

**ANF 5F Regular Meeting
September 16, 2025
Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Commissioner Galvan noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- b. Attendance Roll Call:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Attendance
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Present
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Present
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Present
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Present
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Present
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Present

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the agenda to include late-noticed items ([Grant application](#) for the Eckington Civic Association to support Eckington Day & [Resolution Requesting Litter Can Additions and restorations in Eckington](#)). Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection.
- b. Commissioner Galvan moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded. Roll call on the approval of the agenda, as amended:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Yes
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Not Present
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The agenda as amended was adopted, 6-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes of the July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting (Commissioner Jones). Action on this item was deferred.
- b. Minutes of the September 2, 2025 Special Meeting (Commissioner Jones). Action on this item was deferred.
- c. Approval of amendment to the minutes from the May 2025 regular meeting to change all "modified QFR" references to "Q2 QFR" (Commissioner Sahni). Commissioner Sahni moved to suspend the rules and amend the May 2025 minutes reference to "modified QFR" to instead read "Q2 QFR." Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded. Roll call on the suspension of the rules and amendment to the minutes:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The suspension of the rules and amendment were adopted, 6-0-0.

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair (Commissioner Galvan): No report.
- b. Vice Chair (Commissioner Anderson): ANC 5F has a grants program. We will discuss an application later in the agenda. The next application deadline is in November and we will be awarding successful grants they will be awarded in December. The grant application is straightforward; it will require a Commissioner to sponsor the grant and shepherd the process forward. We ask that grants are submitted at least two weeks before the November meeting, which will take place on November 18, 2025.
- c. Treasurer (Commissioner Sahni): The July statement ended with a balance of \$45,922.77. The August statement ended with a balance of \$45,922.77. Once our QFR is unstuck, we should see our Q4 allotment. We are still contemplating the process for moving banks. Commissioner Anderson will be working with Commissioner Sahni.
- d. Secretary (Commissioner Jones): Meeting minutes for July 16, 2025, are not complete. We will need to schedule a second meeting ahead of the October Regular Meeting to approve these minutes and our Special Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025.

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

- a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
 - No public comments.

6. Announcements from Commissioners

- a. Commissioner Sahni: DC Water is continuing to do Lead Pipe Abatement, this is offered by the city. This is important for the health and safety of residents.
- b. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: At 5th and W NE there is a Medical Cannabis store opening up. Executed a settlement agreement. They are looking for support for zoning change to allow for digital golf at the location.
- c. Commissioner Jones: Week without Driving: Monday, September 29 - Sunday, October 5. Encourages District residents to switch out a car commute with walking, biking, or transit: <https://weekwithoutdriving.org/>. DC Fall Prevention Awareness Week: September 22 - 26. Stop by one of the events to learn more about fall prevention and local services <https://dacl.dc.gov/event/falls-prevention-awareness-week-2025-udc>

- d. Commissioner Anderson: Ward 5 Advocacy Day
 - e. Commissioner Galvan: Rescheduling for the Lincoln Rd information session. Challenges with design. Plan to re-engage with 5F and reschedule an open house for this Fall.
7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)
- a. Mayor's Office of Community Relations Anthony Black: Not present, no update provided.
 - b. Ward 5 Office Councilmember Zachary Parker: Councilmember Parker's office shared updates on federal actions, DC's budget, the RFK vote, and upcoming events.
8. **Review and Approval of the [Proposed FY26 Budget](#):** moved to the action agenda.
9. **Presentations Relating to Agenda Items** (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item):
None

10. Consent Agenda

Roll call on the consent agenda:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

- a. [Resolution Supporting B26-0226 Place-Based Substance Use Disorder Outreach Amendment Act](#) (Commissioner Galvan). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-047, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- b. [Resolution on Rodent Control, Abatement, and Mitigation](#) (Commissioner Anderson). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-048, by a vote of 6-0-0.**
- c. [Resolution requesting north-south stop sign at 6th St NE & Evarts St NE \(Commissioners Sahni and Jones\)](#). **The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-049, by a vote of 6-0-0.**

11. Action Agenda

- a. [Grant application](#) for the Eckington Civic Association to support Eckington Day: while ECA is requesting a [\\$2,500 grant](#) for Eckington Day 2025 on October 25, 2025, (Commissioner Anderson). Commissioners Bishop-Henchman and Hedlund noted that they would recuse themselves from this item. Commissioner Anderson moved to

suspend the rules to consider this grant off-cycle, and Commissioner Sahni seconded.

Roll call on suspending the rules:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Abstain
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Abstain

The rules were suspended to consider the grant off-cycle, by a vote of 4-0-2.

Commissioner Sahni moved to approve the grant, and Commissioner Anderson seconded. Roll call on the grant to Eckington Civic Association for Eckington Day 2025:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Abstain
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Abstain

The grant was approved, by a vote of 4-0-2.

b. [Resolution Requesting Litter Can Additions and Restorations in Eckington](#)
(Commissioner Anderson)

- Commissioner Anderson explained that the litter can issue was located at U St NE & Summit PI NE near Yang's Market, and that a litter can has been restored now but to the wrong location.
- Commissioner Anderson moved to amend the second bullet point to read "U St NE & Summit PI NE (restoration of the public litter can to the original location on the Southwest corner of the intersection, in the public space closest to 1940 Summit PI NE)." Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded, and the amendment was adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Galvan moved to amend to add in the paragraph requesting installations: "Rhode Island Ave NE & Lincoln Rd NE, on the southeast corner, adjacent to bus stop D32, in the public space in front of 61 Rhode Island Ave NE (311 SR#25-00586777)." Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded, and the amendment was adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Anderson moves to adopt the resolution as amended, and Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconds.

Roll call on the resolution as amended:

Single Member District	Commissioner	Vote
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-050, by a vote of 6-0-0.

c. [Resolution Adopting ANC 5F 2026 Budget](#) (Commissioner Galvan)

- Commissioner Galvan presented the proposed FY 2026 budget, which would cover October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.
- Commissioner Sahni moved to amend the Communications line by \$240 in Q1 to purchase OnePassword, a secure password system. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconded. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the amendment, to further increase the Communications line by \$700 in each quarter for Quarterly Constituent Outreach reimbursements up to \$100 per commissioner, and by \$2,000 in Q2 for a commission-wide mailer on the adopted meeting calendar. Commissioner Anderson seconded, and the amendment to the amendment was adopted without objection. The amendment was adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the Carryover from Previous Quarter line to read \$48,125.74, which is our estimated amount of ending balance for FY 2025. Commissioner Sahni moved to add a note that FY 2026 Q1 starting balance assumes no additional expenditures from FY 2025 Q4. The amendments were adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to amend to increase the Office Supplies line by \$2,000 in Q1 for purchase of furniture, and by \$150 in each of Q2 and Q3 and Q4 for regular office supply purchases. Commissioner Anderson seconded, and the amendment was adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to amend to increase the Purchase of Service line by \$200 for each quarter to purchase internet service for the Eckington Community Room. Commissioner Sahni seconded, and the amendment was adopted without objection.
- Commissioner Galvan moved to adopt the resolution as amended, and Commissioner Sahni seconded.

Roll call on the resolution as amended:

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5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes

5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-051, by a vote of 6-0-0.

- d. [Resolution on ZC 25-12](#) (Omnibus Text Amendments) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)

- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman explained that the resolution provides the Commission's comments on 24 zoning regulation amendments being proposed by the Office of Planning. He thanked the ZAD committee for developing these at the July meeting. He especially noted the feedback on #10 (reduced parking minimums near high-frequency bus routes) where it is likely OP accidentally left out high-frequency bus routes with alternate service patterns such as Rhode Island Avenue; #16 to relax ADU requirements in line with neighboring states; and #22 to add a catch-all category for street-activation uses where the code allows only designated uses for street frontage. After questions and discussion, Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Sahni seconded.

Roll call on the resolution:

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5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Not Present
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-052, by a vote of 6-0-0.

12. Other reports or presentations (10 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)

- Alex Freedman from the DC Office of Planning provided an update on the DC Comprehensive Plan and obtain feedback from community for the DC2050 Comp Plan.
 - Presentation:
- [DC Advanced Technical Center in Eckington](#) - planned renovations to expand first floor to increase classroom space. (Andrea Zimmerman, Ward 5 Administrator with stakeholders from Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Department of General Services, and the construction contractor)
 - Presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19il3ugKUGC6fnX7o7ZKH21faSQI8hMmL/view>

- This year they opened a second location in Ward 8.
- Expansion in Ward 5 ATC in the historic Schlitts building bounded by Randolph, 4th, R, and the MBT. They are at capacity and need more space. Sticking within the IT and Medical field. Bringing in Children's National and MedStar as partners. Discussion included parking, student transportation, timing of renovations (starting in the fall for a year), and tree coverage.
- c. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to extend the time of adjournment from 9:30 PM to 9:45 PM. Commissioner Anderson seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection.
- d. Gail Kohn discussing the Age Friendly Block by Block Walking Audit Overview (10 minutes) (Commissioner Jones)
 - Presentation:
 - Commissioner Sahni: Will this result in the mobilization of city services? When this was completed in 2014, DDOT was advised to protect and enhance sidewalks. Sidewalks have again become less important than streets. The hope is to revive the focus on walking and mobility. Encourage more information input into 311. Commissioner Anderson: Walkability is important to all of us as Commissioners. 5F04 is important because it straddles Eckington and Edgewood. This can hopefully help better connect the two neighborhoods.

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

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
 - Renewal notices from:
 - Metrobar
 - Dew Drop Inn
 - Chair will reach out if there is any feedback from Commissioners.
 - Meeting with new ownership of Mac's Liquors on 4th and Rhode Island. They have requested extending hours to match nearby establishments, which would require an amendment to the settlement agreement.
- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
 - Thank you to Commissioner Jones, Galvan, and Caroline for tabling on behalf of ANC 5F and our PSH Committee at the NoMa BID NoMa in Color Mira Festival! I heard it was a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and I encourage Commissioners Jones and Galvan to share their experiences :)
 - The next event we will be tabling at is NoMa BID's PumpkinPalooza event October 22 from 4pm - 8pm at Alethia Tanner Park! Anyone interested in helping to table please contact me for details!
 - The PSH Committee unanimously passed two resolutions (that hopefully have been voted through by commissioners tonight) one being the Resolution Supporting B26-0226 Place Based Substance Use Disorder Outreach Amendment Act and the other a Resolution on Rodent Control, Abatement and Mitigation. Sincere gratitude goes out to the group of community members

who came to the ANC 5F meeting a few months ago and laid out very specific and solution-oriented ways in which rodent abatement could and should occur in our neighborhood and across DC (we took all your points and extrapolated them into this resolution and would love for neighbors that are experiencing other public safety and/or public health issues to do the same). A HUGE shoutout goes to Lucas Habosky who laid all the groundwork for this resolution!

- The committee talked through our next resolution, and Commissioner Jones will be drafting it on the moment we are currently in related to the federal takeover of DC, threat to Home Rule, and federal agents in our neighborhoods. More to come. I applaud all the commissioners who quickly scheduled a special meeting to pass vital resolutions related to the moment we are currently living in!
- Our next PSH Committee meeting will be this Thursday, September 18 from 6pm - 7:30pm in the Judd & Weiler / Eckington Community Room with a virtual option to join accessible on ANC 5F's website!
- Lastly, and most importantly, my public safety & public health tip for our neighbors is to join Free DC for an orientation training on knowing your rights and organizing for our autonomy as the District of Columbia! Go to their website FreeDCProject.org and find a ton of resources, upcoming events, opportunities to rally and volunteer, and important information that you can distribute to your neighbors. Look out for one another!
- Thank you so much and please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)

- Decent amount of public comment from ANC meetings
- Collected feedback regarding concerns about Dave Thomas Circle. Will begin drafting something this month.
- Safety concerns at 3rd and V St.
- Bike share docks. No new docks will be installed due to the budget.
- Passed stop sign resolutions
- Ward 5 Family Bike Fest Sunday, September 28 at Reservoir Park - test rides, food, entertainment, and fun!
- Ward 5 Week is this week! <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/ward-5-day/>

d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone): No update beyond the indoor golf zoning request and the adopted resolution.

e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett): Awaiting a response from DCPL about the letter that came from the task force. Trying to engage and do visits to other DC libraries so we can maximize ideas and flexibility for a library in 5F.

14. Appointments to committees or task forces: none

15. Adjourn: With no further business, Commissioner Galvan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm. The next ANC 5F regular meeting will be on October 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm ET.

Submitted,
/s/ Nicole Jones
Secretary