



Monthly Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm
371 Morse St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

At 7:05, there were 27 attendees present.

Call to Order & Roll Call, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (7:07 pm)

Present: Rhodes, Roblin, Saucedo-Guzman, McCray

Absent: Arbuckle, McCullum, Green-Campbell, Holsendorf

Five commissioners must be present for a quorum for voting actions. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman knew that Comm. Arbuckle would be joining late, so they chose to proceed with starting the meeting.

The single member district seat (SMD) 5D04 in central Trinidad is currently vacant. Any residents of that SMD who are interested in serving as commissioner should [contact the OANC](#). You can use [this tool](#) to determine your SMD.

Adoption of the Agenda

Comm. Rhodes moved to add protest of two dispensaries proposing to open in Ivy City. Second Roblin.

Five commissioners were not yet present; Once Comms. Arbuckle and Green-Campbell joined, roll call was held again prior to voting on the addition of this item. Vote (7:15 pm, after second roll call): 6-0-0

Second Roll Call (7:14 pm)

Present: Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Saucedo-Guzman, McCray, Green-Campbell

Absent: McCullum, Holsendorf

The next regularly scheduled, public meeting will begin at 7PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

ANC 5D Commissioners 2023-2024	5D01: Hector Arbuckle	5D02: Sebrina Rhodes	5D03: Anna Roblin
	5D04: VACANT	5D05: S. Saucedo-Guzman	5D06: Charquinta McCray
	5D07: Juan McCullum	5D08: Juanita Holsendorf	5D09: Crystal Green-Campbell

With 9 Commissioners in-office, 5 constitute a quorum.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to give Inspector Brooks-Garrett 10 minutes to speak after the slot for Councilmember Parker's office (Mr. Stoute) on the agenda. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0

7:16 pm Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Second McCray. Vote: 6-0-0

Adoption of the Minutes (7:16 pm)

Comm. Arbuckle moved to adopt the meeting minutes for January 2025. Second Saucedo-Guzman. Vote: 6-0-0

Treasurer's Reports (7:17 pm)

Financial Quarterly Report

The quarterly financial report for fiscal year (FY) 25 Q1 encompasses October, November, and December 2024. The beginning balance for October was \$46,773.94. The total expenditures this quarter were \$1,541.84. The ANC received the allotment for FY25 Q2 which totaled \$11,326.16. Therefore, the ending balance for FY25 Q1 was \$56,558.26.

January 2025 Monthly Report

The beginning balance in January was \$56,558.26. The balance at the end of January was \$56,482.53. The expenditures were for communications-related expenses (Mailchimp and GoDaddy accounts).

Comm. McCray moved to adopt the FY2025 Q1 Quarterly Financial Report. Second Rhodes. Vote: 6-0-0

Admin Timesheet (7:23 pm)

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to approve the admin timesheet for Andie Vaught for the month of January with a total of \$351. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0

Standing Presentations (7:26 pm)

Commissioner Reports (3 Minutes Each)

Comm. Arbuckle (5D01 – Union Market): Nothing to report.

Comm. Rhodes (5D02 – Ivy City): Comm. Rhodes shared an update on the fire on Kendall St. on Saturday, February 8. No one was hurt, and no one was displaced. There will be a "Shut down NEP" town hall on February 18 - if interested in attending, send email to Comm. Rhodes (5D02@anc.dc.gov). Comm. Rhodes shared that she is working on the Ivy City Climate Resiliency Strategy Plan with DOEE. The goal is to come up with a plan to mitigate historic heat and historic flooding so be on the lookout for more info on those events once it gets a bit warmer outside. If you have any photos and request numbers for illegal

dumping, please send them to Comm. Rhodes via email. She will be making a list to share with the Department of Justice.

Comm. Roblin (5D03 – southern Trinidad): Comm. Roblin announced changes to the ANC 5D Google Groups newsletter – it will be transitioned to Vice Chair, Secretary, and Admin. She also announced that the ANC will be discussing changes to community meetings at the upcoming COW meeting. Comm. Roblin presented a project at the DC Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency Knowledge Forum for legislation to take food waste and get it to the hungry. In schools and food service, lots of perfectly good food is thrown out. The goal is to craft legislation that would facilitate the transfer of good-quality food that would otherwise be tossed to people who need it. Comm. Roblin also testified at DDOT oversight hearing - There are many issues affecting residents, including dim street lamp bulbs. Comm. Roblin announced that the ANC is starting a traffic safety group as part of the public safety committee. The group will be seeking new speed bumps and stop signs where they are really needed within 5D. Another Problem with DDOT is that they only do 200 traffic safety implementations per quarter across the entire city - that's only 25 new safety projects per ward, per quarter. Contact Comm. Roblin, or Comms Arbuckle or McCray (co-chairs of Transportation Committee) if you are interested in joining the traffic safety group.

5D04 – central Trinidad: This seat is currently vacant - for any issues in this SMD, reach out to the chair of ANC 5D (Comm. Saucedo-Guzman) until someone is sworn in as 5D04 commissioner. Any residents of that SMD who are interested in serving as commissioner should [contact the OANC](#). You can use [this tool](#) to determine your SMD.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (5D05 – northern Trinidad): Comm. Saucedo-Guzman gave an update on the liquor license protest regarding Kovak's Liquor: Kovak's is doing much better with maintaining the space, and it appears the matter will be settled prior to the final hearing. Kovak's has installed plexiglass at the counter, cleaned the space outside, and is repainting. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman also shared that the typical illegal dumping sites have been managed for the last few weeks; there have been DPW issues with trash collection, but those concerns have been mitigated. They also stated that they submitted written testimony for the oversight hearing for DPW; they were very clear that DPW has some of the hardest workers of any agency in the city but the agency lacks the proper resources and tools to manage such a dense and growing city. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman announced that they will be holding community hours on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Trinidad Rec Center, 11 AM - 1 PM. This is for single member districts (SMDs) 5D05 and 5D04; the first hour will be the SMD meeting, and the second hour will focus on trying to resolve specific issues. Saucedo-Guzman also shared information about becoming a block captain in Trinidad. You can reach out to them for more information. They also announced that there will be a cleanup held with CSOSA on early Saturday morning February 15, starting at the corner of Meigs and Montello. You can reach Comm. Saucedo-Guzman at 202-826-7807 or 5D05@anc.dc.gov.

Comm. McCray (5D06 – parts of Trinidad & Carver-Langston): Comm. McCray reminded residents that there is a snow emergency for February 11 - make sure to move cars if you are parked on Bladensburg Rd. or 17th St. as those are snow emergency routes and you could get ticketed and/or towed. Comm. McCray also announced that illegal dumping cameras were installed behind Bladensburg Rd. and that situation is being monitored, in collaboration with/with assistance from Inspector Brooks-Garrett of DPW, the Executive Office of the Mayor, and Councilmember Parker's office. The group has also identified vacant properties that may be fire hazards and they are working to connect with Department of Buildings for inspections and any

necessary follow-up. Comm. McCray held her first office hours on February 1st. She is planning for virtual office hours in February, and will post the flyer on social media. She also testified for DDOT performance oversight and recommended greater coordination between DDOT and DPW in the event of snow emergencies, along with communal resources for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The Carver-Langston park at 19th and L will have a design team hired in late spring (after April). There has been an uptick in theft in 5D06, she is in ongoing conversation with MPD about this. Today - February 11 the CVS on Bladensburg Rd. is set to close; Comm. McCray has been working closely with council members and city agencies to try to get something in that vacant space quickly. She announced that community cleanups will begin in late February in conjunction with CSOSA. Comm. McCray also spoke about the uptick in USPS issues in the past couple years; there will be a meeting with the DC Postmaster on February 24 or March 7. She will share more information about that meeting when more is known. [Commissioner Charquinta \(Char\) McCray for ANC5D06 | Linktree. 5D06@anc.dc.gov](#) (202) 569-8417

Comm. Green-Campbell (5D09 – eastern Carver-Langston): Comm. G-Campbell is working on a walkthrough for transportation and environment on Education Hill in Carver-Langston. She is also connecting with Comm. Arbuckle regarding parking issues on 21st St - teachers parking on the block on weekdays conflicts with residents parking. Comm. G-Campbell is also working on getting Langston residents back on the main power line with Pepco (they have been living off generators).

Public Safety Report: Lieutenant John Sprague, MPD

Lieutenant John Sprague reported that violent crime and robberies have not been high; MPD is currently battling thefts and thefts from auto in the Union Market and NoMa neighborhoods. He recommended that folks ensure that they are locking their doors and not leaving items visible in their cars. He also emphasized that victims of theft should report the crime as quickly as possible, which helps keep property crime high-priority for MPD. Reports can be made in-person, online, or by phone; victims do not have to wait to meet an officer in-person. Lieutenant Sprague also reported that the crime suppression team is working with several businesses in the Benning Rd. corridor on theft prevention, and MPD has made lots of arrests for thefts. Lieutenant Sprague can be reached at: john.sprague@dc.gov.

Executive Office of the Mayor: Christian Starghill, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

Ms. Starghill shared her thanks to Comm. Rhodes for helping handle the follow-up to the fire on Kendall St. in Ivy City. The MOCRS will be continuing to assist the affected residents by connecting them to community/city resources. Any concerns regarding snow and safety conditions can be sent directly to Ms. Starghill and Anthony Black. Ms. Starghill and Mr. Black are also available to meet with residents on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:30 am to 3 pm to discuss any community concerns in-person. The DPR summer camp lottery is open Friday February 14 through Monday March 3. Ms. Starghill also thanked all who were able to join DPR virtual session last night. The Mayor's Office of Clean City is back doing community cleanups and the Ward 5 cleanup days will be July 26, 2025 on Delafield Pl. NE and October 24, 2025 on Childress St. NE. There will be reminders closer to those dates. Christian.Starghill@dc.gov, 202-394-4399; Anthony.Black@dc.gov, 202-251-5049

At 8:05, there were 35 attendees.

Ward 5 Councilmember's Office: Oliver Stoute, Constituent Services Director

The Ward 5 Awards Ceremony was rescheduled for March 12 7-8:30 PM at Ivy City Smokehouse (1356 Okie St NE). Mr. Stoute announced that there will be a walkthrough on Education Hill in Carver-Langston, in collaboration with Councilmember Allen's office, to observe issues with safety concerns and existing conditions with multiple schools in that area. The walkthrough was rescheduled for March 25 at 3 PM, meeting at the corner of Benning Rd. and 26th, across the street from the school. Mr. Stoute announced that performance oversight hearings are ongoing at this time; the Child and Family Services agency hearing will be February 13 (11 am - 6 pm). Mr. Stoute also shared that the Councilmember's office and others are working with Comm. Rhodes to determine what actions should be taken regarding 1850 Kendall St. NE in Ivy City; the property has been the subject of concerns for years. Mr. Stoute shared information on how his office works with unhoused or squatting residents and connects them with the appropriate resources. This is especially important during hypothermia season; residents may not be aware that during hypothermia season all DC shelters have an "open door" policy and will not turn people away (more information: <https://dhs.dc.gov/extremeweather>). Councilmember Parker's office is working with Congresswoman Norton's office regarding the USPS issues in Ward 5 and they are working towards scheduling a meeting and determining next steps.

Inspector Brooks-Garrett, Department of Public Works

Inspector Brooks-Garrett shared that for DPW, fall leaf collection season takes priority over everything, even 311 requests. With several snow events also occurring along with ice in alleyways, trash was not getting picked up. Crews had to be pulled to get trash picked up, plus make alleys safe because of the ice. Inspectors had to do QA/QC to see what trash was missed due to the ice in the alleys. During leaf season, there is only one crew for street and alley clean up; they are assigned to all 8 wards. Inspector Brooks-Garrett also shared that she's been dealing with multiple illegal dumpings and illegal deposits. If she is able to identify the perpetrator she can issue a citation, but usually she has to call in DPW's in-house environmental crimes unit and work with MPD's environmental crimes unit.

Re: 1026-28 Bladensburg Rd - some of the buildings didn't have licensed collectors so tenants were just dumping the trash behind 1028 Bladensburg Rd. Inspector Brooks-Garrett is working to get the situation resolved via the building owner.

311 is open for illegal dumping; that is the only way you can put a request in until the end of leaf season (end of February unless it's extended due to more snow events).

Inspector Brooks-Garrett can be reached at 202-427-0213 or Jacqueline.Brooks-Garrett@dc.gov.

Donice Adams Clark, 5th District Community Outreach Specialist, United States Attorney's Office spoke briefly. She shared that her office has been contacted regarding the thefts in Union Market to bring more criminal justice resources to the community. The US Attorney for DC may be able to attend a future meeting. Donice.Adams@usdoj.gov 202-815-8732

COMMISSION ACTIONS

Requested Presentation (8:39 pm)

Men's Emergency Shelter - NY Ave.

Mr. Ross followed up on earlier discussion about how cold temperatures affect homeless residents. He shared that folks can call 311 or the shelter hotline ((202) 399-7093) to come pick up residents at any location in the District; they will be transported to the appropriate shelter facility. He also noted that the homeless services outreach team has added 1850 and 1854 Kendall St. NE to their list. Contact: David J. Ross Chief of Staff DC Department of Human Services 202-299-5549 david.ross@dc.gov

The Heritage - New York Avenue Men's Shelter at 1201 New York Avenue NE

Meridith Moldenhauer, Cozen O'Connor (mmoldenhauer@cozen.com) and Suman Sorg presented in conjunction with the Department of Human Services regarding The Heritage, which will be the new men's emergency shelter facility to be built at 1201 New York Ave NE. It will be an approximately 400 bed facility, housing five distinct programs: working/employment initiatives, seniors/medically frail/medical respite, health clinic, low barrier services, and daytime service center. The site will have 8-10 bed dormitories and wraparound support spaces including a multipurpose room that could add additional beds during hypothermia season, and the building will have a residential feel including brick, outdoor space, and residential-scale windows.. There will be a welcome center entrance with indoor queuing and an intake facility. The shelter will have two wings connected by a central atrium, and it will not disrupt the heritage tree located on the site. Part of the site is a steeply sloping forested area which will be preserved, and the site has been designed with stormwater management and other green design elements such that it meets DC's Net Zero requirements and LEED Gold requirements. The plan complies with all necessary design requirements; it requires a zoning amendment for the site from RF-1 to MU-9 (Zoning Commission Hearing expected by June 2025). The design does develop the site to its maximum building capacity, instead taking into account the needs of the Department of Human Services and the Department of General Services while ensuring lots of outdoor space.

At 9:05 PM there were 26 attendees.

Voting Actions (9:08 pm)

BZA Case 21226: 1206 Staples St. NE (Alexander-Bennons LLC)

Jaranne Alexander-Bennons is the co-owner of the property. The owners are seeking relief from the BZA regarding six items. This was their 3rd engagement with the ANC, and they are proposing a 3rd story and rear addition to convert the single family home into a two-unit property.

Comm. Roblin requested that ANC 5D support the project. Comms. Roblin and Arbuckle noted that the owners have been responsive to feedback.

Comm. Roblin moved that ANC 5D support this BZA for 1206 Staples St NE. Second Arbuckle..

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Absent
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-0

BZA Case 21220: 1154 Morse St. NE (Gregory Kearley)

The owner-developer is seeking relief for multiple matters. They have support from the neighbor at 1156 Morse St NE (including letter of support), but they haven't been able to reach neighbors at 1152. Comm. Roblin gave a list of changes at the COW meeting in January. Mr. Kearley, the architect, and Mr. Akan, the owner-developer, redesigned the project based on those changes and got the support of neighbors on everything except for the number of units (three units are proposed). 1152 will have continued use of their garage even though they have encroached on 1154 property.

Comm. Roblin recommended support for this BZA. Mr. Kearley and Mr. Akan stated that if the ANC does not support the BZA they will revert back to alternate plans that would not be supported by the neighbors.

Comm. Roblin moved that ANC 5D support this BZA for 1154 Morse St. Second Arbuckle.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Abstain
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant

5D05	N
5D06	Abstain
5D07	N
5D08	Absent
5D09	N
Tally	2-3-2

The vote did not succeed.

Comm. McCullum moved to not support 1154 Morse St. Second Rhodes.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	N
5D02	Y
5D03	N
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Abstain
5D07	Y
5D08	Absent
5D09	Y
Tally	4-2-1

At 10:00, there were 14 attendees.

BZA Case 21233: 1220 Mt. Olivet (John Miller)

The site is the proposed business location for a solar installation business. It will be the home for their business and approximately 10 other green businesses. The site is in Comm. Saucedo-Guzman's SMD and they asked their colleagues to support this project.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved that ANC 5D support this project at 1220 Mt. Olivet. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Absent
5D08	Absent
5D09	Y
Tally	6-0-0

Historian Hire

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman will not be directly voting for this hire due to their personal relationship with one of the applicants.

Comm. Rhodes moved that the ANC hire Jeremiah Montague as the historian for the 5D commission. Second Arbuckle.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Abstain

5D06	Y
5D07	Absent
5D08	Absent
5D09	Y
Tally	5-0-1

ANC 5D will cut the first check for Mr. Montague as soon as they are able to write checks.

ABCA Protest

Comm. Rhodes announced that she would like to represent ANC 5D in protesting the opening of new dispensaries in Ivy City. She stated that the neighborhood is already overburdened with a lot of industrial uses; Comm. Rhodes is not against a dispensary being placed in the city but is concerned about the locations in Ivy City, specifically. The proposed locations in Ivy City are behind the new men's shelter location and across from the historic Crummell School, which will be renovated and reopened as a community center in the coming years. Per city regulations, dispensaries should not be located within 400 feet of community centers, but Crummell is not currently included on the map of centers. Comm. Rhodes' concern is not the business itself but the placement of the business.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved for ANC 5D to permit Comm. Rhodes to represent ANC 5D in this matter with ABCA. Second Green-Campbell. Vote: 6-0-0

Community Feedback & Questions (10:40 pm)

There was no community feedback or questions.

Adjournment (10:42 pm)

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to adjourn the meeting. Second McCray. Vote 6-0-0.