The DC Council does have a history of resolutions regarding international affairs, including at the start of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine; in this current session they have also called for the end of the federal embargo on Cuba. They also passed a law to fight apartheid in South Africa in solidarity with Black South Africans. Some news sources state there have been approximately 39,000 deaths of Palestinians, after about 1200 deaths of Israelis on October 7, 2023. According to the well-respected peer-reviewed medical journal The Lancet, the death toll of Palestinians is approximately 186,000, 70% of whom are women and children. This is a devastating situation, affecting people of darker skin tones. Many people have asked the council to get involved; many councilmembers are interested, but Council Chair Phil

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Mendelson is not. If we pass this resolution, it would give the Council a boost and help Councilmember Parker and other councilmembers move forward with a council-wide resolution for a ceasefire.

Comm. Saucedá-Guzman states that this affects ANC 5D because American tax dollars are being spent funding what’s happening, when we could be using our taxpayer dollars for things that benefit our country. This funding could be spent on our communities, including 5D which doesn’t always have the money to take actions that would benefit our communities.

Comm. Arbuckle asks about the resolution mentioning the kidnapping of civilians by Israel in Gaza and the West Bank, and Israeli hostages. Does Israel have hostages? Comm. Roblin states that she got the Resolution from another commission and assumes it’s accurate. In the West Bank, Israel has been taking land from Palestinians for a long time. Comm Saucedá-Guzman states that the verbiage Comm. Arbuckle is asking about is recognizing the Israeli hostages that have been taken by Hamas. The purpose of that language is to recognize the initial violence that occurred and state that we do not want that to occur either.

Comm. May states that he will be abstaining from this vote. He understands that this is important to a lot of people but he believes it is beyond the scope of the purview of an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and for that reason he will be abstaining.

Comm. Roblin motioned to approve the resolution. Second Comm. Rhodes.

Vote: 3-0-4. Henderson and Blacknell absent. Arbuckle, McCullum, May, Cobb abstain. Resolution not approved by abstention.

8:22 **Prop.: Verizon Internet Payments** (Comm. Saucedá-Guzman)

Proposal to pay for Verizon FiOS internet bill for the rest of the year for 371 Morse St. NE community room. The space is available for community events for 5D residents who can work with their commissioners to get access to the space. The amount of \$783 is for internet through the end of the calendar year (covering the rest of this ANC’s term).

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Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to approve the proposal. Second Comm. Roblin. 7-0-0. Henderson and Blacknell absent. Approved.

8:25 Proposals: Purchase of Tech

Leaf Blower:

The leaf blower will be utilized during twice-monthly cleanups. It can be borrowed by residents for the day. The total is \$101.98. Comm. Cobb requests a change to link in the proposal - the link is not accurate. Regardless, the total remains at \$101.98, which includes a three-year warranty.

Comm. Roblin motioned to purchase a leaf blower for \$101.98. Second Comm. Cobb. 6-1-0. May opposed. Henderson and Blacknell absent.

Question from the public: what other tools does the ANC have that residents can borrow? Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that the ANC has garden rakes, brooms, dustpans, trash pickers, and trash bags - anything that can be used to clean sidewalks, alleys, and other outdoor spaces. Connect with your ANC Commissioner and Comm. Roblin to make use of these items. DPW typically uses items such as leaf blowers after picking up trash; this is why ANC 5D sought to purchase our own leaf blower.

Microphones:

This purchase us for bluetooth mics for any offsite community meetings. The microphones that are in the community space at 371 Morse St NE only work in the community space and therefore cannot be used for offsite meetings. The request is for a purchase of 4 microphones: 2 lavalier microphones (these get pinned to a speaker's shirt) and 2 handheld microphones. They will be used during community meetings and other offsite meetings for amplified sound, especially when recording to YouTube. Microphones provide mobility, reduce setup time, and improve the overall quality of events. The two lavalier microphones can be used for speakers at events, while the two handheld microphones will be useful for audience question and answer periods. The total cost is \$136.47 and includes a three-year warranty for each item.

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Comm. Rhodes asks what the additional microphones are for. Comm. Roblin replies that they are for any community meetings, not just single member district meetings. They will be stored at 371 Morse St. NE and whoever needs them will be able to use them for offsite in-person meetings. Comm. Rhodes asks is advance notice required? What will happen if two single member districts are having a meeting on the same day? Comm. Roblin states that we will have to work out those details if the purchase is approved.

Comm. Saucedá-Guzman motioned to approve the purchase of \$136.47. Second Comm. Cobb. 7-0-0. Henderson and Blacknell absent.

8:35 Res.: Ivy City Area Plans/Maps (Comm. Rhodes)

Comm. Rhodes states the Ivy City community has been working with the DC Office of Planning on this Small Area Plan for the past few years. She states that Ivy City is an historic Black community; it was 150 years old as of last year. A lot of the industrial parts of the community arrived after the residents were already living in the community. Ivy City suffers from urban heat island effect due to lack of green space and tree cover to buffer the sun and pollutants. There is lots of asphalt. The National Engineering Products facility uses cancer-causing chemicals, which have been found in the air in Ivy City by DOEE. The facility has admitted to using toxins in their products, which they have been producing since the 1930s and are still producing today. The company does not have an air quality permit. The community is fighting to shut the facility down.

The community has been engaged with the DC Office of Planning. Development is being proposed in the Small Area Plan including two 10-story buildings - one on Okie St. NE and one on New York Ave. NE. This will engulf the historic community, and residents will be fighting just to see the skyline. Residents don't approve of intense gentrification and want fixes to what's already there instead of adding more issues. There was no health assessment done as part of the small area plan, no PDR study has been received, and there is no plan on how to house those who are unhoused and prevent displacement of residents.

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The motion is to pass the Resolution, which is seeking fair treatment for residents who have been in the community for decades. There is a need for a racial equity lens, and we do not want buildings to exceed six stories on New York Ave. and Okie St. NE. We need more green space.

Comm. Arbuckle disagrees with limiting the height of the buildings due to the limitation that places on developing actual affordable housing. He asks about using money for purchase of existing housing to put it into a community land trust. Comm. Rhodes points out that the current housing stock needs to be fixed. Residents do not want Ivy City to look like Union Market, like a metropolis, especially since it is an historic Black community.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman asks if Ivy City has historic designation. Comm. Rhodes states that Crummell does but Ivy City as a whole does not; however, the neighborhood was established in 1873.

Member of the public Mr. Howard Cromwell states “I would ask that this resolution be allowed to be reviewed by the 300 households/residents of the Hecht Warehouse at Ivy City prior it it being approved PRIOR to it being voted on. This is the first time we've heard of this resolution. -Hecht Warehouse Tenant Union” Comm. Saucedo-Guzman reminds the public that voting items like this one are on the agenda when it is sent out in advance of the meeting, and the period prior to the meeting is open for residents to contact commissioners regarding items that are on the agenda. Residents do not have to wait for the public meeting in order to provide comment. Comm. Rhodes responds to Mr. Cromwell’s question by stating that anybody is welcome to comment on the small area plan through the Office of Planning - the comment period closes on August 16.

Comm. Arbuckle states that he will be voting against the resolution, but not because he thinks residents should be displaced. One of his priorities is housing and avoidance of displacement; he states that before opposing a small area plan he would investigate if money could be used to prevent displacement. Comm. Rhodes states that she and residents of Ivy City are not opposing housing being built, they are opposing the height of the proposed buildings.

Comm. May agrees with most of the resolution and understands Comm. Rhodes position. He is torn regarding height restrictions restricting the maximum number of available units. He states that he wants to make sure that we are maximizing the opportunity for affordable units. He is leaning toward abstention because he’s not quite sure how he wants to vote.

Comm. McCullum supports the resolution and that we need to treat historic areas as historic. We can look at ways to improve housing and provide more affordability. He is supporting this resolution

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because he is not in favor of the high-rises popping up in the city, especially in one of the oldest areas of the city that hasn't been developed.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that they are in support. They acknowledge that certain projects gentrify our neighborhoods much more quickly. Developers and new residents don't always marry in with the community and start displacing folks. We can't stop gentrification, but there are certain things that should be addressed and this resolution seeks to address them.

Member of the public Ms. Frances Rogers states that we do need affordable housing, but the "so-called" affordable housing being built is not affordable; the average person will need assistance from the city to actually afford the housing that is being built now. Affordable housing to one person is not affordable housing to another person.

Comm. Rhodes motioned to approve the resolution to oppose the small area plan until additional work has been done. Second McCullum. 4-1-2. Arbuckle opposed, May and Cobb abstained. Henderson and Blacknell absent. The motion carries.

8:58 Community Feedback & Questions

A member of the public asks when will Florida Ave. and West Virginia Ave. be paved? Comm. Roblin states that the Florida Ave. road work project should be completed on-schedule by October 2024. Contact Comm. Roblin and she can connect you with the project team to get a more exact answer to that specific question.

Comm. Roblin adds that anyone concerned about dog poop signs can contact her. She is chair of the trash and beautification committee and can connect you with appropriate staff at DPW.

Member of the public Tiffany Johnson-Largent asks "I noticed there are several housing developments on 17th streets and Benning Roads. How will our communities be impacted by all of these new residents? Is the city trying to reach a specific goal of increasing residents in DC?" Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that it is any city's goal to make sure that they're bringing new residents into the city, especially to increase tax revenue. A lot of these developments cost a good amount of money, which is income for the city.

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Comm. McCullum states that the developments get larger and larger - we want housing, but the housing is not necessarily affordable. He can't answer the question of why so much development, but states that we need to be paying attention to what type of development is coming. Comm. McCullum has questioned MPD regarding public safety resources for the single member district given population increases, and thus far there have not been additional resources allocated.

Comm. May states that the city recently met a goal it set in 2019 to build 36,000 new housing units by 2025. That was an attempt to correct the prior 15 years in which less housing had been built, and to catch up to high demand, particularly with rental housing in the city. The issue in DC is supply and demand; adding more units helps increase demand. Increased rental rates and rates to purchase are fueled by lack of supply of housing. Building new housing units should help to correct some market challenges. The city has incentivized building this new housing.

Comm. Rhodes states that we need housing, but we need housing that's deeply affordable. People will live in housing for one to two years and then be unable to afford it, especially if their work isn't steady. The people already living here are the ones that need the resources. There is a quota; a lot of housing is going to go on New York Ave. We also need to preserve historic communities.

Comm. May states that we need solutions that go beyond inclusionary zoning - things like tenant right to purchase and community land trusts (options to keep housing in the hands of people who have lived in it for a long time). We should advocate for better solutions.

Comm. Roblin states that we are a complete disaster when it comes to affordable housing. Nobody can afford housing here anymore if they don't have a very good job. This is the fault of the council, of Anita Bonds who led the council's housing committee for 10 years. Many are very connected with developers - this includes Council Chair Mendelson and Mayor Bowser.

9:11 Adjournment

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11.

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