

**ANC 5F Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call (Commissioner Galvan) – 7:00 PM**

- a. Commissioner Galvan noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM ET.
- 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	Present

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

- a. Community Comments
  - After the last ANC 5F meeting, a neighbor shared an interest in supporting our immigrant communities with resources and materials. They will work with the PSH Committee to plan and implement this.
- b. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
  - Commissioner Galvan:
    - Welcome Commissioner Rzendzian!

**3. Officer Reports:**

- a. Chair: No report
- b. Vice Chair: No report
- c. Secretary: No report
- d. Treasurer: Commissioner Sahni is working on scheduling meetings with OANC to discuss treasury onboarding.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Agenda Vote

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	Yes

By a vote of 7-0-0, the agenda is approved.

**5. Approval of Minutes (Commissioner Jones)**

- a. Meeting Minutes Drafted from January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Commissioner Williams requested the opportunity to change her vote in the consent agenda during the ANC meeting on January 28, 2025, citing Roberts Rules allowing vote changes to occur. Roberts Rules does allow a change for a vote if it is noted before the action was taken. Commissioner Galvan indicated he would use Roberts Rules to allow a reconsideration. This request to change the vote could only be changed under a unanimous vote by Commissioners. Because one commissioner objected, the motion was denied.

- Motion denied.

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	Yes

By a vote of 7-0-0, the minutes are approved.

**6. Announcements from Commissioners**

- a. Commissioner Sahni
  - Working on standardizing all ANC 5F Zoom accounts, including those run by Committees. In December, ANC 5F voted on several upzoning changes, this has been approved.
- b. Commissioner Jones
  - Recognize that neighbors in our community are experiencing stress due to mass federal terminations. This is the time to support our neighbors who are current or former federal employees, federal contractors, and those working for projects funded by the federal government. Please refer to Council Member Parker's newsletter for resources:  
<https://mailchi.mp/dccouncil/ward-5-weekly-february-14-2025>

c. Commissioner Galvan

- Working on the ABCA license for Family Tree LLC.
- ABCA license for Edgewood International is pending. There are new changes in the document and updates to negotiations that need to be reviewed.
- Please share any feedback you have for the Harry Thomas Recreation Center.

d. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman

- Added bus stops in Edgewood and Eckington (Better Bus)
  - Better Bus Overview:  
<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/index.cfm>
  - Better Bus District of Columbia Bus Service Map:  
chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource\\_2025-Network\\_District-of-Columbia-Map.pdf](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Network_District-of-Columbia-Map.pdf)
  - Better Bus District of Columbia Bus Routes:  
chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource\\_2025-Route-Profiles\\_District-of-Columbia.pdf](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_District-of-Columbia.pdf)
  - Better Bus list of stops to be eliminated:  
chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Bus-Stop-Consolidation\\_2025-Better-Bus-Network.pdf](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Bus-Stop-Consolidation_2025-Better-Bus-Network.pdf)
- Budget oversight season: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>
- A pilot project to propose Throne bathrooms across the District is underway: <https://thronelabs.co/>

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

a. Mayor's Office of Community Relations

- Representative not present

b. Sam Bonar, Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office

- Refer to Ward 5 Newsletter for all Ward news and updates:  
<https://zacharyparkerward5.com/w5-news/>
- Ward 5 Awards (RESCHEDULED)
  - March 12, 2025, 7:00-8:30 pm
  - Ivy City Smokehouse
- Budget Priorities Survey:  
<https://us12.list-manage.com/survey?u=0cd3f22dbb41253440b441d5b&id=fee5ec0b9d&attribution=false>
- Budget Forum RSVP:  
<https://us12.list-manage.com/survey?u=0cd3f22dbb41253440b441d5b&id=feaaf0a15b&attribution=false>
- Oversight Committee Hearings: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>

- Sam Bonar is moving into a policy role for the Office soon
  - [Sbonar@dccouncil.gov](mailto:Sbonar@dccouncil.gov)
  - 771-333-9880
- 8. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item)**
  - a. N/A
- 9. Consent Agenda**

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

  - a. N/A
- 10. Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)**
  - a. N/A
- 11. Other reports or presentations (10 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)**
  - a. Presentation by DC Justice Lab's Jason Ziedenberg on Gun Violence Prevention
    - Contact Information: [jason@dcjusticelab.org](mailto:jason@dcjusticelab.org)
    - Website: <https://dcjusticelab.org/>
    - DC Justice Lab Library: <https://dcjusticelab.org/library/prevention/gun-violence-prevention/>
    - Earned Compliance Credits: <https://dcjusticelab.org/library/punishment/earned-compliance-credits/>
    - Toward Shared Safety (core safety gaps, alternatives to police)
    - **How can we work together?**
      - Develop resolutions, ideally those that can impact the entire city.
      - Build support for District-wide policy
      - Partnerships between Commissions, nonprofits, and media
  - b. BZA case 21080 update by Lona Alia and M Gaines-Kelly
    - Next hearing date: March 12, 2025
    - ANC 5F will wait to take action until there is a variance on the case.
      - Plan to vote in the next meeting (March 18, 2025)
    - [https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case\\_id=21080](https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21080)
  - c. Damian Cosby (dcosby@nationallinkstrust.com), PGA Executive Director and co-founder Michael McCartin (mike@nationallinkstrust.com) of National Links Trust to discuss project rehabilitation of the historic Langston Golf Course.
    - National Links Trust is interested in creating affordable and accessible golf. They are focused on three public golf courses in the District: Potomac, Rock Creek, and Langston. The team wants to address deferred maintenance that the National Park Service is not able to maintain. Any profits are reinvested into the maintenance of the parks.
    - National Links Trust will be seeking out public engagement and are encouraging neighbors to participate. They are honoring the history of Black golfers (Lee Elder) in the District and have a museum studies intern working on an installation of the first DC golf tournament.

- <https://www.nationallinkstrust.org/>

**12. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)**

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
  - No updates
- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
  - Gun violence resolution letter across Commissions
    - ASK to Commissioners, introductions to other ANC's
  - Moped and traffic violence resolution
    - Talking through during the PSH Committee on 2/20
  - Neighbors are working with the PSH Committee on a resolution to support immigrant communities.
  - Engaging with NOMA Bid during their public safety meetings. They have offered free cameras to monitor public spaces.
  - Comments:
    - Commissioner Williams plans to connect with the PSH Committee to learn more about the work.
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
  - Drafting resolutions focused on sidewalk and road safety.
  - Meetings are now on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.
- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
  - Representative not present
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garrett)
  - Commissioner Galvan provided updates.
  - DC Public Library provided an additional presentation
    - Look at other libraries in the city to gather ideas on design and construction

**13. Appointments to committees or task forces**

- a. No appointments

**14. Adjournment**

- a. Commissioner Galvan moved to adjourn, Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.
- b. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 PM, in-person and online by Zoom.