

ANC 5F Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00PM to 9:00PM

In Person: Eckington Community Room
located in the Judd & Weiler development behind Eckington Hall
(1611 Eckington Place NE Suite 170). [Link to map location.](#)

Online by Zoom: details at anc5f.com/meetings

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

5F Commissioner 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

All 5F Commissioners are present.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Commissioner Galvan)
- a. Agenda Changes
 - i. Commissioner Galvan motions to strike the Harry Thomas Recreation Center from the agenda and open for discussion during the consent agenda.
 - b. Commissioner Galvan motions to approve the agenda with recommended changes.
 - c. Motion seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Vote to approve the meeting agenda

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

Motion approved 7-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes (Commissioner Jones)

- a. The [Meeting Minutes](#) for Tuesday, February 18, 2025, were drafted and uploaded to the 5F ANC website by Thursday, February 20th.
- b. Commissioner Jones motions to approve the meeting minutes for the 5F Regular Meeting on February 18, 2025.
- c. Seconded by Commissioner Bishop Henschman.

Vote for approval of meeting minutes.

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-Henschman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Yes

Motion approved 7-0-0.

4. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair: The OANC website has been updated.
 - b. Vice Chair: No announcements.
 - c. Treasurer: Our bank, Industrial Bank, updated their software and all Commissioners lost access to their accounts. Commissioners Anderson, Galvan, and Sahni now have access. Commissioner Sahni is working on moving over to PNC Bank for a long-term account.
 - Statements: Dec 2024: \$38,390.97 Jan 2025: \$43,093.94, February 2025: \$43,093.94.
 - d. Secretary: No updates,
5. Public Comment (10 mins. total, up to 2 mins. per speaker)
 - a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
 - b. Siddih: Contractors coming to work on houses and their supplies are stolen, contractors are now refusing to work. Residents are taking precautions to mitigate. Could police presence help this?
 - Commissioner Galvan experienced this too, we can follow up with MPD for additional patrols. Reach out to your SMD Commissioner. Will present resources to get in touch with MPD. This is frustrating and impacts our ability to get quality contractors to do quality work.
6. Announcements from Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Bishop-Henschman: MPD Asst. Chief Altieri announced his retirement. Item 10M on the agenda needs an updated link, we can pull from the consent and add to the action agenda.
 - b. Commissioner Galvan: Recognize efforts and protests by neighbors and residents to respond to Congress slashing the DC budget by \$1 billion.
7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)
 - a. Mayor's Office of Community Relations, Mr. Anthony Black (Ward 5 Community Relations Coordinator)
 - Street sweeping is starting up again. Take action by removing cars from the streets during the street cleaning dates and times.

- Ward Days are days when community members can schedule time to speak with the Mayor's Ward 5 representatives, Anthony Black (Anthony.black@dc.gov, 202-251-5049) and Christian Starghill, Ward 5 Liaison (Christian.starghill@dc.gov, 202-394-4399). The Ward Days for Ward 5 are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
 - Questions: ***Is leaf collection still happening?*** Yes, although this is late. Please follow up and contact the office so this can be completed as soon as possible.
- b. Sam Bonar, Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office
- Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's Office Resources
 - Subscribe to the Ward 5 newsletter
 - Listen to the Ward 5 Wave podcast
 - Hired a new staff member, Constituent Services Coordinator
 - See federal government updates and actions taken by DC Council Members and DC community members (community organizers, kids, and parents)
 - There is still much advocacy needed
 - Find resources for federal employees at the Department of Employment Services
 - Priorities
 - Ward 5 Senior Services - budget priorities for seniors
 - Comprehensive Plan and designing land use for the district
 - Refining DDOT Better Bus Network
 - NoMa Bid - vote for Cinematic movies by April 1st
<https://nomabid.org/annual-events/cinomatic/>
 - Budget Plan Draft:
<https://dccouncil.gov/2024-2025-performance-oversight-fy-2026-budget-schedules/>
 - Questions? ***How can we mobilize our communities?*** Need to think on this, but will continue to provide resources, events, and action steps for what you can do to support the District.
8. Approval of the 2025 [Quarterly Q1 Financial Report](#) (Commissioner Sahni)
- a. ANC 5F is behind on reporting because of our inability to access the bank account. The QFR is now being circulated among commissioners.
 - b. Commissioner Sahni motions to approve the 2025 Q1 QFR.
 - c. Seconded by Commissioner Bishop Henschman.

Vote to approve the 2025 Q1 Quarterly Financial Report

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-Henschman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Kelly Rzendzian	5F07	Yes

Motion approved 7-0-0.

9. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item)
 - a. Friends of MBT Grant Application
 - Purpose and benefits to the community: Deploy materials and supplies for drinking water stations along the MBT.
 - Working with Eckington Parks and Arts, they will supply dog waste bags. There is a need to respond and provide water to the Bryant St Dog Park, and by Carlos Rosario. The Bryant Street Dog Park does not have this community benefit, whereas other dog parks (Eckington Dog Park) do. The Friends of MBT would like to deploy stations by 4/19. The grant funding includes materials for volunteer kits (drawstring bags, sticky notes, Sharpies).
 - **Commissioner Bishop Henschman requests to suspend rules so that we can have time to approve the grant. Commissioners all agreed when the agenda was approved**
 - Questions
 - **Commissioner Williams: Request to postpone the vote until she meets with Bryant Street Management representatives.** Mr. Chauffin mentioned he'd asked, and the Bryant Street Management representatives will not add drinking fountains to this area or allow their workers to manage this. Commissioner Bishop-Henschman added additional context, encouraging the ANC to continue our voting today because of the timeline, we may not see any of the Bryant St management requests by this Summer. Commissioner Williams agreed to vote today and keep everyone updated on any updates from the Bryant Street Management representatives.
 - **Neighbor: Environmental exposure in the dog waste bags and water cups?** Friends of MBT shared that they are environmentally conscious and that the supplies will help remove dog waste along the trail, and the cups are eco-friendly.
10. Consent Agenda
 - a. [Resolution on Reducing Reckless Driving in Washington, D.C.](#) (Commissioner Galvan)
 - b. [Resolution Requesting Striped Crosswalk Improvements At 4th St NE & S St NE](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - c. [Resolution Requesting a Crosswalk on the East Side of 8th St NE & Monroe St NE](#) (Commissioner Sahni)
 - d. [Resolution Requesting Sidewalk Restoration and Accessibility Improvements at 3031 8th St NE](#) (Commissioner Sahni)
 - e. [Resolution Requesting Budget Support to Maintain a Public Restroom in Alethia Tanner Park](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - f. [Resolution Requesting Budget Support for Drainage and Safety Improvements to the Metropolitan Branch Trail](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - g. [Resolution Requesting Budget Support to Re-Establish Bus Lanes on Rhode Island Avenue and Close a Crosswalk Gap](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - h. [Resolution Support With Condition NOI 25-36-CPD](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - i. [Resolution in Support of BZA 21276 \(151 T St NE\)](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henschman)
 - j. [Resolution Requesting Budget Support for \\$10M Increase to Harry Thomas Recreation Center](#) (Commissioner Galvan) **ITEM MOVED TO ACTION AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE**
 - k. [Resolution Requesting Budget Support for Tree Establishment and Maintenance of Public Street Trees](#) (Commissioner Galvan)

- l. [ANC 5F Resolution Requesting Budget Support for DOEE Additional Inspectors \(Commissioner Galvan\)](#)
- m. [Resolution Conditionally Supporting Lona Alia's BZA Case 21080 at 2017 Rear 2nd Street NE \(Commissioner Galvan\)](#)
- n. Commissioner Galvan motions to approve the consent agenda
- o. Seconded by Commissioner Rzendzian

Vote to approve the resolutions listed in the consent agenda

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahn	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

Motion approved 7-0-0, all resolutions passed.

11. Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)
 - a. Resolution to Approve minor updates requested by ABCA to the [Settlement Agreement Negotiated between The Family Tree, LLC, and Commissioner Galvan](#)
 - Updates: ANC 5F agreed on modifications to the resolution and agreement. Following ANC approval and settlement, the business owner was arrested. ANC is awaiting ABCA decision.
 - Settlement Details: Section 6BI refers to providing a trash can and maintaining trash collection. The business owner will also provide signage within the establishment to restrict illegal parking. Considering updates and the settlement agreement, the ANC may provide consideration or defaults for the settlement agreement.
 - Commissioner Galvan requests that Commissioner Anderson preside over the vote.
 - Commissioner Anderson motions for a roll call vote to approve minor updates to the agreement.
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconds the motion.

Roll call vote to approve minor updates

Commissioner Nicole Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Aru Sahn	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

Motion approved 7-0-0.

- b. Approval of Friends of the Metropolitan Branch Trail Grant Request (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
- [Grant application](#)
 - [Supporting documents](#)
12. Other reports or presentations (10-minute presentation, 5-minute Q&A each item)
- a. Application No. 21288 of Shilja Nair and Vijaylakshmi Vellayan for BZA Variance on Channing Street NE (Square 3555, Lot 800) - Pending BZA Hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, @ 9:30 a.m.
- **This discussion is postponed until the April 15, 2025 meeting.**
- b. Harry Thomas Recreation Center Renovation (Commissioner Rzendzian)
- The last updates to Harry Thomas Recreation Center were in 1999. The facility now needs to replace the roof and the HVAC system. The budgeted \$19 million will not cover all the costs.
 - Commissioner Galvan motions to vote on the Harry Thomas Recreation Center Renovation Resolution
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded the motion

Vote for Harry Thomas Recreation Center Renovation

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

Motion approved 7-0-0.

Commissioner Anderson motions to vote.

Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded motion to vote.

Vote on [Resolution Conditionally Supporting Lona Alia's BZA Case 21080 at 2017 Rear 2nd Street NE \(Commissioner Galvan\)](#) Lona Alia

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

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion Commissioner Galvan

Second Commissioner Rzendzian

Vote for Friends of MBT Grant

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

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Comment: Commissioner Williams will still seek out additional help from Bryant St Management.

13. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)

a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)

- New renewal for Chadol (Commissioner Williams SMD)
- 4/21 do not anticipate substantial community feedback, meeting on 4/2
- Continuously asking for any community feedback within ANC 5F alcohol or cannabis licenses:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM3nvuumRskwtF8J8nKe5IeJF4lIphooevxO7cFUg_Vh9iw/viewform
- Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. We rely on Commissioners to share meeting minutes and welcome more members to bring a variety of perspectives.
- Edgewood International - Protest meeting upcoming
- Family Tree - Consider the quantity of what was seized
- ABCA is cracking down on illegal business
- Deadlines/Dates to Note
 - 4/1 - new medical registration
 - 5/12 orientation for new commissioners
 - 4/16 ABCA closed for Emancipation Day

b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)

- Community Engagement Strategy: Meet & Greet - April at Alethia Tanner Park. We are focusing on events within the area and surrounding ANC 5F. There are some pre-identified events where we plan to pass out flyers.

- We encourage you to become a block captain if you are interested in participating and connecting with your ANC Commissioners.
 - ASK OF COMMISSIONERS: Connect Daniel with other ANC Commissioners to create awareness around the Gun Violence Reduction Resolution (E-connection as a warm hand off).
 - Safety Meet & Greet at Alethia Tanner Park 3/25 6:00 pm.
 - Next Resolutions: Reckless Driving and Traffic Violence submitted to ANC 5F. Next, looking into Moped (and ATVs?).
 - DOEE is looking for people to volunteer as community members to monitor air pollution:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx>
 - **Now is a better time than most to reach out to Congress, especially those in the House. You can request that they pass the amendment and ensure we are fully funded.**
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
- The committee has been working on many resolutions and has provided insight for other committees' resolutions.
 - Meetings first Monday of the month (Zoom).
- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman reported that ZAD met to review and approve resolutions that the Commission adopted tonight.
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garrett)
- Commissioner Sahni attended: Awaiting updates. Nick Semitelli wrote an article envisioning what a library in NE could look like, including community engagement sessions.
14. Appointments to committees or task forces
- N/A
15. Comments
- Plan to discuss neighbors' request for an Edgewood Day clean-up day during our April Regular Meeting.
16. Adjourn – 9:06 pm