

ANC 5F Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Anderson at 7:02 pm

| Single Member District | Commissioner | Attendance |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 5F01 | Commissioner Nicole Jones | Present |
| 5F02 | Commissioner Aru Sahni | Present |
| 5F03 | Commissioner Patricia Williams | 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 Sahni moved to delete the election of officers as a moot item. Commissioner Hedlund seconded, and the amendment was approved without objection. Commissioner Sahni moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Commissioner Hedlund seconded, and the agenda was approved without objection.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. [Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting](#) & [Minutes of the October 3, 2025 Special Meeting](#). Commissioner Sahni moved to approve the minutes of the September 16 and October 3 meetings, Commissioner Hedlund seconded.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2025 and October 3, 2025:

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| 5F07 | Commissioner Julia Hedlund | Yes |

By a vote of 7-0-0, the minutes were approved.

4. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair (Commissioner Galvan)
 - Shared appreciation for Commissioner Anderson for taking over Chair duties.
 - b. Vice Chair (Commissioner Anderson)
 - No report.
 - c. Treasurer (Commissioner Sahni)
 - Commissioner Sahni reported a bank balance of \$50,625.74.
 - Approved budget submitted to OANC.
 - d. Secretary (Commissioner Jones)

- No report.

5. Public Comment (10 mins. total, up to 2 mins. per speaker)
 - a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
 - Sean Mallen: Over 30 rounds fired last week (October 12-18) at the corner of 3rd St and T St. Can Commissioners share how this can be addressed if this happens again in the future?
 - Mr. Ehrenpreis: There is an Eckington community group chat. Reach out to me if you would like to be included. This happened over the span over two days/48-hours over the evening time. We reached out to Council Member Parker and the Commander of 5D.
 - Council Member Parker and MPD responded and investigated the area, finding some bullet casings.
 - Take Action: How do we keep this from happening? Join the Ward 5 Public Safety Call each month to discuss. MPD provides reports and answers questions.
 - Take Action: Gun Violence Reduction Resolution - passed in 12 ANCs and working toward informing other ANCs.
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: Continue inquiring with MPD and will join Public Safety call.
 - Oliver Stoute (CM Parker's Office): Join the Ward 5 Public Safety call to ask questions, the current status is that this is under investigation. Introduce Jerome Brackins as the Constituent Service Coordinator for ANC 5F. <http://ward5.us/publicsafetycall>
6. Announcements from Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: Eckington Day is taking place on Saturday, October 25. Council Member Pinto roundtable on youth curfew law on Thursday, October 30 at 10:30am (virtual).
 - b. Commissioner Sahni: Ward 5 Family Bike Ride Saturday, October 25 at 10:30 am, starting at the Arboretum Rec Center. Meet your neighbors and get some fresh air!
 - c. Commissioner Hedlund: Pumpkin Palooza on October 22 at Alethia Tanner Park. Volunteer Day at the Langley Forest Garden at Harry Thomas Park on Sunday, November 2. A neighbor on Q St was taken and detained by ICE, sharing this because it is important to connect with neighbors and take care of each other. Neighbors are organizing to support the family of this person, if you see activities in progress, you can call the Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid Network. Note that MPD is still cooperating with ICE, this is something the council can take action to minimize.
 - d. Commissioner Anderson: Reminder that 5F ANC does have a grants program. You can reach out to us to ask questions. See more information here: <https://www.anc5f.com/grants>
7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)
 - a. Mayor's Office of Community Relations Anthony Black

- Not present.
- b. Ward 5 Office Councilmember Zachary Parker (Jerome Brakens)
 - DC Government is responding to the federal shutdown by providing resources to furloughed employees (unemployment, etc.)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will end for millions of Americans national wide and 137,000 in DC on November 1. Working with the Council's Committee on Human Services to monitor the situation.
 - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) call on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dhcd-ward-5-housing-listening-session-2025-tickets-1816364829099?aff=odddtcreator>
 - There's also the Ward 5 Roll Out day at Trinidad Recreation Center, Saturday, October 25th at 10:00 am. There will be bulk trash and household water waste, collection.
 - C.A.R.E. for Youth Plan is a 16-bill policy package developed alongside impacted youth, families, advocates, lawyers, judges, and experts. You can learn more here:
<https://zacharyparkerward5.com/c-a-r-e-for-youth-plan/>
<https://form.asana.com/?k=DRxbUAbIKvXYMliajyOAZQ&d=134131749997798>
 - Question from Commissioner Sahni: The unemployment filing process is byzantine, and it is confusing. Do you have any resources or any way Ward 5 residents can get assistance filing for unemployment?
 - Mr. Brakens will take this back to the team to discuss concerns and solutions.
 - <https://www.dcnetworks.org/vosnet/Default.aspx>

8. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item)

- a. [Presentation by Harmony DC PCS](#)
 - Commissioner Anderson
 - What is the full capacity of the building? The full capacity will be 250, we do not plan on enrolling more students than that.
 - How much demand are you getting each year? Demand is tracked each year and historically we receive 50-80 students.
 - Is there potential to split the building with other charter schools with the extra space? There is no plan to do that because they are growing. The new building will hold additional students and a new STEM lab.
 - Sean Mallen
 - Once Harmony DC leaves the current location, is there a sense of what will replace it? It has been a school building for more than 100 years, unsure about what will happen after Harmony moves out.

9. Consent Agenda

These items will be up for a vote as a group. However, any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any commissioner to be placed on the action agenda.

- a. [Letter In Support of Harmony DC PCS Charter Amendment](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-26-053 on the consent agenda.**
- b. [Resolution Supporting Application in BZA 25- \(2210 5th St NE\)](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman). **Adopted as ANC5F-26-054 on the consent agenda.**
- c. [Letter In Support of NOI-25-208-CPD](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-26-055 on the consent agenda.**

Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adopt the consent agenda, Commissioner Anderson seconded. Vote for approval of the consent agenda:

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| 5F07 | Commissioner Julia Hedlund | Yes |

By a vote of 7-0-0, the consent agenda was adopted.

10. Action Agenda (10 min)

- a. [Resolution Authorizing Amended Settlement Agreement with Mac's Wine & Liquors, ABRA-060758](#) (Commissioner Bishop-Henchman)
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: ANC 5F originally signed an agreement with the establishment in June 2024. They have new management, they would like to make some changes, including extending their hours beyond from 10:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.
 - Commissioner Galvan: Be aware of challenges with other establishments close by and understanding the competition in the area (extending hours).
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: The settlement agreement still retains all existing language about loitering, cameras, etc.
 - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Galvan seconded.

Vote on Resolution Authorizing Amended Settlement Agreement with Mac's Wine & Liquors, ABRA-060758:

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| 5F07 | Commissioner Julia Hedlund | Yes |
| By a vote of 7-0-0, the resolution was adopted as ANC5F-26-056. | | |

11. Other reports or presentations (10 mins presentation, 5 mins Q&A each item)
 - a. [District Department of Transportation \(DDOT\) The Lab, on Metropolitan Branch Trail pilot speed feedback or smart sign](#) (Kornelius Anderson, Anamita Gall, Rachel Clad)
 - Summary: 5F ANC Commissioners encouraged DDOT representatives to prioritize the car traffic violence on the Metropolitan Branch Trail and respond to ANC 5F resolutions requesting solutions to car traffic violence on the trail, rather than monitor cyclists on the trail. Additionally, Commissioners discouraged enforcement on the trail and recommended expanding their dissemination strategy and policy implications.
12. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)
 - a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
 - Worked on the settlement agreement for Mac's Wine and Liquors.
 - b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
 - Has anyone connected with the Mayors Office on Community Relations and Services? They have not been present due overtime constraints before October 1, 2025.
 - We are looking for members! All are welcome and we need your thoughts and opinions.
 - Community engagement:
 - Pumpkin Palooza (October 22) and Eckington Day (October 25) this week.
 - We would like to explore incentives for the table to encourage people to come by.
 - Inquiring with neighborhood ANCs to co-table at various events.
 - Resolutions
 - Supporting Council Member Parker's 16-bill C.A.R.E. for Youth policy package.
 - Weighed in on the Better Bus Shelter resolution.
 - Connecting with Commissioner Hedlund to discuss priorities in 5F07 and meeting with Langley PTO and McKinley leadership to discuss a cleaning resolution around Harry Thomas Rec Center.
 - Department of Energy and Environment have not responded on the Fort Myers permit. The Committee is working with Council Member Parker's team on the DC air quality laws and potential updates.
 - Mr. Ehrenpreis and Commissioner Bishop-Henchman provided testimony on the Bottle Bill.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, November 20 at 6:00pm.
 - c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)

- Discussed the Harmony PCS move and impacts on 8th St (school pick-up and drop-off, bike lanes).
- ANC 5B transportation survey and learning from their results and feedback.
- Drafted [NOI-25-208-CPD](#) to move forward with a 10-foot multi-use path along the Michigan Avenue NE from Irving St to Harewood all the way down to Monroe St.
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman shared Council Member Parkers truck bill (B26-0439), this expand Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) and triple the number of cameras, requiring half in Ward 5 because of the number of truck routes.

- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
 - Revieewed the resolution passed regarding 2210 5th St.
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett)
 - There is a library survey out for features people would like to see. Inviting DPL to next meetings.

13. Appointments to committees or task forces:

- a. N/A

14. Adjourn: Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adjourn, Commissioner Anderson seconded, and without objection the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm. The next regular meeting of ANC 5F will be Tuesday November 18.

/s/ Nicole Jones
Secretary