

**ANC 5F Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2026**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

<b>Single Member District</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)
  - a. Chair Nomination
    - Commissioner Bishop-Henchman (Accepted)
    - Commissioner Jones (Declined)
  - b. Vice Chair
    - Commissioner Galvan (Accepted)
  - c. Treasurer
    - Commissioner Hedlund (Accepted)
    - Commissioner Sahni (Declined)
  - d. Secretary
    - Commissioner Sahni (Accepted)

Roll Call Vote for the Nominated Officers

<b>Single Member District</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Yes
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

The new board is approved by the 5F Commission.

Commissioner Bishop-Henchman will serve as Chair; Commissioner Galvan will serve as Vice Chair; Commissioner Hedlund will serve as Treasurer; and Commissioner Sahni will serve as the Secretary.

3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Addition of December 16 meeting minutes.
  - b. Commissioner Bishop-Henchman nominates Commissioner Hedlund to Chair the Community Engagement Committee.

Vote to Approve the Agenda

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5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Yes
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

Agenda is approved as amended with a vote of 7-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes (Commissioner Jones)
  - a. [Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting](#)

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5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Yes
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

Meeting minutes are approved with a vote of 7-0-0.

5. Officer Reports
  - a. Chair (Commissioner Galvan): Shared appreciation for the board over the last year.
  - b. Vice Chair (Commissioner Anderson): Shared appreciation and interest in the new board's leadership.
  - c. Treasurer (Commissioner Sahni)
    - Bank balance at the end of December was \$50,328.91. That reflects a quarterly allotment being transferred over to us of \$4,702.97, as well as a \$2,500 grant check being cashed by Langley PTO (grant passed in November. Additional documentation (bank statements and paid invoices) was needed regarding the Eckington Civic Association grant close-out before the 2025 Q4 QFR could be approved by OANC.
  - d. Secretary (Commissioner Jones): Will work with Commissioner Sahni to transfer secretary duties.
6. Public Comment (10 mins. total, up to 2 mins. per speaker)
  - a. Response to Public Comment from Commissioners
    - Dalton Mattson, lives by North Capitol and S St.
      - Neighbor newly elected President of Eckington Civic Association for the 2026 calendar year. Just wanted to introduce and meet with the ANC.

- Jamie McLaurin, lives in 5F
  - Works for the Mayor's Office. Appreciates the work the ANC is doing. Encourages attendees to work with the Snow Team as Snow Hero:
   
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8Unkj5SLt0-ZBm-Tnagtc8NxyMxtOfZLqkr3nyqrYptUOUI5V1AxSDUwTkRXMIpCRU1QR1YwMDhIWSQIQCNOPWcu>

b. Announcements from Commissioners

- Commissioner Sahni:
  - Oversight season is approaching. You can sign up to testify and provide feedback related to various concerns directly to agencies. You can testify in person and/or submit written testimony.
  - <https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/schedules>
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman:
  - Another car drove onto the Metropolitan Branch Trail the week of January 11. Commissioner Galvan was present with members from WABA to get the car off the trail. Request have been re-upped to DDOT. You can reach out to the ANC and Councilmember Parker's Office to notify and alert of other occurrences.
  - Incident at The Gale (a barricade) on January 18. Commissioners Bishop-Henchman and Hedlund responded to this incident.
- Commissioner Hedlund:
  - The Gale incident resulted in one arrest and no injuries.
- Commissioner Galvan:
  - The Department of Energy and the Environment provided feedback on the permit issued for Fort Myers on January 15. They responded to all comments and made a total of four changes to the permit. There are many regulatory restrictions that restrict DOEE from making more substantial changes. Takeaway - continue advocating for air quality and monitoring. Councilmember Parker's office is also working on introducing changes and adjustments to legislation or the DC Code.

7. Announcements from representatives of elected officials (5 mins. each)

- a. Mayor's Office of Community Relations (Christian Starghill)

- Department of Public Works (DPW)
  - Residents can download My DPW App
  - DPW leaf collection is only considered “missed” if leaf collection was not completed for the entire block.
  - Holiday tree collection through February 28. Do not forget to remove all decorations. Drop-off locations are Monday through Friday.  
<https://dpw.dc.gov/page/holiday-trees-greenery-collection>
  - DC salt storage facility at 2750 South Capitol St SE
    - a. January 30th update:  
<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/dpw-salt-storage-facility>
  - Residents can request trash and recycling container repair and removal. This service occurs on service days.
  - Special waste disposal, for electronics, household hazardous waste, and shredding.  
<https://dpw.dc.gov/service/household-hazardous-waste-hhw-e-cycling-document-shredding>
- Businesses and the community will be eligible for Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) grant opportunities. The GROWTH FUND grant cycle is from February 6, 2026, through March 23, 2026. The VITALITY FUND grant cycle is February 6, 2026, through July 16, 2026 <https://dmped.dc.gov/service/grant-opportunities>
- Washington Gas will be in Ward 5 for an evening of connection with residents. The event will be on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:00 pm at the University of District of Columbia (5171 South Dakota Ave NE, Room 239).
- Commissioner Sahni: With the snowstorm approaching, our ANC has had major issues with snow and ice along the MBT and by the Rhode Island metro station. DDOT has acknowledged responsibility for clearing this. We would like to ensure there is continuity with the snow forecast, especially close to the Rhode Island access point.
  - Christian shared that she will coordinate with DDOT.
- b. Hazle Crawford, Department of Buildings
  - Contact: 202-738-3705, [Hazle.Crawford@dc.gov](mailto:Hazle.Crawford@dc.gov)

- Welcome residents to visit the following sites to report illegal construction, vacant properties, and housing maintenance.
  - Illegal Construction:  
[https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/illegal\\_construction\\_inspection/step\\_1](https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/illegal_construction_inspection/step_1)
  - Vacant Property:  
[https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/vacant\\_property\\_inspection/step\\_1](https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/vacant_property_inspection/step_1)
  - Housing Property Maintenance:  
[https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/housing\\_inspection/step\\_1](https://inspections.dob.dc.gov/forms/housing_inspection/step_1)
- c. Ward 5 Office Councilmember Zachary Parker (Conor Shaw)
- Introduced Air Quality Permitting legislation. Worked with Commissioners Bishop-Henchman and Galvan, as well as the 5F Public Health and Safety Committee.
  - The team was alerted about the car Metropolitan Branch Trail very quickly and escalated this to DDOT. DDOT said the major concern for blocking cars is the need for emergency access on the trail. There are other places in the city that block cars from entering the trail, but can be removed when needed for emergency vehicles.
  - Public Safety Meeting: Tuesday, January 27 at 3:00pm (Zoom)
  - Additional updates can be seen here:  
<https://zacharyparkerward5.com/selecting-an-interim-councilmember-mlk-day-weekend-and-ice/>
8. Presentations Relating to Agenda Items (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A each item)
- a. No presentations.
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 and placed on the action agenda.*
- a. [Resolution to Adopt a 2026 Meeting Calendar](#) (Commissioner Galvan) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-068 on the consent agenda.**
  - b. Support for [Strategic Bikeways Plan feedback letter](#) (Commissioner Sahni) **Adopted as ANC5F-26-069 on the consent agenda.**
  - c. [Reimbursement request for anc5f.com domain renewal \(\\$18.68\)](#) (Commissioner Sahni).
  - d. Approval of [2026 Q1 QFR](#) (Commissioner Sahni). **Adopted as ANC5F-26-070 on the consent agenda.**

Vote to Adopt the Consent Agenda

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5F01	Commissioner Nicole Jones	Yes
5F02	Commissioner Aru Sahni	Yes
5F03	Commissioner Patricia Williams	Yes
5F04	Commissioner Mark Galvan	Yes
5F05	Commissioner Jennifer Anderson	Yes
5F06	Commissioner Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Yes
5F07	Commissioner Julia Hedlund	Yes

All items on the consent agenda are approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

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

a. DPR Update on Harry Thomas Recreation Center Renovation (Christopher Dyer) - Commissioner Hedlund

- DPR summer camp registration  
<https://dpr.dc.gov/service/2026-summer-camps>
- Harry Thomas Recreation Center
  - Currently in the planning process.
  - Current budget: \$19,000,000
  - Description: Complete modernization of the existing facility, with additional improvements pending community input and budget alignment.
  - Project Status (Pending):
    - a. Design Start: Late Summer 2024
      - i. Community meetings: Oct 2024, Spring 2026
    - b. Construction Start: 2026
    - c. Construction End: 2027
  - <https://dpr.dc.gov/node/1237736>
  - Contact Chris Dyer for questions: 202-702-9453  
[Christopher.Dyer@dc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Dyer@dc.gov)
- Questions:
  - Commissioner Hedlund: Potentially an insufficient budget for the renovations.
    - a. Response - It is not too late to increase the budget. Please attend oversight hearings to provide feedback.
  - Commissioner Hedlund: Why is the recreation center no longer open on Saturdays?
    - a. Response - Will need to check on this, it is possible the team changed the hours seasonally.

- Commissioner Hedlund: Are there any updates on the Alethia Tanner shade structures?
  - a. Response - This will require follow-up.
- Commissioner Sahni: A year and a half ago, we discussed shade structures at the Edgewood recreation center playground and splashpad. What is the process for requesting this?
  - a. Response - The budget is tight for all capital structures. This is not something we can always accommodate. Cannot make specific recommendations. This cost could range from \$25,000 to \$150,000.
- Commissioner Bishop-Henchman: What is the thinking behind the design-build approach? Why one contractor for the design and another contractor to build?
  - a. This is the typical process for contracting a builder. We do have to have a competitive process.
- Commissioner Galvan: Request for more funds for this project and for community engagement.
  - a. Mr. Dyer recommends re-sending the resolution and email to DPR leadership.
- b. [Presentation on ranked choice voting from Grow Democracy DC Civic Education Fund](#) in the presentation block of our agenda - Commissioner Sahni
  - Events and Trainings: <https://www.growdemocracydc.org/rank-district-events>
  - Contact Sam Bonar: [samb@growdemocracydc.org](mailto:samb@growdemocracydc.org)

#### 11. Committee and Task Force Updates (5 mins.)

- a. Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) Committee (Ms. Coughlin)
  - No new applications, renewals, or shutdowns.
  - February 16 - Extended hours are in effect.
- b. Public Safety & Health (PSH) Committee (Mr. Ehrenpreis)
  - 2026 Priorities for the Committee:
    - Public Safety: Advocate to end MPD's cooperation with ICE (Our neighbors have been devastated by the expansive federal policing presence in our community, and the harassment / authoritarian overreach needs to end...)

- Public Health & Safety: Adamantly supporting D.C. statehood every chance we can get and championing for autonomy over our city
  - Public Health: Supporting environmental justice through key pieces of legislation in D.C. Council (e.g., Environmental Justice Amendment Act, Strengthening Air Pollution Permitting Amendment Act, and more...)
  - Public Safety & Public Health: Supporting and emphasizing a need to prioritize evidence-based, community-centric, public health approaches to reducing gun violence and crime in our neighborhood
  - Public Health: Testifying to D.C. Council in future hearings regarding CM Parker's C.A.R.E. for Youth Plan
  - Public Health: Supporting the passing of legislation, full funding, and implementation of a comprehensive, interdepartmental, city-wide rat abatement strategy
  - Council Member Allen is hosting a meeting at Lost Generation on January 29.
- c. Transportation & Public Space (TAPS) Committee (Commissioner Sahni)
- DC Strategic bikeways plan (DDOT) and approved resolution
  - DC E-Bicycle vouchers for priority recipients only.
    - \$1500 voucher for e-bicycles, helmets, and locks
    - The open period is from February 1 - 21
    - Learn more and sign up to receive updates: <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/district-e-bike-incentive-program>
  - Lincoln Road
    - The overwhelming feedback is related to the one-way street design. DDOT is currently thinking through the design and will present updates and share with the community once completed.
- d. Zoning & Development Committee (ZAD) (Mr. Stone)
- Projects throughout Edgewood and Eckington. Some may be held up due to financial status or working through approvals. The committee would like to provide updates for this and work with Commissioners.
- e. Library Task Force (Mr. Garnett)

- Canceled the January meeting and will meet in February.
12. Appointments to committees or task forces:
    - a. Commissioner Julia Hedlund as Chair, Community Engagement Committee.

Vote for Committee Appointments

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All committee appointments are approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

13. Adjourn – 8:37 pm
  - a. The next meeting will be on February 17 at 7:00 pm

Prepared by: NICOLE JONES

Approved on: FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Attested by: /s/ NICOLE JONES