

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

ANC 5A Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

- I. Call meeting to order: 6:50 p.m.
- II. Quorum: Present: 5A02-Thomas, 5A04-Hermes, 5A03-Lucio, and 5A09-Bocoum
5A03-Lucio had to leave early. 5A08-Alston and 5A06-Holloway arrived late
- III. Introduction of new Commissioner for 5A04 - Jack Hermes. Welcome!
- IV. Agenda Review/Acceptance: Motion to accept agenda Bocoum, second Thomas. Motion passed.
- V. Commission Business
 - A. Minutes (February 2025): Motion to approve minutes Bocoum, second Thomas. Motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's report. March monthly Treasurer's report emailed to commissioners. Balance is still \$103,095.69. No transactions in the past month. Motion to accept Treasurer's report Thomas, second Hermes. Motion passed.
 - C. We plan to pay for our Zoom account and Post Office Box. Will be reported on next month.
 - D. Request by Commissioner Alston for a laptop and phone. We have the money in our budget. Request tabled until next executive meeting.
- VI. Commission Action Items & Updates
 - A. 5A09 - Social Justice School, currently located in temporary classrooms next to Fort Totten Metro Station, is planning to build out a vacant warehouse as their permanent location. They requested a letter of support: Bocoum moved that ANC 5A write a letter of support for SJS. Seconded by Alston. Motion passed.
 - B. McDonald's Construction Update: Restaurant has closed down. Demolition scheduled to start in April. Still on schedule to complete construction by Labor Day weekend. One lane of Delafield will be temporarily closed. Rat abatement treatment took place in the area, including on the hillside and behind the strip mall between the McDonald's and the church.

VII. Community Updates

A. Mayor's Office. Anthony Black, Ward 5 Community Relations Manager, MOCRS

1. Mayor Bowser will present her budget to the DC Council on April 2. Concern about possible \$1 billion cut. This issue may or may not be resolved by then. Further discussions will take place in April and May.
2. Office of the Clean City would like to announce that any DC resident can organize a community cleanup. They will provide rakes, gloves & pickers.
3. Street sweeping is in effect. There are fines for not moving your car.
4. MySchoolDC Lottery results will be announced on March 28.
5. Community concerned about broken slide at NMP Rec Center playground. Requests to 311 to have this repaired have been submitted dozens of times over the past year.
6. For any concerns, reach out to Mr. Black at (202) 251-5049 anthony.black@dc.gov Website: <https://mocrs.dc.gov/> or Ms. Christian Starghill, christian.starghill@dc.gov
7. Their days to be out in the Ward 5 community are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if you would like to schedule a meeting or site visit.

B. Councilmember Zachary Parker's office. Oliver Stoute, Constituent Services Director ostoute@dccouncil.gov and Andrianna Lovelance, newly hired Constituent Services Coordinator: alovelace@dccouncil.gov

1. Concern about possible \$1 billion DC budget cut. Councilmember Parker joined Mayor Bowser and CFO and Council colleagues at a press conference calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a bill already passed by the U.S. Senate to restore DC's right to spend our own money as passed in our FY2025 budget.
2. In recognition of many federal employees facing job losses, the DC gov't has launched a new landing page for navigating unemployment and job searches. <https://does.dc.gov/page/resources-impacted-federal-workers>
3. DPW waste collection event Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at RFK lot. Hazardous waste, electronics, paper shredding, etc. Registration required. Space is limited so please sign up only if you actually plan to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dpw-special-waste-collection-event-saturday-apr-19-at-rfk-lot-3-tickets-1278463521809>

4. Providence Hospital redevelopment is moving forward. Townhomes and retail will replace the main hospital; however, the OAG has secured a favorable deal including \$5 million to support health care in DC. The medical offices and urgent care will remain in place. See details at <https://www.providencereimagined.com/> and OAG press release at <https://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-schwalb-secures-revised>
5. Cmbr Parker & staff met with MPD 4th District Commander Lavenhouse and other officers of 3rd, 4th, and 5th Districts of MPD. There are plans to increase police surveillance in the Queen's Chapel and Turkey Thicket areas.
6. For any public safety and security concerns, reach out to Oliver Stoute and he will convey your concern to MPD. Oliver Stoute ostoute@dccouncil.gov 771-333-9912
7. Sign up to receive Cmbr Parker's weekly newsletter at: <https://mailchi.mp/dccouncil/newsletter-sign-up> (You can also view past editions of the newsletter at this site.)
8. If you have a constituent services request, first try 311, but then fill out <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/constituent-services/#submit-form> to request assistance from the Councilmember's office.
9. Providence Hospital redevelopment is moving forward. Townhomes (including affordable units) and retail will replace the main hospital; however, the medical offices and urgent care will remain in place. OAG has secured a favorable deal including \$5 million to support health care in DC. See details at <https://www.providencereimagined.com/> and <https://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-schwalb-secures-revised> More info to come on this redevelopment. (Cmr Holloway expressed strong opposition to this redevelopment project.)
10. Cmr Alston requested Cmbr Parker's office organize an ANC 5A community day to have the police and fire department come out and so that neighbors can meet each other. She complimented the team on their hard work and everything they are doing.
11. Cmr Hermes thanked Cmbr Parker's team for their efforts fighting to restore DC's funding and complimented them on their Instagram page.

VIII. Community Comment Period

- A. Jamal expressed concern about Brookland Ridge Apartments. Trees keep falling from private property onto Varnum St. Cmr. Holloway said he will check with Horning Brothers (property owners) and request that they resolve this issue immediately.

- B. Cmr Alston mentioned that Z Burger is increasing their hours, including serving breakfast, and offering a 15% discount to 5A residents upon request.
 - C. Cmr Alston will check with the medical marijuana establishment to find out if they are still planning on opening their business next to the McDonald's on South Dakota Ave.
 - D. Cmr Alston and Cmr Holloway will plan block parties this spring or summer.
 - E. Cmr Alston would like to see more programs for senior citizens, such as a community orchestra.
 - F. Bill Smith requested more SMD meetings and to make sure they are posted on the website.
- X. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.
- XI. Adjourned at 7:56 p.m. 25 residents present

Prepared by: Emily Singer Lucio (5A03), Chairperson/Secretary

Approved on: April 23, 2025

Attested by:

Emily Singer Lucio
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