



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5B**

MEETING MINUTES for November 19th, 2025

In accordance with Robert's Rules, the minutes of ANC 5B are a record of actions taken by the Commission. It is not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by Commissioners or members of the public are not included in detail in the minutes.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Roll Call

1.	Commissioner Edward Borrego	P	5.	Commissioner Mónica Martínez López	P
2.	Commissioner Nandini Sen	P	6.	Commissioner Maya Vizvary	P
3.	Commissioner Jinwen Sun	A	7.	Commissioner Zahid Rathore	P
4.	Commissioner Ra Amin	P			

A quorum was declared and determined by a roll call with 6 of 7 Commissioners present.

Commissioner Borrego noted that the community received notice via multiple listservs, ANC website, and social media platforms.

Agenda

The Commission APPROVED 6-0 the agenda as presented. Motioned by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Sen.

Removed: Office of Racial Equity
Luke C. Moore
Grant: Burroughs

Community Reports

MOCR	Christian Staghill christian.starghill@dc.gov 202-394-4399 1. Safeway's Annual Feast on Nov 26
Council	Oliver Stoute ostoute@dccouncil.gov ; 771-333-9912 1. Annual Thanksgiving giveaway at Turkey Thicket on Nov 20 2. Child Tax funded and Earned Income Tax Credits expanded 3. Community Meeting with DPR Nov 20, 6pm 4. DDOT's meeting about SD Safety Study on Dec 4
MPD	4th and 5 th Districts PSA 405/503/504 - Lt. Stephen Miller 1. Stats shared from last 30 days

SMD Reports

5B01	Sidewalk Gap Project: The final sidewalk gap project was completed on a small section of 20th Street NE near Upshur. DDOT Planned Work: Expressed hope that DDOT will be able to complete planned work on Eastern Avenue near the intersection of Randolph, but noted that cold weather may delay concrete work. Illegal Dumping on Eastern Avenue: • Addressed a growing pile of mattresses (which was resolved through collaboration with Mount Rainier). • A new pile of construction debris has appeared and has been flagged for DPW via 311. The commissioner will conduct a walk-through this weekend. Abandoned Trucks: Continuously flags commercial semis and trucks with expired or missing tags for DPW, but noted that trucks with legitimate tags are difficult to address immediately as parking is not currently restricted there. Alley Construction: The final planned alley repaving construction in 5B01 is underway (block surrounded by 19th, Bunker Hill Road, 20th, and Shepherd). • This has caused confusion due to unclear notices, leading to trash pickup issues when construction equipment blocked access.
5B02	Howard Divinity School: The certification of parts of the Howard Divinity School property as historic went through. Traffic Safety: Discussed traffic safety issues in two key locations, especially around the school pick-up and drop-off times: • 1300 block of Taylor • Bunker Hill • Will consult with the TPS (Transportation and Public Safety) committee to escalate these two locations for immediate action from DDOT. Street Work: Noted that street work is ongoing in the Upshur block between 19th

	Street and 19th Place, and notices were sent out. Stokes School: Stokes School has started a street safety committee.
5B03	n/a
5B04	901 Monroe Street Development: The proposed project at 901 Monroe Street (2415) successfully passed zoning. This project will create 233 new units, with 15% designated as affordable housing. • Next Steps (2026): Focus will shift to selecting retail tenants (e.g., cafes, bars) and engaging the community on using the surrounding land/green space, particularly near Brooks Mansion. Economic Development/Restaurants: Noted the demand for local businesses. • The HARP: Opened in the former Brooklyn Fine location and has been consistently busy, indicating a strong desire for community restaurants. • Brookland Pint Space: An existing local business is planning to open a new restaurant in the former Brooklyn Paint location. Safe Route to School: Noyes School is part of the Safe Route to Schools program. The commissioner expressed excitement that the open comment period for the resulting plan will be coming soon, following years of community engagement. Community Celebration: Planning a "Brooklyn 100" celebration, honoring the last 100 years of the neighborhood and envisioning the next 100, featuring a community-brewed beer and an event at Right Proper. SMD Meeting: An SMD meeting will be held in early December (date TBD) to discuss the packed agenda for 2026. Non-residents are welcome to attend.
5B05	Streatories Program Testimony: Encouraged interested businesses in 5B05 to submit testimony for the Streatories program to the Council. The deadline for testimony is Friday, November 21st. Michigan Avenue Underpass: Raised concerns at a recent "Ask the Director Anything" event (with Directors Kirchbaum of OP and Kosart of DDOT) about the unkempt condition of the underpass at Michigan Avenue since the electric and car rental companies vacated the corner. • Development of Brookland Lanes appears to be stalled as the space is now up for lease. • The issue of maintenance and potential winter storms without proper upkeep was discussed. • Suggested engaging the ANC committees (TBS and DZLU) and the Council Member's Office, as it is a multi-stakeholder and ongoing issue. DDOT Bikeway Open House: Announced that DDOT will be holding an open house for the Potential Bikeways plan on Tuesday, December 9th, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Burroughs Elementary.

5B06	Truth Montessori Public Charter School: The newly relocated school at 3420 16th Street NE is having an Open House on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm. The school is actively integrating into the neighborhood and is responsive to community issues and requests to use the space. Direct Expenditures: Noted that two direct expenditures will be voted on tonight. ICE Activity: Noted a recent increase in ICE activity in 5B, particularly 5B06, which is harmful to the community and affects schools and childcare centers.
5B07	Monroe Street Alley: Continued advocacy for the neglected alley dealing with severe groundwater overflow. Awaiting a study by DDOT, with no clear timeline for the study, its results, or a fix. Traffic and Safety (24th and Monroe): Concerns about speeding, hit-and-runs, and incidents like a vehicle doing donuts. Highlighted the disconnect in DDOT's prioritization of Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) requests, noting that lack of police reports is a barrier, despite extensive doorbell camera footage available from neighbors. Former J&Z Hotel: Worked with residents complaining about drug dealing, which led to collaboration with MPD and an arrest, resulting in drugs and a gun being taken off the street. Commended MPD and Captain Augustine for their responsiveness. Traffic Accident near John Burroughs School: Reported a recent traffic accident involving youths who stole a car and crashed near the new school and planned playground area. Stated the need for DDOT and DCPS to redesign the area due to high speeds, as it is a "recipe for disaster" for children's safety. SMD Meeting: The commissioner will be holding an SMD meeting on Wednesday, December 10th, at 7 pm via Teams.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS) - Presented by: Edward Borrego Wrong-Way Driving: The committee is investigating wrong-way driving and speeding in the 4200 block of 13th Street Place NE and is currently seeking resident feedback. TSI Prioritization: The committee plans to contact DDOT to streamline the process of providing community input for Traffic Safety Investigations (TSIs) to ensure their efforts are timely and valuable. December Meeting: The December TPS meeting is canceled to boost attendance at the DDOT Strategic Bikeways Plan public workshop on December 9th (6-8 pm) at Bunker Hill Elementary School. The committee will draft a resolution based on the workshop afterward.
Communications and Outreach (C&O) - Presented by: Nandini Sen Year end report for ANC5B prepared and will be submitted to OANC this week. Last meeting in October. Committee dissolved.
Alcohol & Cannabis Licensing (ACL) - Presented by: n/a
Development, Zoning, and Land Use (DZLU) - Presented by: n/a

Education Committee - Presented by: Maya Vizvary Application form created for this committee. Will be uploaded to the website in the coming days.
Joint Special Committee on Taylor (JSCT) - Presented by: n/a

New and Old Business

Approval of minutes for Monthly Meeting on October 15th, 2025
Comm. Sen moves to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Borrego. Approved 5-0-1
Treasurer's Report • Checking Balance: \$ 52,028.40 • Savings Balance: \$ 5,000.81 • Total Balance: \$ 57,029.21 • OANC Balance: \$ 52,028.40
January Meeting Dates Motioned by Comm. Borrego. Seconded by Comm. Rathore. Approved 6-0
Direct Expenditure Reimbursement • Materials to build a cold weather supplies pantry at Burroughs in the amount of \$700 Motioned by Comm. Vizvary. Seconded by Comm. Rathore. Approved 5-0-1 • Toiletries donations to Sterling Shelter in the amount of \$1800 Motioned by Comm. Vizvary. Seconded by Comm. Amin. Approved 5-0-1
Resolution: Correcting DC's Borders Motioned by Comm. Borrego. Seconded by Comm. Sen. Approved 6-0

Public Forum

Floor was held open for community comments

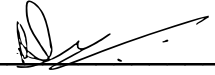
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm

ANC 5B's next meeting will be held [virtually](#) on Wednesday, January 21st 2026, at 7pm.

Prepared by: Nandini Sen

Approved on: January 21, 2026

Attested By:  _____