



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

MEETING MINUTES for March 18, 2026

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Roll Call

1.	Commissioner Edward Borrego	P	5.	Commissioner Mónica Martínez López	A
2.	Commissioner Nandini Sen	P	6.	Commissioner Maya Vizvary	P
3.	Commissioner Jingwen Sun	P	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 5-0 the agenda as presented. Motioned by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Sun.

Community Reports

<p>Councilmember Christina Henderson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that the Council has completed annual performance oversight hearings and is preparing for budget season, with the Committee on Health's first budget hearing scheduled for April 7.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared recent updates from the Committee on Health, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council approval of a PrEP bill to expand no-cost access to HIV prevention treatment and prohibit insurance discrimination ○ Continued oversight of Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center, with a hearing planned to assess operations and performance ○ Permanent legislation supporting place-based substance use outreach in overdose hotspot areas, including locations in Ward 5 ● Highlighted recently introduced legislation related to public sanitation and infrastructure, including the CLOG Act and the Public Trash and Recycling Container Budgeting Act of 2026 ● Raised concern about federal interference in DC local affairs, including House action targeting automated traffic enforcement cameras and restrictions related to right turns on red ● Encouraged residents to participate in budget hearings and prepare for ranked choice voting, noting that Board of Elections trainings will continue through May 30 ● In response to questions from Commissioners and attendees, Councilmember Henderson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed concerns at Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center, including contract oversight, leadership transition, and workforce shortages ○ Clarified that right turn on red restrictions should be guided by posted signage and noted broader funding and implementation challenges ○ Emphasized that automated traffic enforcement is a safety tool and said some corridors now require physical infrastructure changes in addition to cameras ○ Addressed questions about WMATA / DMV Moves funding, a potential Council Education Committee, vacant and blighted property taxation, and DDOT outreach and traffic calming engagement
<p>Office of Councilmember Zachary Parker</p>	<p>Oliver Stoute: ostoute@dccouncil.gov; 771-333-9912</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reported that Councilmember Parker submitted a budget letter to the Mayor outlining three priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anti-poverty investments ○ Reducing wasteful spending and inefficiencies ○ Investing in Ward 5 facilities, businesses, youth, and seniors ● Announced DC Healthcare Access Trust Fund trustee nominations related to the Providence Hospital redevelopment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ~\$5 million fund to support charitable healthcare, with focus on Ward 5 ○ Residents encouraged to nominate qualified community members ● Shared details on the Ward 5 Awards Ceremony: April 1 at 7:00 PM at Ivy City Smokehouse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noted that Turkey Thicket Pool reopened on March 16 following annual maintenance
<p>MPD 4th and 5th Districts PSA 405/503/504</p>	<p>Lt. Stephen Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates were provided
<p>MOCR</p>	<p>Ms. Christian Starghill: christian.starghill@dc.gov; 202-394-4399</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared updates on Women’s History Month events, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appreciation for participation in recent events (including the HerStory 5K) ○ Upcoming HerStory Social Hour on March 26 ● Highlighted Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) programming, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reopening of Turkey Thicket Pool (March 16) ○ Upcoming “Blacks in Wax” educational programming related to civil rights history ● Provided an update from DC Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress on repairs to the Potomac Interceptor ○ Encouraged residents to reach out with questions for follow-up support ● Announced upcoming Mayor Bowser Spring Cleanup Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2026. Expected location: Mt. Carmel School (Ward 5). Additional details to be shared once finalized ● Responded to questions and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmed Potholepalooza is currently underway, and encouraged residents to submit requests via 311 ○ Clarified alley snow removal responsibilities:DPW clears alleys only where trash collection occurs. In other alleys, residents are responsible ○ Acknowledged widespread concerns about trash and sanitation issues post-snowstorm ○ Offered to connect residents and Commissioners with DPW Clean City (Anthony Robinson) for supplies and coordination of community cleanups ○ Agreed to escalate concerns related to trash accumulation and dog waste across the neighborhood ○ Reiterated willingness to serve as liaison between residents and District agencies and encouraged direct outreach for follow-up.

SMD Reports

5B01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on a recent Washington Gas meeting (March 11) regarding a major infrastructure project, including gas main replacement, coordination with Lead Free DC, PEPCO, and DC PLUG, and potential relocation of indoor gas meters to exterior locations at no cost; project timeline slightly delayed and in-person meeting forthcoming • Noted DDOT sidewalk gap improvements, including plans to close gaps along 19th Street, Webster, Allison, and connections toward Eastern Avenue, significantly improving pedestrian infrastructure in the area
5B02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded residents of the community cleanup on March 28 (2–5 PM), with a meeting point near 18th and Perry / Dwight Mosley Park, and flexibility for participants to disperse or join organized groups • Noted ongoing coordination challenges with DC Water regarding lead pipe outreach, with attempts to schedule a meeting still pending
5B03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the utility undergrounding (DC PLUG) staging site at 13th and Rhode Island remains active • Noted that a previously planned community cleanup was postponed due to snow and will be rescheduled • Announced plans for additional community cleanups this spring, alongside other ANC-led efforts • Highlighted ongoing community concerns regarding trash, rodents, and dog waste following the snowstorm
5B04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that WABA (Washington Area Bicyclist Association) has moved into its new headquarters at 1110 Hamlin Street, highlighting preservation of the building and positive community impact • Noted that The Harp restaurant is seeking a liquor license change (Class C), which would extend operating hours to 2 AM weekdays and 3 AM weekends; community meeting to be scheduled for resident input • Announced an upcoming DC Preservation League virtual presentation on historic 12th Street on April 22 at 7 PM • Encouraged community engagement in upcoming planning efforts along Rhode Island Avenue following participation in an Urban Land Institute technical panel • Highlighted the importance of the RFK Stadium redevelopment, encouraging residents to stay informed and engaged due to potential impacts on Ward 5
5B05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
5B06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided updates on traffic and safety concerns near 16th and Monroe, including DDOT plans for pedestrian safety improvements (right-turn-only lane, daylighting, and signage), though a four-way stop was not prioritized • Coordinated with DPW on a constituent trash issue; request for an additional public litter can on Monroe Street was declined due to limited availability • Reported an accessibility concern regarding a damaged sidewalk near Art Enables; request has been escalated to expedite repair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted upcoming DDOT sidewalk improvements on the 1700 block of Hamlin and 1600 block of Jackson • Announced a community cleanup and Sidewalkpalooza event on March 28 (2–5 PM)
5B07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that a previously scheduled SMD meeting was postponed due to weather and has been rescheduled to March 30 at 6:00 PM at Woodridge Library, to discuss the proposed business at 2915 Rhode Island Avenue NE • Continued advocacy for residents on Monroe Street regarding alley cleaning by DPW and long-term solutions from DDOT to address persistent groundwater issues

Committee Reports

<p>Transportation and Public Space (TPS): Presented by Reid Porter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the committee met on March 10 with a quorum present • Noted the resignation of one committee member, creating two vacancies, and encouraged interested residents to contact their Commissioner for appointment • Approved a resolution regarding DDOT safety treatments along South Dakota Avenue, supporting structural traffic calming measures and opposing reliance on signage-only solutions • Resolution was approved by the committee (4–0–0) and transmitted to the full Commission for consideration
<p>Communications and Outreach (C&O): Presented by Commissioner Sen and Rathore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that there were no updates from the committee • Noted community interest in joining the committee; further discussion on structure and leadership to occur at a future CAW meeting
<p>Development, Zoning, and Land Use (DZLU): Presented by Commissioner Sun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the February meeting was rescheduled to March 5 to allow for proper community notice • Reviewed two cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZC 23-18 (1800 Hamlin Street NE): Applicant filed for an extension due to financing challenges; project involves conversion of a church to mixed-use (church + housing) and had been previously approved by ANC 5B ○ BZA 21439 (1908 Irving Street NE): Hearing postponed to June due to lack of quorum at BZA; committee identified outstanding issues related to community outreach, fencing, bike storage, and trash/recycling plans ○ Committee deferred a vote on the Irving Street case pending additional information, with plans to revisit at the next meeting
<p>Education Committee (EDU): Presented by Commissioner Vizvary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Vizvary introduced interest from two applicants to join the Education Committee and sought to add their nominations to the agenda • A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to include nominations for Education Committee membership under New Business • After discussion regarding timing and process, the Commission voted to amend the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote: Passed by roll call, with one Commissioner opposed (5-1-0) • Discussion noted the need to operationalize the committee, with additional conversation on structure and process to continue

Joint Special Committee on Taylor (JSCT): Presented by Commissioner Borrego

- Noted that DDOT will host a Bikeway Concept Open House on March 31 (5:30–7:30 PM) at Woodridge Library
- Encouraged residents to attend and provide input directly to DDOT, as the agency is responsible for project decisions
- Committee remains inactive pending further concrete proposals from DDOT

New and Old Business

Approval of minutes for Monthly Meeting on February 18, 2026

- Commissioner Rathore moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sen. Approved 6-0-0.

Treasurer's Report

- Commissioner Vizcary reported that she still does not yet have access to the ANC checkbook or PNC online banking, but does have access to the OANC QFR portal and February bank statements
- Balances:
 - Checking: \$56,663.25
 - Savings: \$5,093.97, including \$0.04 in accrued interest
- Confirmed receipt of the FY26 Q1 allotment in the amount of \$4,650.85
- Noted that the FY26 Q1 QFR is moving through OANC's Box signature process and that prior meeting minutes still need to be uploaded to the QFR portal
- Reported progress on PNC account transition paperwork and noted that OANC issued a support letter to PNC due to the Commission's circumstances
- The Commission then approved a motion authorizing the Treasurer to issue a letter on behalf of the Commission to facilitate restoration of banking access and related financial administration, including:
 - removal of Commissioner Mónica Martínez López from ANC bank accounts
 - invalidation of checks numbered 1345 through 2025
 - authorization to begin a new check series starting with 2026
 - authorization for OANC to provide Commissioner Vizcary access to the ANC 5B05 Outlook account for the limited purpose of obtaining banking and financial information
- Motion by Commissioner Borrego, seconded by Commissioner Sun. Approved 6-0-0.

DC 311 Resolution

- Commissioner Rathore presented a resolution outlining concerns with the DC 311 mobile app and service request system, including app functionality issues, inconsistent access to service request types, and problems with notes and data mapping reaching servicing agencies
- The resolution called on the Office of the Chief Technology Officer to lead stabilization and modernization efforts and on the Office of Unified Communications to audit workflows and backend data mapping
- During discussion, Commissioners noted the potential value of inviting relevant District officials to a future meeting to discuss system improvements and responsibilities.
- Motioned by Commissioner Rathore. Seconded by Commissioner Sun. Approved 6-0-0.

Nominations for Education Committee

- The Commission considered nominations for Clark Hagen and Laura Fuchs to the Education Committee
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations
- The Commission voted to approve both nominees
 - Motion for Laura Fuchs as a member of the Education Committee. Motion by Commissioner Vizvary. Seconded by Commissioner Sun. Approved 6-0-0.
 - Motion for Clark Hagen as a member of the Education Committee. Motion by Commissioner Vizvary. Seconded by Commissioner Sun. Approved 6-0-0.

Resolution: Support DDOT's Strategic Bikeways Plan and Suggested Routes for Ward 5 / ANC 5B

- The Commission revisited the bikeways resolution under Old Business following additional time for public review and feedback
- Commissioner Borrego explained that the resolution was intended to provide ANC input to DDOT during the current planning phase for the Strategic Bikeways Plan, not to endorse a final DDOT plan or any specific final design
- Commissioners discussed concerns raised by residents, including whether the resolution was premature, the treatment of Taylor Street and South Dakota Avenue, and the need to ensure DDOT continues broad community outreach as the process moves forward
- Several members of the public testified, with some expressing opposition to references to Taylor Street and South Dakota Avenue, and others expressing support for safer bicycle infrastructure and the resolution overall
- Commissioner Rathore proposed amendment language acknowledging that there are varying levels of community support and concern and urging DDOT to conduct robust, inclusive, and proactive outreach using multiple methods before finalizing plans
- The Commission accepted that amendment and then voted on the resolution as amended
- Motion for approval made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Sun. Approved 5-0-1.

Public Forum

Floor was held open for community comments

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Sen. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm.

ANC 5B's next meeting will be held [virtually](#) on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7pm.

Prepared by: Zahid Rathore

