



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA **FINAL**
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

Tuesday, October 08, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Washington, DC 20002

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

7:05 Call to Order Comm. Saucedo-Guzman

7:06 Roll Call, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman. Present: Rhodes, Roblin, Cobb, S-G, Henderson, McCullum, May, Blacknell. Arbuckle joined late.

7:06 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman announced we have quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda

7:09 Comm. Roblin motioned requesting that the 1-minute video about the upcoming Trinidad History and Future Fest gets played during her Commissioner's Report.
Second Saucedo-Guzman. Vote: 8-0-0. Arbuckle absent.

7:10 Comm. Roblin states that Max Broad, DC Voters for Animals, will speak and answer questions during the presentation of the Pets in Housing resolution.

7:13 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adopt the agenda.
Second Blacknell. Vote: 7-1-0. Arbuckle absent.

Arbuckle joined.

Adoption of the Minutes

7:15 Comm. Roblin motioned to adopt the meeting minutes from August and September.
Second Cobb. Vote: 8-1-0.

At 7:15, there were 31 attendees present.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

7:16 Comm. Cobb reported that in August, ANC 5D had an opening balance of \$42,656.71. After \$1,511.43 in expenses, the closing balance was \$41,145.28.

The next regularly scheduled, public meeting will begin at 7PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

ANC 5D Commissioners 2023-2024	5D01: Hector Arbuckle	5D02: Sebrena 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.

Comm. Cobb reported that in September, ANC 5D had an opening balance of \$41,145.28. After \$34.45 in expenses and receipt of the \$5,663.11 quarterly allotment, the closing balance was \$46,773.94.

7:17 Quarterly Financial Report

Comm. Cobb shared the Quarterly Financial Report covering Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 4 (July, August, September 2024). At the beginning of the quarter, ANC 5D had an opening balance of \$37,028.08. Total income (allotments) was \$11,326.19. Expenses totaled \$1,580.33. The closing balance was \$46,773.94.

Question from the public: does the amount in the account at the end of the fiscal year roll over to the next fiscal year? Answer: Yes, the amount does roll over and the remaining funds in the account do not affect the allotments in the upcoming fiscal year.

7:18 Comm. Cobb motioned to adopt the FY2024 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report.
Second Blacknell. Vote: 8-1-0.

7:21 Comm Saucedo-Guzman motioned to approve the administrative personnel's timesheet from September. Second Blacknell. Vote: 8-1-0.

7:22 Standing Presentations

Commissioner Reports (3 min each)

5D01 (Union Market, 5D01@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Arbuckle stated that the tree cover in Union Market resolution will be on the November meeting agenda. *(Note: it was later added to the agenda for this meeting.)*

5D02 (Ivy City, 5D02@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Rhodes shared that she received a response from the DC Office of Planning concerning the ANC 5D resolution regarding the Ivy City Small Area Plan and opposition to the New York Ave vision framework and the amount of density the City is planning for Ivy City. Comm. Rhodes hopes that the Small Area Plan will be updated by the Office of Planning before the November ANC 5D public meeting.

5D03 (south Trinidad, 5D03@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Roblin shared a video about the upcoming Trinidad History and Future Fest at the Trinidad Farmers Market, Sunday November 10th 9 AM - 1 PM. She also announced the newsletter for all of ANC 5D, shared among all 5D commissioners. The newsletter will be sent out each weekend. To sign up for the newsletter, contact Comm. Roblin. The newsletter will include one digest containing forwarded emails from different government agencies with events, news, and information, as well as an email with items most relevant to ANC 5D community members. Comm. Roblin announced that the monthly Trinidad Community Meetings are shifting to ANC 5D Community Meetings. The meetings will be held at the Trinidad Rec Center on Saturdays.

5D04 (central Trinidad, 5D04@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Cobb shared that DDOT released a new batch of quarterly investigations and planned street improvements, and Montello Ave is on the list. DDOT will be installing improved markings at the intersection of Montello and Holbrook Ter. and investigate if more traffic calming is needed at the intersection of Montello and Neal St.

5D05 (northern Trinidad, 5D05@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Saucedo-Guzman shared a thank you to all residents that have been cleaning up the block the whole summer, and a shoutout to Inspector Brooks-Garrett regarding the good work that DPW is doing in the neighborhood. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman stated that there was a great group of neighbors at the MPD 5th District Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting last month, and the group got CAC to push for a drug-free zone in northern Trinidad (off of West Virginia and Mt. Olivet). That drug-free zone was approved and will be implemented next week. The Mayor's office came out for a walk on Simms Pl. regarding the parking issues on the block. Sidewalk Palooza was Saturday October 5, with a great group of neighbors turning out for lots of cleanup, taking care of sidewalk issues and necessary tree pruning. There is an upcoming Halloween event at the rec center: Trinidad Rec Pumpkin Fest on Halloween (Oct. 31) 3 PM to 6 PM. If you have candy donations (they must be bagged), drop them off at the Trinidad Rec Center or contact Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (202-240-8460) for pickup.

5D06 (eastern Trinidad and western Carver Langston, 5D06@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Henderson did not give a report.

5D07 (southern Carver Langston, 5D07@anc.dc.gov): Comm. McCullum shared that there is a community walk tomorrow October 9 at 1 PM 1701 H St. NE with DDOT, Councilmember McDuffie's office, DPW Parking Enforcement, and MPD regarding an uptick of traffic violations across from Link Apartments at 1701 H St. NE. Cars are parking in the crosswalk and at the stop sign on both sides of H St, creating a dangerous situation. They will also be looking at 18th and I St NE and Hechinger Mall - both areas have trash issues occurring. On Halloween, Comm. McCullum will be holding the annual kid's carnival from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, in partnership with DPR, the violence interrupters, 7 Food Store, Lowes, and Home Depot. He and others will be canvassing and flyering. This is not just for 5D07 - all are invited. Comm. McCullum also noted that if residents feel like they are being pressured into running for an SMD seat in ANC 5D, please contact the chair and parliamentarian and/or contact OANC yourself. This activity needs to be reported to the OANC.

At 7:44 PM, there were 32 attendees present.

5D08 (northern Carver-Langston, 5D08@anc.dc.gov): With regards to Comm. McCullum's statement regarding residents being pressured to run for an SMD seat, Comm. May noted that residents can also go to the Board of Elections to report concerns.

5D09 (eastern Carver-Langston, 5D09@anc.dc.gov): Comm. Blacknell announced that classes will start next month at the DC Infrastructure Academy at Spingarn. More information: <https://dcia.dc.gov/>

Public Safety Report (Sergeant Jonathan Chen, jonathan.chen@dc.gov)

Year-to-date, crime is trending down with the exception of theft from auto. Recent notable events included:

- Oct. 5 2 AM - homicide involving gunshots in the area of Queen St. and Trinidad Ave. MPD located three adult victims suffering from gunshot wounds. One later succumbed to injuries.
- Death 1900 block Kendall St. - appeared to be an overdose; the victim was found unconscious and not breathing. There were no signs of foul play.
- Sept. 15 - contact shooting 1700 Montello. MPD located casings; victim had self-transported to the hospital.

- Sept. 11 at the shelter at 1355 New York Ave, there was a stabbing. An arrest was made the next day, and the case was closed.
- Sept. 28 3 AM carjacking at Florida Ave and Trinidad Ave. The case remains open, but the vehicle was recovered in the 6th district.
- Sept. 25 6 PM - around 1800 Capital Ave., three unknown suspects assaulted a victim and stole property. This case is still open.
- Sept. 14 9 AM - attempted robbery with a firearm; victim ran away. Reach out to MPD with any information.

Other announcements: 5th District Commander Altieri was promoted to Assistant Chief for Patrol Services North. Commander Shawn Rooney has taken over as Commander of the 5th District. Commander Rooney came from the Violent Crime Suppression Division, and he was in charge of the recent federal investigation regarding the crew operating in Trinidad.

Sergeant Chen announced that the upcoming drug free zone in Trinidad will start Oct. 9 at 8 AM and will conclude Oct. 14 before 8 AM. It includes the 1200 block of Mt. Olivet, the 1700 block of Trinidad, the 1200 block of Raum, and the 1700 block of Montello. It does not include any portion of West Virginia Ave., but not the gas station or shopping center that is shared with Ivy City. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman states that that area off of West Virginia Ave. is a crime and violence hot spot according to residents.

Comm. Rhodes requested additional information about a shooting on Central Pl. on Sept. 26 after 9 PM. Sgt. Chen reported that the shooting is still under investigation. The preliminary investigation indicates that suspects were shooting, but there is no information on if there was a victim. This is currently being classified as felony endangerment with a firearm; the firearm was discharged but no one appeared to be shot or injured as a result.

Comm. Cobb asked for details on the shooting at Trinidad and Queen Oct. 5 - was it a random mugging or did the victims know the attackers? Sgt. Chen stated that all of the information is very preliminary and the homicide detectives would have more information since it is an ongoing investigation. Comm. Cobb requested more information or to be put in touch with homicide detectives.

A community member asked about an armed robbery incident on today (Oct. 8) at Florida Ave and Montello at 3:13 pm. According to Sgt. Chen, this is still under investigation. There is not very much information because it is very new.

8:01 Executive Office of the Mayor (Christian Starghill, Christian.Starghill@dc.gov / (202)394-4399)

Ms. Starghill gave a short presentation titled "Ward 5 Updates." It included the following information:

- Register for DPR fall programming as classes do fill up quickly: <https://dprprograms.splashthat.com/>
- Leaf collection season is here. Information is being sent in the mail; residents will receive a door hanger two weeks prior to when they will be servicing your area. At that point residents should start collecting their leaves in preparation for collection: <https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf>
- Weekly free veggie giveaways from DPR Communal Farms: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/communal-farms-and-partner-urban-farms>

Ms. Starghill also shared updates regarding the parking situation on Simms Pl. She stated that a core team member from the Mayor's office is exploring the option of residential parking permit (RPP) zone parking on the street. She will convey more information as it becomes available.

After a question from Comm. Rhodes, Ms. Starghill shared that she and Inspector Brooks-Garrett did a walk in the area around the men's shelter in Ivy City. They found that everything looked better than it had previously; the area in the alley by Union Kitchen is a lot cleaner and they were able to walk through. Shelter staff are doing a good job at upkeep for their trash area, and trash pickup is occurring four times weekly to help manage the situation. Ms. Starghill will send notes directly to Comm. Rhodes to follow up. Inspector Brooks-Garrett joined by phone. She shared that suggested to the shelter that they have a helping hands cleanup. They can put in an application and DPW will provide supplies for the cleanup; residents can take responsibility for the area themselves and have some ownership. Inspector Brooks-Garrett spoke with the company that is responsible for the alley, and they have been cited. They replaced the grease container, and the inspector will continue to monitor and assist. The company still needs to clean the alley properly using a degreaser.

Inspector Brooks-Garrett also shared that it may not be possible to install cameras on Crummell Way due to traffic - with constant traffic, the camera will not last. The inspector will connect Comm. Rhodes to the Environmental Crimes unit to explain fully. The investigators did find identifying material and the person is not from the area.

8:14 Ward 5 Councilmember's Office (Oliver Stoute)

- TY to everybody who came out for Ward 5 day. Great success. Lots of food from ward 5 restaurants, and fun.
- Ward 5 awards ceremony will be included in Ward 5 holiday party in Dec. Save the date once we announce it.
- Council back in session. Voted to dissolve committee on rec, library, and youth affairs. Turned into 2 new subcommittees. CM Parker overseeing one of them. CM will be laser focused on DYRS and 92% recidivism rate. Unannounced and announced visits to facility to hold hearings + meeting with leadership of the agency.
- Last legislative meeting last Tuesday – council took action on 3 major items
 - Cannabis licensing - daycares can protest
 - Unanimous passage of reforms to ERAP - district at crisis point with affordable housing - ensuring that ERAP helps those who need it the most and that we can save our affordable housing stock
 - Circulator wind down legislation - requires money from sale and lease/transfer of circulator assets be used to support workers and requires DDOT to work with WMATA in absorbing and providing circulator service
- 10/16 3 PM public safety call- can find it on CMs YT channel. Focus will be on school safety for students as they go through 2024-2025 school year. Will be joined by new W5 commander Rooney + Asst Chief Altieri + DDOT SRTS + Safe Passage Program + McKinley Tech PTO Safety Committee
- Ivy City + M/Md Ave remarks

Q&A

Youth detention centers - one in 5D in the news a few times this year. What does CM think of that site/what is his vision? Problems with staff unable to maintain order at times

- CM looks forward to trying to improve that facility; more details to come

8:25 S-G moves to revise agenda to allow DC Water to present. Second motion to amend agenda May. 9-0-0

8:26 S-G moves to amend tonight's agenda for a second time. Second Roblin. 8-0-0 Henderson did not vote

8:27 replace DCPS with DC Water presentation. Arbuckle second. 8-0-0 Henderson did not vote

8:27 add resolution - adding street trees in Union Market. Second Roblin. 8-0-0 Henderson did not vote.

8:28 Mr. Moore DC Water Lead Free DC (shared slides)

Plan to eliminate all lead service lines in DC

As of today have replaced 6949 lead service lines

Prioritize environmental justice and vulnerable populations

Great progress towards goals

Original goal was 28000 by 2030 but inventory increased to 42,000. Will take longer to get to full replacement but working diligently. Anticipated timeline is 2037.

Health effects of lead - powerful neurotoxin, no safe level of lead

Lead affects every part of the body, both adults and children

Serious health effects, especially in children

Water service line - public side and private side. Homeowner responsible all work that occurs on the private side and any cost. Through Lead Free DC, program allows DC to pay for cost of replacement on private property.

Both lead and galvanized service lines contain lead - both of these will be replaced

Tools for homeowners to find out your service lines and any planned construction in your community/at your address

3 programs CIPERR (capital improvement program, by-block program looks at service line material, race, household income, children under 5, etc.); LPRAP (service line on private property - program will pay 100% of costs); VFRP (public and private sides are both lead)

ANC 5D

LFDC By-Block

22 blocks in 5D selected fy 2025 (work will occur Nov 2024-Nov 2026)

Have done about 15% of service lines that are lead in Ward 5 already.

We need your help - constituents: when you receive notification about the program, please sign up. It is 100% free. It is a city-wide effort and a real program. Can find all info at dcwater.com/lead. Survey to give feedback on presentations. Sean.Moore@dcwater.com 202-787-4044. Use lead map to look up your address and see what type of pipe material DC Water thinks your service line is. Request water quality test for your home at dcwater.com/lead.

May: DC Water very helpful wrt water test a few years ago. My block recently got door hangers from DC Water. When work is done - does work have to be done from inside the home as well? Will need access to the home to connect service line to your indoor plumbing - need access to basement or crawl space. Does not

usually require major disruption to internal part of the structure. Generally it is easy to patch concrete or replace drywall as needed (depends on home setup).

COMMISSION ACTIONS

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

- New Men's Shelter on New York Ave. David Ross w/ DHS 08:30 PM

8:41 David Ross Chief of Staff DHS, Tyler Edge Special Asst, Meredith Moldenhauer (Cozen OConner)
NY Ave Men's Shelter 1201 New York Ave NE

- Homeless Services Reform Act (HSRA) passed in 2005 - serve homeless persons in DC in compliance with this DC law. Moving away from one size fits all to tailoring services to individuals and families, centralized system
- Homeward 1.0 (2016-2021) → 2.0 (2021-2025)
- Closing DC General (not an appropriate place for families) and establishing smaller shelters around the city for families → significant reduction in homelessness for families
- Homeward 2.0 focused on individual spaces, includes shelter on NY Ave. Moving towards creating spaces that are conducive to rest, respite, and moving forward. Current shelter there doesn't speak to hope, positivity, and thinking to the future.
- DGS informed Council about relocating the DC Animal Care and Control facility at 1201 New York Ave NE. DGS plans to redevelop 1201 NY Ave NE and DC mens shelter currently located at 1355 NY Ave will move there.
- Estimated timeline would lead to construction approval in FY 2025, construction FY 2025-2028, with shelter opening in FY 2028 (3 years from now)
- Zoning process - 45-day Notice of Intent mailed on 10/1/24 → application submission no earlier than 11/15/2024
- Open to whatever ANC 5D commissioners believe is the best way to get this information out to the community
- Work closely with MOCRS. Recognize safety and sanitation concerns. Will be at another ANC meeting regarding being proactive about concerns about the area surrounding the shelter.
- David.Ross@dc.gov, Tyler.Edge@dc.gov

Q&A

S-G: How long has the current NY Ave Shelter been open? What triggers the request for the new space?

Ross: good question, do not currently have the answer to how long it's been there. Discussion re: NY Ave for some time. Point in time count every January in every city. Official count guides programming, policy, look at our footprint, work and success of Homeward 1.0.

Rhodes: thank you for presentation, we are excited that men's shelter will be more like a home, with more services (well-deserved). What is the MU-9 zoning designation? We have issue with height of some buildings that are going to go on NY Ave. Meredith - MU-9 allows homeless shelter to be permitted by right. Have engaged preliminarily with OP and NY Ave Planning Committee and will be discussing how this fits in. Our

goal is that plans we present will reflect all feedback. David Ross: In conversation with downtown BID and other business partners as well to ensure they have input.

Roblin: so glad to hear you talk about a place for hope. Anyone familiar with shelter system knows it's a complete disaster. It needs change. Will there be washing machines, dryers, showers? David: our current unhoused residents have access to those facilities now and will continue to have access in the future with this new shelter. Any plans to fix up other shelters around the city? David: CCNV 425 2nd St. not part of DHS portfolio; it is independently-run. DHS owns the building and is a gov partner but it is independently managed. It will see some improvements moving forward. Also opening facility on E St. not too far from CCNV. ANC 2C02 - new shelter coming online Green Ct. (in Green Lantern facility). Women's shelter in Chinatown undergoing renovations - will be extending and introducing as part of portfolio. Homeward 2.0 - transforming individual footprint like Homeward 1.0 did for families.

Henderson: DHS has some well-documented difficulties with managing voucher holders. What protocols does the agency have in place to ensure that a low-barrier shelter is not an impediment to the environment and the surrounding community? Ross: Aim is to help residents get into more permanent housing situation. Common misconception is that housing resolves other issues affecting folks; it doesn't but cannot expect to start solving those issues **without** housing. Primary focus is to connect residents with housing and then follow up with ancillary support. Cannot have expectations that a person's issues will dissipate when they get more permanent housing like through the voucher program. Looking for people to understand that residents have challenges no different than those who pay their rent without a subsidy. We listen to what you're sharing with us and work to find a happy medium. Work closely with DPW, DGS, MPD. Not going to solve issue overnight but committed to not walking away. We want to do this the right way and ask that you all work with us; hold us accountable, but can we let the NY Ave of yesterday go and now we know better and do better.

Please directly email Mr. Ross with additional questions as we have run out of time.

9:19 19 attendees present

[The Pink Fox](#) - New Ivy City Business Josh Sanderlin - Business Owner 08:45 PM

9:20 The Pink Fox Josh Sanderlin

General Counsel and part owner of Pink Fox at 2003 Fenwick St. Old Ari's Diner. ABCA-licensed type 1 cannabis manufacturer. Taking chemical products and turning them into food items. Regulated by ABCA and dept of Health. Currently going through process of licensing with Dept. of Health. New license type in the district. Have been working with Rhodes and she did a walk through. Have significantly upgraded the security including 9 continuously monitored cameras throughout the space including out front, back door, loading dock. Security gates, restricted access doors need fob key only possessed by 3 owner-employees. ADT monitored alarm system. Vinyl on windows to make glass shatter-proof. Plus panic buttons. Not a customer-facing business; they work directly with ABCA-licensed dispensaries and secure product from ABCA-licensed growers and processors. 3 owner-employees are generally the only foot traffic in and out of the building. They are prohibited from smoking inside the facility and will also not be smoking outside the facility which would draw attention to it.

Q&A

S-G: were there other potential sites you looked at before Ivy City? Josh: I don't live far from IC, had eaten at Ari's Diner before it closed. Had to work with Douglas Dev. Looked at other sites but nothing that appealed. Ivy City zoning works. Comm Rhodes has been great to work with. Location checked a lot of boxes.

Skip Keats: will production result in odor in the air? Josh: Our regulators prevent us from doing that. Cannabis you smell is often I-71 grey market folks. Cannabis is not processed on-site; will baking with finished product. Their kitchen will smell like baked goods, not cannabis; also have vent hoods to prevent odor.

Commissioners should reach out if they would like to visit.

9:29 motion table resolution for safe passage in Trinidad. Second May. 8-0-0 Henderson did not vote. Reach out to S-G directly if you have questions/comments about the resolution.

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

Resolution: DC Statehood

Multiple ANCs have already passed this or similar resolutions. We have Taxation without Representation.

Henderson states resolution is all over the place and a catchall. ANCs are non-partisan and the resolution should be written in such a way that all residents would be supportive of. Roblin disagrees; both resolutions already passed by other ANCs looked very similar even if they were a bit of a hodge-podge.

9:37 Comm. Roblin motioned that ANC 5D support this statehood resolution. Cobb second. 6-1-0 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman off-camera, Blacknell absent.

9:39 BZA 21193: 1538 Levis Street NE

9:39 Meridith Moldenhauer presenting on behalf of applicant

Applicant Fessha Mollalign

Property was vacant lot pre-construction in May 2023. Was a "vacant gap lot". Proposed project was for 3-story single family rowhome.

Property received building permit on 5/19/2023 from DOB. Began construction but DOB issued stop work order after discovering building permit was issued in error 1/18/2024. 7/15/2024 applicant filed BZA application seeking relief. Relief requested is minimum lot area - required 1800 sqft, 780 sqft provided. Min lot width 18 ft required 12 ft provided. Letter of support from one of the abutting property owners. COW recommended flyer the community; they did this letting folks know about tonight's meeting and engage with them. BZA hearing is approaching. This would provide ample-sized family home in a vacant lot as infill development.

Q&A

Henderson: this is in 5D06. This is questionable and should not be approved.

S-G: BZA matter reached out to Comm. Henderson and reached out to Zoning Committee and commissioners. We ask every person with BZA matter to present to Zoning Committee and join COW meeting.

Arbuckle: this project seems like it would have been a good project regardless. Especially with DOB situation, it seems to be a very strong case that the project should be allowed to continue. Have heard from neighbors - there is a drainage issue in front of the property and water has begun to pool at certain times. This should not stop the project but your client should consider fixing or working with the city to fix if need be. Meredith will inform client about that issue.

S-G: when is BZA hearing? November 13, 2024.

McCullum: any response from community, what about the allegations from Henderson? Meredith is a lawyer, not the property owner or developer. Reached out to Henderson, answered her questions, have reached out to neighbors and talked to them and received letter of support. Flyering occurred but do not believe that there was any engagement during that time. During the course of the construction there was no complaints regarding the construction. Stop work order came internally from DOB as they were inspecting the building and the project and was not raised by community concerns. Developer - reached out to neighbors, have very good support from neighbors. 85% completed before stop work order issued. Then approached Meredith to help out in dealing with this matter.

Rhodes: is there a reason why you're not on camera?

Comm. Arbuckle motioned to support. Second May. 4-1-2. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman off-camera; Comm. Blacknell absent.

Discussion: good thing to allow relief i.e. variation in home sizes.

10:05 Resolution: Pets in Housing

10:05 Max Broad DC Voters for Animals

Earlier today hearing held by CM White Committee on Housing to discuss Pets in Housing Act. Topic of pets in housing intersects with stable and secure housing for people of DC. DC is a city that loves our pets. This bill supports our pets and the residents of the city. 3 provisions. 1. Cap pet rents and security deposits to prevent runaway charges. 2. Requires that DC operate at least one shelter that allows people to take companion animals with them (increases shelter access and can help people fleeing bad situations like domestic violence - they may not otherwise leave). 3. Restricts breed/size/weight prohibitions - we may have perceptions about why certain dogs are prohibited but these are not always true. Hearing today, comment period open til monday or tuesday.

S-G: any other commissions have concerns? There are a variety of concerns that came up in the hearing. They are concerned about what it would mean to expand the dogs that we allow in our buildings. What would it mean if we limit the security deposit that landlords are allowed to collect.

Cobb: doesn't do anything to prevent housing providers from completely banning pets. By capping costs, this seems like it would lead to more housing providers just banning pets altogether. Breed/size/weight restrictions - seems odd that you wouldn't be able to differentiate between a turtle in a terrarium or a great dane...

Skip Keats: what about folks with allergies in multi-resident buildings?

10:15 Roblin motion to support Pets in Housing Resolution. Second Saucedo-Guzman.

Discussion: edits needed to garner more support for the resolution. Arbuckle going to vote no - like the spirit of people being able to live with their pets, but as it is right now it would make it less likely for landlords to allow pets. It's also not a bad thing for different buildings to allow different types of pets depending on the building and the setup. May shares same concerns and doesn't feel educated enough on the implications of removing any restrictions on type of pet. May to abstain. Public comment period is still open if there is feedback. Roblin will speak with all commissioners individually to see if there is any way that comms will support it. Max Broad will assist.

Comm. Roblin withdrew the resolution.

Resolution: Tree Cover in Union Market

Comm. Arbuckle shared that the Union Market Streetscape guidelines call for restricting the amount of tree canopy to maintain the industrial/wholesale market nature of the neighborhood. The Resolution asks for removal of the restrictive language and seeks to change the guidelines to allow for trees in the same quantity that would be found in any other neighborhood. The timing is important because the developer Edens is going to resurface many of the streets. While it may already be too late, passing the resolution could potentially lead to trees being added as the streets are redone.

Comm. Arbuckle motioned to support resolution. Second Roblin. 3-2-1. Saucedo-Guzman off-camera, Henderson and Blacknell absent.

Adjournment

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 PM. Second May. 6-0-0. Saucedo-Guzman off-camera, Henderson and Blacknell absent.