



Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Washington, DC 20002

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

7:09 Call to Order Comm. Saucedo-Guzman

7:10 Roll Call, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman. Present: Arbuckle, Rhodes, Cobb, Saucedo-Guzman, Henderson, May. At the time of roll call, Roblin, McCullum, and Blacknell were absent. Roblin joined late.
Henderson unable to vote due to not appearing on camera.

7:10 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman announced we have quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda

At 7:11, there were 34 attendees present on Zoom.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that the public has not given enough input regarding litter can resolution, especially because the resolution includes a large purchase. They propose that this agenda item be pushed to January when the next ANC 5D Public Meeting is held.

Second Arbuckle. Vote: 5-0-0.

7:13 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Vote: 5-0-0.

Adoption of the Minutes

7:14 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to not adopt the meeting minutes from October and reserve the adoption for the next commission.

Second Roblin. Vote: 5-0-0

Treasurer Reports

7:15 October Monthly Report: Comm. Cobb reported that in October, ANC 5D had an opening balance of \$41,955.18. After expenses totalling \$745.68, the closing balance for October was \$41,209.50.

ANC 5D Commissioners 2023-2024	5D01: Hector Arbuckle	5D02: Sebreana Rhodes	5D03: Anna Roblin
	5D04: Stephen Cobb	5D05: S. Saucedo-Guzman	5D06: Kathy Henderson
	5D07: Juan McCullum	5D08: Reid May	5D09: Bernice Blacknell

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

7:16 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 ANC 5D Budget

The budget shows the quarterly allotments from the DC government, along with the ANC's estimated expenditures for the year. Comm. Cobb stated that the budget did not change drastically from FY 2024; he assessed FY 2024 actual spending in each budget category and used those amounts to create the FY 2025 budget. The allotment amounts are not changing.

Cobb moved to adopt the FY25 budget. Second May. Vote: 6-0-0.

7:23 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to approve the administrative personnel's timesheet for October 2024. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0.

7:24 Standing Presentations (5-8 minutes; 2 minutes for questions)

Commissioner Reports

5D01 (Comm. Arbuckle): Comm. Arbuckle no updates. He reminded folks that they can always reach out at 5D01@anc.dc.gov with any questions or concerns.

5D02 (Comm. Rhodes): Comm. Rhodes thanked everyone for voting for her; she will be serving for another two years. November 1st was the hearing for the Ivy City Small Area Plan. While community members did testify, the outcome is unknown at this point. Comm. Rhodes stated that if Inspector Brooks-Garrett is attending tonight, the inspector would like to speak regarding illegal dumping, illegal deposits, and cameras. Ivy City residents: Please pick up trash in front of your home!

5D03 (Comm. Roblin): Comm. Roblin will also be serving again next term. The Trinidad History and Future Fest was held on Sunday November 10th. It went great - there were posters describing the history of the neighborhood, as well as music, dancing, fun, and great food. Oliver Stoute (ANC 5D Constituent Services Representative from Councilmember Zachary Parker's office) and MPD will be joining the next ANC 5D Community Meeting on Monday, December 2. Comm. Rhodes stated that the election last week was the 50th anniversary of Home Rule; there is concern that with the election of Trump and Republican majorities in the House and the Senate it could be a rough time for DC. She hopes that ANCs will still exist at the end of Trump's term.

5D04 (Comm. Cobb): Comm. Cobb shared that he will not be serving as ANC commissioner in the next term; this is the end of his final term. He is satisfied with the work the ANC has done, though there is always more to do. Comm. Cobb shared updates regarding transportation safety: he and a community member had a good conversation with Delano Hunter regarding traffic safety on Montello Ave. They learned some keys to submitting traffic safety requests: 1) name an intersection or a specific block. If multiple blocks, name each individually. 2) DDOT does not look at ANC resolutions until *after* a 311 request has been submitted and they've decided that they're going to do something. Resolutions prior to DDOT deciding they will act don't do anything.

5D05 (Comm. Saucedo-Guzman): Comm. Saucedo-Guzman shared that the Halloween block party on 19th St NE hosted by Comm. McCollum was great, as was the pumpkin fest at the Trinidad Rec Center. Clean-ups have been going well in 5D05, particularly in the area of Raum St, Simms, and Meigs. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that they are thankful to neighbors, CSOSA, and others for their involvement. They are working with MPD regarding issues on Simms Pl., which have been getting worse. They are working with the DC Beekeepers Alliance to get the bees under control at the Trinidad Rec Center. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman

shared that longtime resident Patrice Lancaster is looking for support for uniforms for a child entering a new school. She is taking donations via Cashapp; the information was shared in the meeting chat. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman can be contacted at (202)826-7807 or 5D05@anc.dc.gov.

5D06 (Comm. Henderson): Comm. Henderson shared that she has filed complaints regarding her camera not functioning properly on this meeting. She has been communicating with the DC Auditor; the audit will be performed in January to address malfeasance and misappropriation of funds. Comm. Henderson thanked Capt. Monahan of MPD for her service as captain of the 5th District (Capt. Monahan has been promoted). Comm. Henderson will continue working on public safety matters - ANC 5D06 was the only single member district without a homicide during this term, and Comm. Henderson looks forward to expanding these gains to all of ANC 5D's single member districts.

5D08 (Comm. May): Comm. May shared that this is the end of his term. He stated that it's been a pleasure serving and wished luck to the commissioners who will be continuing to serve in the next term. He shared an update on the 17th St and Mt. Olivet St. DDOT project - there were internal delays with the contractor but DDOT expects the segment of 17th St between Bladensburg and Benning done by the end of November. He also shared that he will be continuing to work as a private citizen working with DPR on the park space at 19th and L Sts, which already has funds allocated. There is no specific timeline for this project.

7:40 Public Safety Report

Capt. Filip Simic (newly promoted to captain of the 5th District) shared that in the last 30 days (compared to this time last year), the 5th District Sector 3 is down 100% in terms of homicides (there have been 0). Assaults with deadly weapons are down 29% from seven to five. Robberies are down 64% from 11 to four. Overall, violent crime is down 52%. Property crime, especially theft from autos is up 69%, from 16 last year to 27 in the same period this year. Overall, crime in Sector 3 is up 23%.

Capt. Simic shared details regarding violent crimes in the 5th District, and answered questions regarding criminal happenings in ANC 5D.

7:54 Executive Office of the Mayor

Christian Starghill from the Executive Office of the Mayor shared that there are no immediate updates for ANC 5D. She shared the following city initiatives and events: the My School DC education fest is back, on Saturday December 7 and Saturday December 14. DCHR and other organizations are hosting a veterans hiring event on November 13, 5-6:30 pm. Open enrollment has begun and will run through Monday, December 9.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman asked who the best point of contact is regarding leaf collection. Ms. Starghill confirmed that residents and commissioners can reach out to her and she can help look up information and connect to the DPW team.

7:58 Oliver Stoute, Ward 5 Councilmember's Office

Mr. Stoute shared his congratulations to incoming and current ANCs that will be serving next term, as well as outgoing commissioners - it's been a pleasure. He thanked all running candidates for their interest in serving

the community. He shared that the councilmember and others will continue working to represent the community and defending our right to self-government. Mayor Bowser has reached out to President Elect Trump to ensure a peaceful transition of power.

WMATA has shared the finalized Better Bus Network, which does keep the B2 running down Bladensburg Rd (this route/all routes will have new names). Neighbors have been requesting updates from DPR and DGS. The park space at 19th and L Sts: design is set to start late summer 2024. DPR and DGS will also be doing their ward-by-ward meeting with project updates on Monday, November 25. Councilmember Parker recently visited DYRS, the youth services center in ANC 5D; he will be holding a roundtable on the agency on November 18 and a public hearing on November 22. There is a Ward 5 housing listening session on Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 at Woodridge Library. The ERAP portal will reopen on November 20. All turkeys in the annual holiday turkey giveaway have been claimed, but Bread for the City is giving away whole chickens and turkeys, holiday fixings, and other groceries every weekday 9 AM - 4 PM until Thanksgiving. The Councilmember's Holiday Christmas Party will be December 19, 6:30-8:30 pm at Dock Five in Union Market.

At 8:03, there were 45 participants in the Zoom meeting.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

8:07 Requested Presentation (5-8 minutes; 5 minutes for questions)

Wheatley Elementary SCO

Margaux Delotte-Bennett

08:30 PM

School-Community Organization

Ask if SCO fundraising aligns with ANC funding priorities. Migrants bused to DC include 50 families integrated into the Wheatley school community. Priorities include school-wide community events, teacher appreciation, school grounds beautification, extracurricular supports, field trips, technology support. Monthly cleanup in Joe Cole Park 3rd Sat of month from 9:30 to 10:30.

Comm. S-G: what are your direct needs right now? Margaux: supporting school events. We just had a fall festival; there is usually something that happens around the holidays. Contact Margaux as part of SCO, sign up for email list.

Comm. Roblin: connected with SCO secretary about combining efforts around neighborhood cleanups. The SCO will be raising funds at the Trinidad Farmers Market on 12/8 9-12.

Voting Actions (10-15 minutes; 5 minutes for questions)

8:17 Elizabeth Sell, BZA #21214 - 1702 Lyman Pl. NE

Previous owner added an additional room in the back of the house on the ground floor. 1.5% variance from the permitted zoning requirements. Request is to take the basement wall below the addition and take it out to meet the wall of the addition. This will improve the envelope of the house. Neighbors have been notified via BZA official process and door knocking. No issues have been raised. BZA meeting is on 1/29.

Comm. May motioned for ANC 5D to support the request for relief for BZA Case 21214. Second Roblin.

Vote: 5-0-1.

8:25 530 Penn St. NE

Meredith Moldenhauer (Cozen O'Connor) presenting. Special exception for AI - new proposed music venue in Union Market. The Small Area Plan from 2009 has been the guide for the vision for the Union Market district.

Short-term lease of vacant office space for entertainment venue

Rhodes: What would community-based pricing be?

Arbuckle motioned to support the requested relief for the AI popup. Second May. Vote: 5-0-1.

8:45 Letter of Support: Gallaudet University Campus Plan Amendment

Plan is to raze the first two floors of the MLC building. Plan is to add more trees, more seating areas. Want to create a space that encourages gathering. No impact outside of the campus gates.

Rhodes asked about sun shade crescents in pictures in the presentation.

Arbuckle motioned in support of the project. Second May. Vote: 5-0-1.

9:00 HIRE: Historian for History Project

Two applicants applied and were interviewed.

Comm. Rhodes motioned to request Mr. Monohue to be selected as historian for ANC 5D. Second Cobb.

Discussion: Comm. Sauced-Guzman will not be voting for this hire due to their strong working relationship with Mr. Monohue. Comm. Roblin was the only person present for the interview with the second applicant.

Applicant was not available for the COW meeting. If the hire is not completed now, ANC 5D will have to wait until January/February to hire. There was also a technical issue with the advertisement on the website.

Vote: 0-5-0.

- [Protest Letter: Kovaks Liquors](#) Comm. Sauced-Guzman 10:00 PM

9:12 Kovaks is on Mt. Olivet Rd., and they are requesting a change in their hours of operation. They have not been able to maintain their parking lot. Protest is against changing hours; residents on Simms Pl. are writing their own letters in protest. They are trying to extend their hours at night. Issues with cleanliness.

Comm. May: supportive, could add issue of cars parking on the sidewalk on Mt. O.

Question from public re: mandating security cameras that are linked to MPD.

Comm. Sauced-Guzman motioned to support the protest letter. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0.

- [Resolution: Safe Passage in Trinidad](#) Comm. Sauced-Guzman 10:10 PM

Comm. Sauced-Guzman motioned to support the resolution. Second Cobb. Vote: 6-0-0.

- [Letter: Future of Aldi - Ward 5 & 6 CMs](#) Comm. Sauced-Guzman 10:30 PM

9:22 letter to CM Parker and CM Allen (Ward 6). Folks concerned with the future of Aldi on 17th St NE given that Aldi announced store opening on H St. NE. We don't want them to leave and if they do, we want them to be replaced with something as good or better. Trying to get more information.

Arbuckle: some of the wording in the letter seemed a bit adversarial; could it be changed?

Cobb: stores could complement each other; unsure what is going to happen between the two of them but agree that "investigate" is a strong word in this situation.

Roblin: Another new Aldi opening in January - maybe they are just increasing their footprint.

Rhodes: concern with number of grocery stores in the area - Giant, Whole Foods, new Aldi, Safeway, old Aldi. Choice is good but what is the goal when there are already so many stores?

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to support the letter as amended. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0.

18 attendees at 9:36.

Community Feedback & Questions (10-20 min)

10:40 PM

Question - what's happening with 17th St roadwork? DDOT contractor had delays but is resuming their work and should be done with the portion between Bladensburg and Benning by the end of the month or soon after.

Question - requesting residential parking on your block. Cobb: DDOT has a petition. You have to get support from 50% of owners on that block.

Status of Bladensburg road safety project? DDOT came up with a final proposed design. The next step is public feedback, which could happen next year depending on budget, and other factors.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be January 14 at 7 pm. On January 2, the new commissioners will be sworn in.

9:47 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second Rhodes. Vote: 6-0-0.