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ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (February 2025) Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Present: Commissioners Kyle Gardiner, Karla M. Lewis, Michael Bloomberg, Huma Imtiaz, Alice Arcenia Thompson, Kirby Vining.

1. Commissioner Imtiaz provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
2. The meeting was held in virtually via Zoom and began at 7 p.m. ET with a quorum with 6 Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Bloomberg motioned to approve the consent calendar with January 21, 2025 meeting minutes as well as revisions to the Grant Guidelines, Committee Guidelines, Procedures and Guidelines. Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
 - a. Motion to approve the consent calendar items passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Bloomberg (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
4. Commissioner Vining presented the bills and reimbursements.
 - a. A check for \$483.48 was issued to the Stronghold Civic Association for reimbursement of a community clean-up/beautification event.
 - b. A bank fee for \$216.49 for new checks was refunded because misprinted. Corrections were made to the checks (two signature lines, proper check numbering, and duplicate pages for the checks) and the new adjusted fee for the correctly printed checks was \$322.16, debited from the ANC 5E account.
 - c. Commissioner Vining explained how a reimbursement for incorrectly issued checks had resulted in a \$438.65 deficit in our FY25 budget when the bank charged for the new, correct checks. The deficit in the budget is more than the final cost of the checks because the account was debited twice – first for \$216.49 and then for \$322.16, total \$538.65. There was \$100 in that budget line item so $\$538.65 - \$100 = 438.65$, the line item that must be “cured.”
 - d. Commissioner Vining discussed the need to move \$500 of the ANC 5E budget’s “other” line to the “bank fees” line to cure the bank fee for newly issued ANC 5E checks. The treasurer moved the process to “cure” the budget deficit: **MOVED** that the treasurer is instructed to move \$500 from the “Other” line of the ANC 5E budget to the “Bank Fees” line of the budget to cure the unanticipated payment for new ANC5E checks.”
 - e. Commissioner Imtiaz motioned to cure the ANC 5E budget as recommended

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by Commissioner Vining. Commissioner Bloomberg seconded the motion.

- i. Motion approved via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Bloomberg (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

5. Commissioner Reports:

- a. Commissioner Gardiner discussed a new monthly Dunbar HS-McKinley Tech HS bike bus which is run by Alex Clark, the Physical Education teacher at Dunbar HS. The next one is planned for Wednesday morning, February 26. Details for community participation may be presented at the March ANC 5E meeting.
- b. Commissioner Lewis discussed the ongoing Community Needs Health Assessment from Howard University Hospital and Sibley Memorial Hospital, which can be completed [here](#) before February 21; the recently announced DDOT Notice of Intent for roadway changes related to the Better Bus Network plan; and that Commander Pulliam of the Third District would not be in attendance tonight due to unexpected conflicts.
- c. Commissioner Bloomberg discussed program updates to the Food Waste Smart Bin program, including the recent installation of a Smart Bin outside of Big Bear Cafe.
- d. Commissioner Thompson discussed concerns related to recent gun violence in SMD 5E05; leaks related to the crack at the McMillan Reservoir retaining wall on First Street; and concerns about alleyway damage along 77 and 79 Bryant St. Due to nearby construction
- e. Commissioner Vining noted a new BZA case at 21 Channing St. which will be discussed more at a future ANC meeting.

6. Community Comments

- a. Joe Levesque discussed concerns regarding the previously discussed sinking alleyway on Bryant St.
- b. Latoya Davenport presented updates from the U.S. Attorney's Office including an upcoming meeting for the Beyond Hate Violence Task Force and a presentation on Human Trafficking Awareness.

7. Christian Starghill provided updates from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS):

- a. To contact MOCRS reach out to Christian Starghill (Christian.Starghill@dc.gov or 202-394-4399) or Anthony Black

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- (Anthony.black@dc.gov or 202-251-5049)
 - b. The Mayor's Office is coordinating ongoing trash issues along Rhode Island Avenue.
 - c. There is a Senior Budget Engagement TeleTownhall on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. To RSVP go [here](#) and call in (844) 881-1314. Watch parties will also be held at all Senior Centers.
 - d. There are two upcoming Budget Engagement Forums:
 - i. At the Rosedale Recreation Center on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP go [here](#).
 - ii. At the Kennedy Recreation Center on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. To RSVP go [here](#).
 - e. Sign up for the summer camp lottery [here](#).
 - f. Mark the calendar for the two Ward 5 Clean-up days on July 26th, 2025 at 10 am (address: 1283 Delafield PI NE) and October 24th, 2025 at 10 am (address: 1210 Childress St NE).
 - g. Read about Department of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects [here](#).
8. Sam Bonar provided updates from Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's office.
- a. Stay up-to-date on Ward 5 matters by joining the Ward 5 newsletter [here](#).
 - b. A list of upcoming Council hearings can be found [here](#).
 - c. The Ward 5 Awards Ceremony has been moved to March 12 at 7:00PM at the Ivy City Smokehouse. To RSVP go [here](#).
 - d. The Ward 5 Budget Forum is scheduled for February 25, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00PM at Friendship PCS Armstrong Campus. Sign-up [here](#) and the Ward 5 budget priorities survey can also be completed [here](#).
 - e. To contact Sam Bonar: Sbonar@dccouncil.gov or 771-333-9880.
9. Jaspreet Pahwa from the DC Public Library presented on the site selection for the new Eckington/Edgewood Library. More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
10. Emily Alexander of Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners presented on updates to Reservoir District Parcels 2 and 4.
11. Simon Goring Devaney presented on updates to the Langston Slater Project. The presentation can be found [here](#).
12. Chris Dyer presented on behalf of Department of Parks and Recreation.
13. Commissioner Gardiner presented updates on ABCA case 127841 (medicinal

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cannabis license for applicant Lucid X Dreams at 1334 North Capital St.)

- a. Commissioner Gardiner motioned to adopt the draft Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Bloomberg seconded the motion.
- b. Motion passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Bloomberg (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (N), Commissioner Vining (Y).

14. Commissioner Thompson presented on [BZA case 21151 \(2324 North Capitol St. NW\)](#).

- a. Commissioner Thompson motion to oppose BZA application 21151. Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
- b. Motion failed via voice vote with a 3-3-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (N), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Bloomberg (N), Commissioner Imtiaz (N), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

15. Commissioner Imtiaz made a first reading for the amendments to ANC 5E Bylaws (which can be read [here](#)).

16. Commissioner Imtiaz provided updates on ANC 5E Committees.

- a. Commissioner Vining motioned to accept the volunteers to committees. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
- b. Motion passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Bloomberg (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

17. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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