

**ANC 5F Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025**

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

Commissioner	SMD	Status
Commissioner Jones	5F01	Present
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Present
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Present
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Present
Commissioner Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Present
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Present

All 5F Commissioners present.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Commissioner Galvan)

Motion to approve Commissioner Galvan

Seconded Commissioner Sahni

Commissioner	SMD	Vote
Commissioner Jones	5F01	Yes
Commissioner Sahni	5F02	Yes
Commissioner Williams	5F03	Not Present
Commissioner Galvan	5F04	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	5F05	Yes
Commissioner Bishop-Henchman	5F06	Yes
Commissioner Rzendzian	5F07	Yes

3. Approval of the Minutes (Commissioner Jones)

- a. Meeting Minutes Drafted from April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting and shared with Commissioners May 14.
- b. Motion Commissioner Jones
- c. Seconded Commissioner Bishop Henchman

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Minutes approved as drafted.

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair: No report.
- b. Vice Chair: No report.
- c. Treasurer: At the end of April, the total balance in our account was \$41,818.94. This balance reflects the cashing of the \$1,275.00 grant to Friends of Metropolitan Branch Trail (FoMBT). Back in good standing with OANC. Issues with the EIN from the previous bank account.
- d. Secretary: No report.

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

- a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
- b. Julia Headland, from Eckington (Commissioner Rzendzian)
 - Representing FREE DC, extremely active and promoting DC home rule, advocating for the DC budget. Successful campaign against Ed Martin for DC US Attorney. Welcome more people to get involved.
<https://freedcproject.org/>
 - Langley Forrest Garden & Harry Thomas Recreation
 - Mulberry trees, figs, and other fruit for picking on Sunday, June 8th.
- c. Jennifer Vaughan, relator, 15 Todd Pl NE
 - Rat infestation - submitted 311 request, asking for:
 - 1) Enforce trash laws: ticketing for illegal dumping, posting and signage with penalties, and holding landlords accountable for tenant compliance.
 - 2) Increase trash pickup to twice weekly,
 - 3) Encourage a pilot program for real solutions: rat-proof trash cans (similar to those in front of Big Bear). The issue is that rats are not dying as fast as they breed. Consider ContraPest to manage rat fertility.
- d. Kems (T St NE)

- Working to address and remediate the rodent issue. Hoping to come together to address this. Neighbors are spending A LOT of money to improve and repair their homes and cars. We need more help.
 - e. Shealia Tyson (Edgewood Community)
 - Speaking on behalf of the seniors related to the bus systems. Seniors now have to travel from 7th St to 4th St to get on the bus that goes to Washington Hospital Center.
 - f. Commissioner Follow-up
 - Consider attending the DPW budget hearing on June 17th at 12:00 pm.
 - g. Sandrine, a Community member of Eckington
 - h. Michael Clark, Edgewood Civic Association
 - Connect with the DC Department of Health. They can support rat abatement inspections and identify solutions.
- 6. Announcements from Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman
 - Checking for our Edgewood/Eckington library in the DC budget
 - Checking for the NoMa 3rd station in the DC budget
 - New sidewalk on T St and 5th St – Thank you for your patience!
 - WAMATA's new bus networks start on June 29th, 2025.
 - b. Commissioner Galvan
 - Lincoln protected bike lane and feedback:
 - <https://bikelanes.ddot.dc.gov/pages/lincoln-rd-ne>
 - Project Open House on Saturday, June 21 at 11:00 am
 - 301 Franklin St NE, Washington, District of Columbia, 20002 (Edgewood Recreation Center)
 - <https://bikelanes.ddot.dc.gov/events/lincoln-road-ne-protected-bike-lane-project-open-house>
 - New Trader Joe's now open in Edgewood!
- 7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)
 - a. NOT PRESENT: Mayor's Office of Community Relations Anthony Black
 - b. NOT PRESENT: Ward 5 Office Councilmember Zachary Parker
- 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. TBD
- 10. Action Agenda (10 min)
 - a. Approval of [modified QFR](#) (Commissioner Sahni)
 - b. Commissioner Sahni
 - Quarterly Financial Report - received allotment of \$400...
 - Commissioner Sahni moves to adopt
 - Second Commissioner Bishop Henchman

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2025 Q2 QFR is approved 7-0-0.

11. Other reports or presentations (10 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)
 - a. BZA Application - Square 3555, Lot 800 (Sarah Harkcom, Legal Assistant/BZA Specialist)
 - BZA hearing June 25th (request for variance).
 - b. NOT PRESENT: RiverSmart Homes Program (DOEE - Skye Webster)
12. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)
 - a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
 - Met May 12 to discuss renewals
 - Poets and Bus Boys
 - Dance Place
 - The Crucible
 - Alamo Cinema and Drafthouse
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM3nvuumRskwtF_8J8nK_e5leJF4lIphooevxO7cFUg_Vh9iw/viewform
 - No issues or protests
 - Next Meeting June 4th
 - New applicant: The Alero will provide insight and background on their new restaurant in 5F06.
 - Send any feedback to Commissioner Bishop Henchman and Ms. Coughlin.
 - b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
 - Rescheduling next month's meeting.
 - Updates for Commissioners
 - Rat abatement resolution through the PSH Committee.
 - Community Engagement
 - Outreach at events (NoMa Bid - Cinematic, Sunset Sounds, Farmers Market, NoMa in Color, Pumpkinpalooza)
 - Assets
 - a. MBT connections
 - Resolutions

- a. Substance Use (Place-based resolution)
 - Community Tip!
 - Active survey: Complete the Harry Thomas Recreation Survey!
<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/harry-thomas-recreation-center>
 - c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
 - Lincoln Road Open House June 21, 11:00 am
 - Edgewood Recreation Center: 301 Franklin St NE, Washington, District of Columbia, 20002
 - <https://bikelanes.ddot.dc.gov/events/lincoln-road-ne-protected-bike-lane-project-open-house>
 - Ensure 5F is included and served by the budget
 - The committee will consider how to notify community members of the Lincoln Rd bicycle lane.
 - d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
 - No business
 - e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garrett)
 - The committee is drafting a letter to DCPL to acknowledge and reestablish that our library is on track.
 - Conducting an assessment of other trail access libraries.
 - Next meeting June 10th
- 13. Appointments to committees or task forces
 - a. Add Caroline O'Shea to Public Safety and Health
 - Motion by Commissioner Galvan
 - Seconded by Commissioner Bishop-Henchman
 - No objections
- 14. Adjourn – 8:19 pm
 - a. Commissioner Galvan motioned to adjourn.
 - b. Commissioner Bishop Henchman seconded.

/s/ Nicole Jones
Approved 6/17/25