

**ANC 5F Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

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](https://anc5f.com/meetings)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (Commissioner Galvan) – 7:03 PM

Commissioner Jones	5F01	Present
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Present
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Present
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Present
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Present
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

2. Approval of the Agenda (Commissioner Galvan)

- a. Request for 2025 [Q2 QFR](#) (Commissioner Sahni)
  - i. Added under item 10.
  - ii. Approved by the Commission.
- b. Postpone item 11c until next month. Request to delay from the representative (Sarah Harkcom).
- c. Roll call to approve the agenda.
  - i. Motion to approve by Commissioner Galvan.
  - ii. Seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

**Meeting Minutes approved by the Commission 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of the Minutes (Commissioner Jones)

- a. Meeting Minutes Drafted from March 18, 2025, Regular Meeting.
  - i. Meeting minutes submitted to Commissioners by March 27th.
  - ii. Commissioners provided input into areas that needed additional detail
  - iii. Comment: Commissioner Sahni requests revisions to specify details regarding the QFR 2025 Q1 report.
  - iv. Commissioner Jones motions to approve the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair: Will share a report during the Commissioner announcements.
- b. Vice Chair: No reports.
- c. Treasurer - Will come to the Commission in May about a reimbursement. The 2025 Q2 QFR report will be shared in May as well. The ANC needs to follow up with the grantees on closeout documents. The statement balance at the end of March was \$43,093.94.
- d. Secretary: No reports.

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

- a. Mr. Kennard Boware: Edgewood Violence, A Safer Ward 5. Will be joining meetings to represent the organization.
- b. Ms. Isadora Hudson:
  - i. Is there a new business coming to Alethia Tanner Park?
    1. Commissioner Response: We've heard of a potential cafe, but have not received any permits, requests, etc.
  - ii. Danger and issues on the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT). Is it possible to install bollards, especially where the MBT Metropolitan Branch Trail intersects R St? On April 15, there was a car doing doughnuts in the park at 5:30 pm.
    1. Commissioner Response: The Commission has approved several resolutions that focus on safety on the MBT. We've discussed

fixing the bollard spacing at Randolph and using hardened bollards and the potential for bollards that rise and fall for vehicle entrance.

- c. Mr. William Shelton: Director for A Safer Ward 5. Mr. Shelton is happy to provide insights on various concerns. The goal of the organization is to decrease violence in communities. They have coordinated work a lot with Commissioner Williams before.
  - d. Ms. Delaney: Representing Free DC. Work right now is focused on pressuring the Senate and the House of Representatives to pass an amendment for the DC budget <https://freedcproject.org/>
6. Announcements from Commissioners
- a. Commissioner Bishop Henchman: Over the next month, there will be a sidewalk and crosswalk installation at T St.
  - b. Commissioner Galvan: Edgewood hiring event, Eckington Parks and Arts.
  - c. Commissioner Anderson: Community clean-ups, residents of Shalom House (1876 4th St), Monday, April 21st, 11:00 am, Talisha Taylor is the point of contact.
7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)
- a. NOT PRESENT: Mayor's Office of Community Relations, Anthony Black
  - b. Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker
    - i. Budget
      - 1. The District is awaiting the House to act on the budget and the Mayor's budget. Previously scheduled budget hearings are no longer relevant. For every day the budget is delayed, it overcomplicates the process (there is a 10-day review period for the budget). The Council's goals are to ensure communities are clean and safe, schools keep running, and our communities continue to be invested in and continue supporting benefits (SNAP, TANF). If this does not move forward, there will be budget cuts.
    - ii. Public Safety and Violence Prevention Resolution
      - 1. Council Member Parker's Office is aware of the resolution. Please join the Ward 5 Public Safety call (last Wednesday of the month) to discuss your concerns!
    - iii. FOIA for DC, the FOIA law will be expanded.
    - iv. Bottle Bill - there is discussion among warehouses and distributors.

- v. Emery House - will follow up on the status of this.
- 8. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item)
- 9. Consent Agenda

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

- a. [Resolution Urging Maximum Flexibility Within RA-1 \(Residential Apartment Zoning Regulations\)](#). (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-025, by a vote of 5-0-0.**
- b. [Resolution Requesting Applications for Beautification Grants](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). Removed from the action agenda.

**Vote to approve the consent agenda**

Commissioner Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

**Consent agenda approved, 5-0-0.**

10. Action Agenda (10 mins. each item)

- a. [Resolution Requesting Applications for Beautification Grants](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
  - i. ANC 5E has done this. This could be a great opportunity to beautify (\$7,500 for 5E civic associations).
  - ii. Grants need to go to organizations, and the ANC can help pool resources to help beautify the neighborhood. Any one organization can only receive so much, and this needs to be reviewed by OANC.
  - iii. Commissioner Sahni: What is beautification?
  - iv. Commissioner Bishop Henchman: We can determine what beautification is and guide the organizations.
  - v. Eckington Civic Association, Eckington Parks, and Edgewood Civic Association can serve as the umbrella organizations.

- vi. Recommend that the funds be tied to discrete efforts and time-based (e.g., projects completed within a quarter).
- vii. Ms. Hudson: \$1500 per intersection is feasible for projects completed in Eckington.

Commissioner Sahni motions to vote on the resolution.

Commissioner Jones seconds the motion.

Vote to approve Resolution Requesting Applications for Beautification Grants

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Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

**The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-024, by a vote of 5-0-0.**

b. 2025 Q1 QFR report

- i. The 2025 Q1 QFR covers the funds from January 1 - March 31.
- ii. The 2025 Q1 QFR was submitted to the Commission on April 13. The funds in the account totaled \$37,115.97 on March 31.

Commissioner Bishop Henschman moves to adopt.

Seconded by Commissioner Galvan.

Vote to approve the 2025 Q1 QFR.

Commissioner Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop Henderson	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Not Present

**2025 Q1 QFR approved, 5-0-0.**

11. Other reports or presentations (10-minute presentation, 5-minute Q&A for each item)

a. Presentation by DDOT on Lincoln Road Bikeway (Valentina Facuse)

- i. Welcome feedback related to designs and preferences. DDOT is focused on designing with complete streets methods so that streets are safer for everyone.
- ii. Slides:  
<https://app.box.com/s/1y2boln6yn2y8uzsjqsv2thka963o3pj>
- iii. Neighbor: Keeping along the West side to connect to Lincoln Rd from 4th St.
- iv. Mr E: Assume an increase in moped use and parking in this area.
- v. Mr. Knight: Living on Lincoln but sees concerns with biking up the hill (preference to East side), drivers don't typically realize there are bikers on 4th St, wants to ensure connection.
- vi. Moira: Biking with kids, excited about more bike lanes that allow easier access to all the schools, no doubt that this will encourage more cyclists to come to the schools.
- vii. Caroline O'Shea: Encourage incorporating traffic safety and traffic calming along Lincoln Rd and Rhode Island intersection, and throughout the corridor.

b. ERCPCP / A Safer Ward 5 Presentation by William Shelton (Commissioner Williams)

- i. Introduced during announcements.

c. POSTPONED: BZA Application - Square 3555, Lot 800 (Sarah Harkcom, Legal Assistant/BZA Specialist)

d. NOT PRESENT WILL RESCHEDULE: RiverSmart Homes Program (DOEE - Skye Webster)

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

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

i. Alcohol

1. Busboys and Poets, May 27
2. Dance Place, May 27
3. Alamo Drafthouse, May 27
4. The Crucible, May 27
5. Chadol, April 21

ii. Cannabis

1. 2 Florida Ave will become the Dubbie Depot
2. Cloud Nine, open and compliant
3. Enforcing closures started on 4/1

- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
    - i. Recap April 2 Listening session at Harry Thomas for gun violence in the area and other public safety concerns
      - 1. 40+ community members
      - 2. Dozens of DC representatives and organizations
      - 3. Major concerns and solutions discussed
      - 4. Desire for public health approaches to be used to address safety concerns
    - ii. Cleaning around the schools and using DPR around Langley Elementary
    - iii. Community engagement and outreach
    - iv. Gun Violence and Prevention - ANC 5A, 5C, and 5E
    - v. Bottle Bill testimony
    - vi. DC Justice Lab - event  
<https://dcjusticelab.org/pta-sf/>
  - c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
    - i. Next meeting May 5th
  - d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
    - i. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: No business, did not meet this month
  - e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garrett)
    - i. Commissioner Sahni: January presentation by DCPL shared findings and updates, determining top locations. March 11, Nick Semintelli presented and shared findings from conducting site visits.
13. Appointments to committees or task forces - No appointments.
14. Adjourn – 9:00 pm
- a. Sahni motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Commissioner Jones seconded.

/s/ Nicole Jones  
Approved 5/20/25