



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

Monthly Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Washington, DC 20002

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

Call to Order & Roll Call (7:05 PM)

Present: Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Saucedo-Guzman, McCray, McCullum, Green-Campbell
Absent: Holsendorf

The single member district (SMD) seat 5D04 in central Trinidad has a newly titled commissioner. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman is awaiting confirmation that the new commissioner has been sworn in and can therefore join the public meetings as a voting member of the commission.

Adoption of the Agenda

Comm. Rhodes motioned to amend the resolution for the eminent domain to a voting item. Second Saucedo-Guzman. Vote: 5-0-1

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0

Adoption of the Minutes

Comm. Arbuckle motioned to adopt the draft minutes for March 2025 as noticed in the agenda. Second Roblin. Vote: 6-0-0.

Committee Reports

7:14 Trash and Beautification (Roblin)

Spring cleaning event 4/26 9:30-11:30 crews leaving from 3 different locations (trinidad rec, old cvs parking lot, joe cole rec center parking lot) 12-2 health resource fair most likely at old cvs parking lot

The next regularly scheduled, public meeting will begin at 7PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

ANC 5D Commissioners 2023-2024	5D01: Hector Arbuckle	5D02: Sebrena Rhodes	5D03: Anna Roblin
	5D04: VACANT	5D05: S. Saucedo-Guzman	5D06: Charquinta McCray
	5D07: Juan McCullum	5D08: Juanita Holsendorf	5D09: Crystal Green-Campbell

With 9 Commissioners in-office, 5 constitute a quorum.

7:18 Transportation (McCray - Arbuckle stepped down)

Proposed time of 3rd Wed every month at 7 pm; hoping next guest will be DDOT and DDOT ward 5 rep

7:20 Zoning (Arbuckle)

Standing Presentations

Commissioner Reports (3 Minutes Each)

1 - 2 different businesses seeking to open in Union Market, will be hearing from one of them today and one of them at next meeting

2 - seniors needing volunteer hours, etc

3 - tips for keeping neighborhood clean

5 - lots of issues in the past month. Shootout on Meigs Pl with over 17 shots ringing out. Police presence to address concerns with 1208 Meigs Pl. Random stabbings due to drug situation. Be vigilant; historically Trinidad has a lot of issues in the month of April. DDOT director will be coming to Trinidad at Trinidad Rec Center on 4/26 10 AM

6 - lots of updates

7 - 1835 H St NE development site - the building has had walls/sheathing up since 2021 - that is only supposed to be up for 90 days maximum. Finally relief from DOB - the developer has been granted permission to come in and take that down; city is investigating damage/rot to actual development. Rot is visible to the eye. Seven Foods Store on Benning - early indication of crime. Store is notorious for hangouts, suspect activity in the parking lot. Some conflict with property owner who says this is a police problem but Comm. McCullum thinks the business needs more security. Folks in the neighborhood representing themselves as commissioners when they are not. Monitoring the situation; it is illegal to do this.

8 - Absent

9 - traffic updates

Public Safety Report (7:51 PM)

No one from MPD was present to give the public safety report.

Executive Office of the Mayor: Christian Starghill

7:51 Ms. Starghill - showing support for federal workers - resource portal fedsupport.dc.gov to assist impacted families. Street sweeping in full effect. MySchool DC lottery results announced on 3/28 - stay up to

date on those results, available in your portal. Community cleanups: if you'd like to organize a cleanup reach out to Ms. Starghill and Mr. Black to get assistance and resources. DC emancipation day parade 4/13. WMATA city wide ANC meeting - rsvp at rreyef@wmata.com

Ward 5 Councilmember's Office, Andrianna Lovelace

7:55 Ms. Lovelace new constituent services coordinator - contact with any concerns. DOES website has more information about resources for feds. Drop-off 4/19 drop-off of waste at RFK lot 3. Healthy communities spring cleaning 4/26 - 7 sites set up all over Ward 5. Sign up to host your own site.

DC Department of Public Works, Jacqueline Brooks-Garrett

Ms. Brooks-Garrett was not present for the meeting.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

Requested Presentations

Wheatley Elementary: FIT Concept, Melissa Pegram

Ms. Pegram was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency; the presentation was postponed.

Consent Calendar Items

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| • Admin Personnel Timesheet | Comm. Saucedo-Guzman |
| • Social Media PM Timesheet | Comm. Saucedo-Guzman |
| • Proposal: Pet Waste Receptacles | Comm. Saucedo-Guzman |
| • ABCA Protest: Ivy City | Comm. Rhodes |
| • Proposal: Change of Website Host | Comm. Saucedo-Guzman |

7:59 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to unanimously approve the consent calendar items as presented to the public seven days in advance of the meeting. Second Rhodes. Vote: 7-0-0

Treasurer's Monthly Report (8:01 PM)

FY25 Q2: Jan, Feb, Mar

Beginning balance in Jan: 56,558.26

Ending balance at end of Mar: 55,378.33

Expenditures: personnel, comms, and office internet. Total of \$1,179.93

OANC allotment not yet received but the paperwork has been started.

8:06 Comm. McCray moved to approve the FY25 Q2 QFR. Second Rhodes. Vote: 7-0-0

Voting Actions

BZA #21279: 400 Morse St. NE, Lawrence Ferris (8:27 PM)

Requesting special exception approval for eating and drinking establishment including live performance venue on portion of first floor. (all inside, no external performance). The zoning allows this use with BZA approval Making small changes to the building (this is where Palette 22 was) to make room for stage. Venue just needed added enhancement to make it work. Building will look the same with updated branding (not Palette 22 anymore). Limited portion of 1st floor will be performance component. NPS certification due to historic restoration and not planning to change that. Love Union Market, needed to change concept.

BZA app is requesting special exception approval from BZA. Special exception to permit eating and drinking establishment with live performance venue.

Will local artists and folks involved like they were in Palette 22? Most assuredly - core of this concept success is identifying and promoting local artists.

Will sound be heard from performances? No - entirely internal to the building with no external performances or external amplification.

8:43 Comm. Arbuckle moved to support the application to the BZA. Second Green-Campbell. Votes: all yes (did roll call)

Vote:

SMD	5D01	5D02	5D03	5D04	5D05	5D06	5D07	5D08	5D09
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Y

Tally: 7-0-0

Resolution: Ivy City Resilience Hub, Comm. Rhodes

8:08 Eminent domain resolution: seeks to use ED to take over the site at corner of Fenwick and Capital Pl. They use cancer causing chemicals. Would like everyone in Ward 5 to join and support this bill being passed. This is coming from CM Parker's office with help from Empower DC and others. This affects the entire city.

Comm. Rhodes motioned that we pass the resolution supporting the Ivy City... of 2025. Second McCullum.

Vote:

SMD	5D01	5D02	5D03	5D04	5D05	5D06	5D07	5D08	5D09
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Y

Tally: 7-0-0

Resolution: Ivy City Cannabis Saturation, Comm. Rhodes

8:19 Cannabis resolution - fighting for our community to be more family-friendly. Cannabis dispensaries want to enter the neighborhood. Don't want to saturate community with distilleries and dispensaries. Need family friendly businesses.

8:26 Comm. Rhodes moved to pass the resolution on ivy city industrial land uses and policy statement on cannabis dispensaries in overburdened neighborhood. Second McCullum.

Vote:

SMD	5D01	5D02	5D03	5D04	5D05	5D06	5D07	5D08	5D09
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Y	Y	Y	Vacant	Abstain

Tally: 6-0-1

Community Feedback & Questions

Comments by Comm. Rhodes

Adjournment (8:50 PM)

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to adjourn the meeting. Second Green-Campbell. Vote: 7-0-0

Approved on: June 08, 2025

Attested by:

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