

**ANC 5F Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Commissioner Galvan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Commissioner Galvan motions to add an item under 13 at the request of Commissioner Sahni. Edward Russell is nominated for the Transportation and Public Space Committee.
 - No objections.
- b. Commissioner Galvan motions to waive our standard procedures to allow us to consider a grant off-cycle. The grant being discussed is consent agenda item 9D. With approval to waive the standard procedures, the grant will be considered today, November 18, rather than during the 5F ANC regular meeting in December.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Hedlund.

Roll call vote to suspend the rules to consider a grant off-cycle

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5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Not Present
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

By a vote of 4-0-0, the Commission will suspend the rules and vote on Item 9d, [Grant Application from Langley PTO](#).

C. Voice vote to approve the amended agenda. All Commissioners approve the amended agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes (Commissioner Jones)

- a. [Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting](#)
- b. Commissioner Jones motions to approve the minutes.
- c. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman seconds the motion to approve the minutes.

Vote to approve the October 21, 2025 meeting minutes.

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5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

By a vote of 4-0-0, the October 21, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair (Commissioner Galvan): Appreciation for Commissioner Bishop-Henchman for support on the annual report this year.
- b. Vice Chair (Commissioner Anderson): Not present
- c. Treasurer (Commissioner Sahni): Not present
- d. Secretary (Commissioner Jones): No items to discuss.

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

a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners

- Mark, Vice President of Condo Association at 712 Kearny: The building is located in 5F02, close to the Brookland Metro. They are having structural issues with their building, filing several claims (for two years), and have not gotten a response from the Department of Buildings.
 - Commissioner Response: Connect with Commissioner Sahni and the Council Member Parker's office.
- Sid, Neighbor: What kinds of grants and funding can charter schools apply for? Can the ANC see how we can come to a resolution while increasing safety at Alethia Tanner Park (shade structures)?
 - Commission Response: Commissioner Hedlund (speaking from experience as a PTO), each ANC can grant up to \$2500, per organization, per year. Applicants need to explain how the funds will benefit the community. You can look at the application information here: <https://www.anc5f.com/grants>.
 - A resolution is being proposed tonight that is related to the shade structures at Alethia Tanner Park. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman and Commissioner Hedlund are presenting a resolution during today's meeting that offers ideas for a solution.
- Isadora, Neighbor: What is the status of the library?
 - Commission Response: The Library Task Force recently completed a field trip to different library sites. Please contact your commissioner if you would like to join on-site visits. There are two finalist locations for the library, 605 Rhode Island and 600 Rhode Island. You can also join the Library Task Force Committee meetings to learn more.

6. Announcements from Commissioners

a. Commissioner Hedlund

- Mamie Johnson Plaza (previously Dave Thomas Circle) and safety. Met with DDOT to discuss safety concerns and illegal left turns from Eckington

Place onto Florida Avenue. MPD has been enforcing the illegal left hand turn onto Florida from time to time.

- Federal agents - FBI, HSI, IRS, etc. - have been spotted in our neighborhoods
 - Encouraged neighbors to participate in bystander trainings (FREE DC, Harriet's Wildest Dreams).
- Involvement with FREE DC
 - Upcoming orientations
<https://freedcproject.org/event-list?category=Orientation>

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)

- Hosting Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway at Turkey Thicket Recreation Center
- On November 4, the Council voted to decouple the District budget from the federal budget
- Perishable holiday food drive on November 20th at 12:00-5:00 pm.
 - <http://ward5.us/thanksgiving2025>
- Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance Plan (ERAP)
 - Call 202-507-6666
 - Visit Virginia Williams Family Resource Center:
<https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/>
- Zachary Parker's C.A.R.E. for Youth Plan:
 - <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/c-a-r-e-for-youth-plan/>

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

a. [Grant Application from Langley PTO](#) (\$2,500) (Commissioner Hedlund)

- Commissioner Hedlund introduced the grant application for Langley Elementary, the in-boundary DCPS Elementary School for Eckington, Edgewood and parts of Bloomingdale, located in SMD 5F07.
- Langley PTO Grants Committee Chair Fahmina Rahman gave a brief presentation on the grant application. The grant request to ANC 5F will partially fund the overall proposed project; the PTO has also submitted a grant application to ANC 5E to support the same overall project.
- [Grant Details](#)

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.

Vote on the consent agenda:

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5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

By a vote of 4-0-0, the consent agenda was adopted.

- a. Approval of [2025 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report](#) (Commissioner Sahni) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-057 on the consent agenda.**
- b. [Resolution on Better Bus Shelters from the District Department of Transportation](#) (Commissioners Bishop-Henchman & Sahni) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-058 on the consent agenda.**
- c. [Resolution Requesting Long-Term Solution to Safety Issue Posed by Shade Structures Being Used as Trampolines in the Alethia Tanner Park Playground](#) (Commissioners Bishop-Henchman & Hedlund) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-059 on the consent agenda.**
- d. [Grant Application from Langley PTO](#) (\$2,500) (Commissioner Hedlund) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-060 on the consent agenda.**
 - [Grant Details](#)
- e. [ANC 5F 2025 Annual Report](#) (Commissioner Galvan) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-061 on the consent agenda.**

10. Action Agenda (10 min)

- a. N/A

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

- a. N/A

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

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
 - Renewals for December 1 (All in Commissioner Williams District, 5F03)
 - Taqueria Habanero
 - Alegria
 - City State Brewing
 - Kraken Courts
 - Renewal for Brookland Pint - unsure about the status or details.
 - Applicant information is no longer included on the placards. The committee does have an up-to-date tracking and contract list.
 - Bridging the gap between protesting for alcohol licensing and protesting for cannabis licensing. For cannabis, the only party that can protest is the ANC. Emergency licensing is in effect, but that has not changed who can protest. Some ANCs have made resolutions for this.
 - ABCA extended hours of operation, bars and restaurants can be open up to two hours later than normal hours of operation.
- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)

- Tabling at Pumpkin Palooza and Eckington Day in October. Great engagement with neighbors!
- Public Safety Updates
 - The Judiciary and Public Safety Committee is holding a hearing on Evidence-Based Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Act on Thursday, December, 4th at 9:00am.
 - a. Option to testify in person and/or submit written testimony.
 - b. Also at this hearing, the juvenile curfew amendment act will be discussed.
 - Supporting Council Member Parker's C.A.R.E. package: <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/c-a-r-e-for-youth-plan/>
- Commissioners submit air quality code mark-ups to Conor Shaw (CM Parker's Office). Provide feedback regarding air quality.
- Public Health Tips:
 - Cold season is approaching. Look out for your neighbors! There is a line you can contact: Look out for your neighbors! You can contact 311 202-399-7093.
 - Food insecurity is a huge issue right now, especially with SNAP benefits being threatened. Look out for your neighbors! Volunteer and support your neighbors this season. Some resources in the DC area: World Central Kitchen, Thrive DC, DC Food Project, Capital Area Food Bank, and Bread for the City.
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
 - Commissioner Sahni is not present. A new resolution was passed for the Better Bus shelters.
- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
 - Did not meet in the last month.
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett)
 - Did not meet in the last month.
- 13. Appointments to committees or task forces:
 - a. Edward Russell to Transportation & Public Space*
 - Edward Russel
- 14. Adjourn – Commissioner Bishop-Henchman moved to adjourn, Commissioner Hedlund seconded, and the motion was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.
- 15. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16.

/s/Nicole Jones