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ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (September 2025) Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Present: Commissioners Kyle Gardiner, Karla M. Lewis, Huma Imtiaz, Alice Thompson, Kirby Vining.

1. Commissioner Imtiaz provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
2. The meeting was held in virtually via Zoom and began at 7 p.m. ET with a quorum with 4 Commissioners present (ANC 5E is composed of 6 Commissioners with 1 SMD currently vacant, such that 3 Commissioners constitute a quorum).
3. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the September 2025 Meeting Agenda as amended. Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.
 - a. Motion to approve the September 2025 Meeting Agenda passed via voice vote with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
4. Commissioner Vining moved to approve the consent calendar with the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Gardiner seconded the motion.
 - a. Motion to approve the consent calendar item passed via voice vote with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
5. Commissioner Vining presented the Treasurer's report.
 - a. Commissioner Vining presented bills and reimbursements.
 - i. Commission Vining moved to approve a reimbursement of \$88.74 to Commissioner Gardiner for permissible expenses associated with a community event; a payment of \$150 for an invoice from the ANC 5E virtual assistant for the billing period of June-August 2025; and permission for Commissioner Vining to incur \$359.29 of expenses associated with constituent communication. Commissioner Gardiner seconded.
 1. Motion to approve passed via voice vote with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
 - b. Commissioner Vining presented on the ANC 5E FY 2026 budget. Commissioner Vining moved that ANC 5E approve the proposed FY 2026 budget including the following line-item details: Communications (\$1,000);

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Office Supply (\$1,000); Grants (\$6,500); POServ [virtual assistant] (\$3,000); Bank fees (\$100); Other (\$4,634). Commissioner Gardiner seconded.

- i. Motion to approve the budget passed via voice vote with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

6. Commissioner Reports

- a. Commissioner Gardiner provided updates on his SMD.
- b. Commissioner Lewis provided updates on her SMD.

7. Community Comments

- a. Tijuana Griffin
- b. Donice Clark (USAO)

8. Presentations

- a. Stronghold Civic Association Block Party Grant Application
 - i. Prior to the initiation of the presentation, Commissioner Vining read the following into the meeting and then recused himself from the grant application presentation, deliberation, and vote:
 1. "ANC 5E06 Commissioner Vining is an officer in the Stronghold Civic Association (SCA) which has a grant application before ANC 5E tonight. Because Commissioner Vining's position as an SCA officer meets the very definition of "affiliation" for purposes of conflict of interest, Commissioner Vining will recuse himself from discussion and voting on this matter and leave the meeting, returning and resuming when this grant application process has concluded at tonight's ANC 5E meeting. Commissioner Vining does not stand to benefit by approval or denial of this grant application in either an SCA or ANC capacity, but is formally recusing himself, in accordance with guidance from both the OANC and BEGA to clarify this deliberate distancing of himself from any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest."
 - ii. Craig Williams presented a grant application for the Stronghold Civic Association block party event. Commissioner Gardiner moved to approve the grant application. Commissioner Thompson seconded.
 1. Motion to approve the grant application passed via voice

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vote with a 4-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y),
Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y),
Commissioner Thompson (Y).

- b. TOPS 441571 Mi Casa Project Revisions – Florida Avenue NW and Q St. NW
 - i. Greg Powell presented on minor revisions to the Mi Casa project.
 - ii. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the changes presented by Mi Casa and that, if a letter of support is requested by the Public Space Committee, ANC 5E will forward such letter. Commissioner Thompson seconded.
 - 1. Motion to approve the letter of support passed via voice vote with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

9. ANC Business

- a. Resolution on New Bus Stop Shelters and DDOT Franchise Agreement
 - i. Commissioner Imtiaz moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Gardiner seconded.
 - 1. Motion to approve the resolution passed via voice vote with a 4-1-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (N).
- b. Letter on TOPS PSRA Permit Tracking #472712 – 1600 North Capitol St NW
 - i. Commissioner Lewis moved to oppose the application. Commissioner Thompson seconded.
 - 1. Motion to oppose the application passed via voice vote with a 3-0-2 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (A), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (A), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- c. ABRA-130647 Bacio Pizzeria– alcoholic beverage license renewal ABRA
 - i. Commissioner Imtiaz moved to support the renewal. Commissioner Vining seconded.
 - 1. Motion to approve the resolution passed via voice vote with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- d. Update on Great American Bistro/Oasis DC Draft Settlement Agreement (ABRA-116742).
 - i. Commissioner Gardiner moved to approve a draft Settlement

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Agreement between ANC 5E and the Applicant. Commissioner Lewis offered a friendly amendment to include, in the provisions pertaining to the hours of operation, the specific operating hours currently ordered by the Board of Zoning Adjustment under Case No. 19607. Commissioner Gardiner accepted the amendment. Commissioner Vining seconded the motion.

1. Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement passed via voice vote with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- e. Commissioner Vining moved that ANC 5E authorize the ANC 5E treasurer to move \$202.44 from budget category 9/other to budget category 4/office supply and to move \$2,365.70 from budget category 9/other to budget category 5/grants to cover two expenses approved for payment at this evening's ANC 5E meeting recorded in the minutes. Commissioner Gardiner seconded.
 - i. Motion to approve passed via voice vote with a 5-0-0 vote: Commissioner Gardiner (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Thompson (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
- f. Discussion of the Letter of Support for MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital Request for Traffic Safety Assessment by DDOT was tabled.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 819 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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