

ANC 5F Regular Meeting
January 28, 2025
 Minutes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Commissioner Anderson noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
- b. Attendance Roll Call:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Present
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Present
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Present
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Present
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Present
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Present
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

2. Public Comment (10 mins. total, up to 2 mins. per speaker)

- a. No comments.

3. Election of Officers

- a. Chair.
 - o Commissioner Sahni nominated Commissioner Galvan. With no further nominations, the Commission proceeded to a vote on the Commissioner Galvan as Chair:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	No
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

Commissioner Galvan was elected Chair by a vote of 5-1-0.

- b. Vice Chair
 - o Commissioner Anderson nominated herself for Vice Chair. With no further nominations, the Commission proceeded to a vote on the Commissioner Anderson as Chair:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	No
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

Commissioner Anderson was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 5-1-0.

c. Secretary

- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman nominated himself for Secretary. Commissioner Jones nominated herself for Secretary. With no further nominations, the Commission proceeded to a vote on Secretary:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Jones
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Jones
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Jones
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Jones
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Bishop-Henchman
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Bishop-Henchman
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

Commissioner Jones was elected Secretary by a vote of 4-2-0.

d. Treasurer

- Commissioner Galvan nominated Commissioner Sahni. With no further nominations, the Commission proceeded to a vote on Treasurer:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Yes
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

Commissioner Sahni was elected Treasurer by a vote of 6-0-0.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- Commissioner Anderson removed a duplicate item relating to the meeting calendar.
- Commissioner Galvan moved to adopt the agenda as amended, and it was adopted without objection.

5. Approval of Minutes (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)

- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman presented and moved to adopt the [Minutes of the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting](#). Commissioner Anderson seconded, and the minutes were adopted by voice vote.

6. Adoption of 2025 Meeting Calendar

- [Resolution to Adopt a 2025 Meeting Calendar](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman).
 - Commissioner Williams moved to strike the July 2025 meeting. The motion did not receive a second.
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adopt the resolution as presented, and Commissioner Anderson seconded.
 - Roll Call on the Resolution as Amended:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
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Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	No
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-001, by a vote of 5-1-0.

7. Officer Reports & Commissioner Announcements (5 mins. each)

- a. Commissioner Sani
 - i. Mentioned progress for response to January DC snowstorm and clearing the paths. DDOT and DPW and sorting out who needs to respond to the Metropolitan Branch Trail and the Rhode Island Ave station pedestrian bridge.
 - ii. Reminder that oversight will occur over the next months. We welcome you to provide feedback and encourage outreach to council members. Public commentary garners a response from organizations.
- b. Commissioner Galvan
 - i. Look out for public safety walks happening throughout the district.
- c. Commissioner Anderson
 - i. Banking Updates - The bank we were using, Industrial Bank, had a security issue, so the Commission will move to a PNC bank account. Individuals listed on the account have been updated Individuals listed will be the ANC 5F Treasurer and Chair.
 - ii. We function on a quarterly grant cycle (OANC). Commissioners can sponsor these grants and the awarded amount is up to \$2500 (deadline in February).

8. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)

- a. Sam Bonar, Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office
 - Ward 5 Updates
 - Testify for upcoming hearings and advocate for issues you care about. Budget hearings will take place over the next six months. <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>
 - Second term council members are able to Chair their own Committees. Zachary Parker is now chair of the Committee on Youth Affairs: <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/committee-on-youth-affairs/>
 - Events
 - Ward 5 Awards Ceremony recognizing neighbors and community members will take place on February 11th (THIS WILL BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO SNOW STORM. EXPECT THE EVENT TO BE RESCHEDULED TO THE WEEK OF 3/10/2025).
 - Questions?

- How should community members address trash and recycling pick up (related to snowstorm delays)?
 - DPW is finally catching up from the storm, if issues persist, submit a 311 request.
- Who should community members contact about gun violence and blood that is left behind? There was a mass shooting at R St & 3rd St NE and blood from the scene was there weeks after. Daniel Ehrenpreis will share DC Justice Lab resources and additional resources on gun violence reform.

9. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (if any)

- a. (none)

10. Consent Agenda *items may be removed from the consent agenda by any commissioner and are added to the action agenda*

Roll Call on the Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Yes
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

By a vote of 6-0-0, the consent agenda was adopted.

- a. [Resolution to Amend ANC 5F Bylaws and Standard Procedures](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-002, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- b. (this item was moved earlier in the meeting)
- c. [Resolution Thanking Former Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney for Her Years of Service to the Community](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-003, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- d. [Resolution Thanking Former Commissioner Tony Hurst for His Years of Service to the Community](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-004, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- e. [Resolution to Support Continued Budget Support for the Eckington/Edgewood Library](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-005, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- f. [Resolution Letter to DC Leaders to Address Gun Violence through Coordinated Comprehensive Strategy](#) (Commissioner Galvan). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-006, by a vote of 6-0-0.**

11. Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)

- a. No items.

12. Announcements

- a. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
 - i. Large Scale Ward 5 Projects
 - 1. Tanner Park
 - 2. Edgewood Rec
 - 3. Harry Thomas - early design phase:
 - <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/harry-thomas-recreation-center>
 - a. There will be about five meetings throughout the project design process: kickoff, 2-3 design meetings, and a final meeting for construction
 - ii. Programs
 - 1. Summer camp registration is starting up on February 3rd
 - a. <https://dpr.dc.gov/service/2025-summer-camps>
 - iii. Permits through the Department of Parks and Recreation
 - 1. <https://dpr.dc.gov/permits>
 - 2. For 10 or more participants
 - 3. Field space is secured through a different platform
 - iv. Dept of General Services is on 3-1-1
 - 1. See something (wasp nests, overflowing trash cans? **Take a picture**)
 - 2. Brown trash can - Department of Public works responsibility
 - 3. Blue Recycle - Department of General Services responsibility
 - v. Feedback and Questions
 - 1. Splash pad maintenance
 - a. Unsure
 - 2. Recreation centers
 - a. Best way to engage?
 - i. Pass resolutions, oversight hearings, raise awareness (budgets are tight here)
 - ii. Equipment maintenance
 - 1. Need to notify the staff
 - 3. Ward 5 Meeting (February 10th)

13. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)

Details on all committees at: <https://www.anc5f.com/committees>

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
 - i. Meets 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm.
 - ii. Form to provide feedback to ANC 5F on licensees:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM3nvuumRskwtF_8J8nKe5IeJF4I1phooevxO7cFUg_Vh9iw/viewform
 - iii. No new applications or renewals
 - iv. Edgewood Wine and Spirits (last stages)

- v. Working to investigate illegal cannabis shops
- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
 - i. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month at 6pm.
 - ii. Working on a community engagement strategy with identified block captains
 - 1. Pass out flyers, door knocking
 - iii. Gun violence reduction (passed in 6B)
 - 1. Goal is to pass this across the District
 - iv. Resolution for moped and traffic violence (will discuss more next month)
 - v. Bottle Bill
 - 1. Committee passed a resolution for this and it is being considered in DC Council
 - vi. Safety Walks
 - 1. 2/4 Eckington Place
 - 2. MPD and other agencies walk around the community to discuss issues and safety considerations
 - vii. PSH TIP: Leverage block captains to engage with the community!
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
 - i. Meets first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.
 - ii. Revisited committee accomplishments
 - iii. Considering construction areas
 - iv. Identifying safety spots
 - v. Welcome the community to make recommendations and get involved
- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
 - i. Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm.
 - ii. No updates
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett)
 - i. Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8pm.
 - ii. DCPL page on the project: <https://www.dclibrary.org/news/new-edgewood-eckington-library>
 - iii. The library community outreach survey garnered LOTS of response
 - 1. Design strategy
 - a. Planning to choose and selecting library locations between Edgewood and Eckington
 - iv. JR Lynch builder back in 2020
 - 1. Initially proposed in 5E (DMPED)
- f. General Committee Feedback
 - i. Potentially adding another Zoom account/license that standardizes meetings
 - ii. Ensure the Chair and the Co-chair are present in the meetings

14. Appointments to committees or task forces (if any)

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL): Melissa Coughlin (Edgewood) (Chair), David Perez (Edgewood)

- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH): Daniel Ehrenpreis (Eckington) (Chair), Mark Galvan (Edgewood), Lucas Habosky (Eckington), Nicole Jones (Edgewood), Jordan Rivers (Eckington)
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS): Aru Sahni (Edgewood) (Chair), Gordon Chaffin (Edgewood), Eric Englin (Edgewood), Nick Frazier (Edgewood), Scott McFadden (Eckington), Matthew Shantin (Eckington)
- d. Zoning & Development (ZAD): Tobin Stone (Edgewood) (Chair), Joe Bishop-Henchman (Eckington), Caleb Watney (Edgewood)
- e. Library Task Force: Ed Garnett (Edgewood) (Chair), Erica Bickford (Edgewood), Stephanie Clinesmith (Eckington), Jason Crighton (Eckington), Rachel Delaney (Eckington), Erin Garratt (Eckington) Megan Somers

Roll Call on the Appointments to Committees:

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Patricia Williams	5F03	Yes
Commissioner Mark Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Joe Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

By a vote of 6-0-0, the appointments to committees are confirmed.

15. Additional Items - Protecting neighbors from ICE by sharing resources and policies.

16. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Galvan moved to adjourn, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.
- b. Next ANC 5F regular meeting is Tuesday, February 18 at 7pm, in-person and online by Zoom.