GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5B

MEETING MINUTES for April 29, 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	P
2.	Commissioner Nandini Sen	P	6.	Commissioner Maya Vizvary	P
3.	Commissioner Jingwen 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 Sun joined mid-meeting.

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

Agenda

The Commission approved 6-0 the April 29 agenda as presented. Motioned by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Sen.

Community Reports

Metropolitan Police	Sergeant. B Kassar

Department 4th and 5th Districts PSA 405/503/504	• Provided an overview of recent incidents across the PSA, including theft-related activity and general crime patterns. • Clarified distinctions between theft classifications when responding to commissioner questions. • Discussed police response and follow-up procedures for reported incidents. • Addressed questions regarding patrol presence and responsiveness in specific areas.
Office of Councilmember Zachary Parker	Oliver Stoute: ostoute@dccouncil.gov; 771-333-9912 • Provided update on Ward 5 budget engagement, noting ongoing discussions and community input shaping priorities. • Shared that transportation and infrastructure items remain a focus, including coordination with DDOT on safety and corridor improvements. • Noted continued work on public safety coordination and timing of future community meetings. • Highlighted outreach efforts related to ranked choice voting education. • Responded to commissioner questions regarding timelines and implementation of Ward initiatives.
Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR)	• No report from MOCR was received

SMD Reports

5B01	• Washington Gas has been meeting with the community regarding a major lead pipe replacement project that will affect much of 5B01. • Washington Gas is coordinating with DC Water and DC Plug so utility work can be aligned in the neighborhood. • The project may require adjustments to construction hours to allow the work to be completed more efficiently, and said he would share more information once available. • The DC National Guard led a clean up of Bernard Hill Park and a substantial amount of trash was removed. • The DC National Guard has circulated a process for ANCs to request assistance with cleanup efforts and encouraged other neighborhoods to take advantage of that support where possible.
5B02	• DC Water is in the final weeks of pipe replacement work in 5B02.
5B03	• No report given.
5B04	• Traffic safety changes are being implemented along 12th Street, including at or near 12th and Kearney and 12th and Irving, with additional work expected around 12th and Franklin and 12th and Evarts.

	● Lane narrowing and daylighting measures are intended to address unsafe driving and improve pedestrian safety, especially for schoolchildren crossing 12th Street. ● The Harp is seeking significant changes to its liquor license, including a change to a Class C license and the ability to host some live music nights. ● Residents most immediately affected do not currently appear bothered, but are aware of the placard and hearing date of June 8 and may testify if circumstances change. ● Right Proper has requested a public space permit for its streetery design so that its outdoor area can reopen. ● The April 22 Brookland public education event was well attended and focused on the history of historic 12th Street as the area's former downtown shopping district between Monroe and Otis. ● Residents and community groups should consider applying for ANC grants to support historic preservation, archival signage, workshops, panels, performances, and other efforts to preserve and tell neighborhood history. ● Public history can be used as a form of activism, especially in light of the future land use map and Comprehensive Plan discussions, and residents should organize and use storytelling to shape future development.
5B05	● Reminded residents that the feedback deadline for the bike lanes proposal was April 30 and noted that the matter affects many neighbors in 5B05. ● Reported that DDOT's 2026 Safe Routes to School program will be working with Brookland Middle School to improve safety. ● Shared that the kickoff meeting had already taken place and that she participated with both DDOT and DCPS. ● Stated that the site visit was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 during both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. ● Emphasized to DDOT and DCPS the importance of broader outreach to the surrounding community because the traffic and safety issues also affect Petite Scholars on 10th Street. ● Encouraged parents and neighbors to help disseminate information about the effort. ● Reported that DDOT indicated it may extend the study and survey area to include 10th Street because many Brookland Middle School students use Turkey Thicket after school. ● Said there is an active survey for residents to share their views on safety issues related to the study. ● Shared that she had been nominated for GoDCGo's Transportation All-Star Awards and noted that the ceremony would take place on May 6 at the MLK Library. ● Thanked residents and colleagues for their support during the past several months and said she had been dealing with personal and family matters but expected to be fully back in the coming weeks.
5B06	● Reported on Sidewalkpalooza, held on March 28, and said about 15 people participated. ● Said the event generated at least 10 bags of trash and approximately 30 sidewalk-related requests along Newton Street.

	● Noted that the citywide Sidewalkpalooza effort included about 14 events and roughly 350 pedestrian-related requests concerning sidewalk safety. ● Reported that she is serving on Councilmember Parker's Rhode Island Avenue task force, which covers Rhode Island Avenue from 16th Street to South Dakota Avenue within her district. ● Shared that the task force had already met twice in April, on April 8 and April 23, and had submitted budget recommendations to the Councilmember earlier that week. ● Reported that she also joined Commissioner Rathore, Commissioner Sen, and Commissioner Kapoor of ANC 5C07 in submitting a letter on the future land use map that generally supported the direction of the proposal while encouraging additional upzoning along parts of Rhode Island Avenue. ● Reported that Burroughs Elementary is also participating in the Safe Routes to School study. ● Stated that the kickoff took place on April 10 and the first field study was conducted on April 23. ● Noted that the Safe Routes to School survey remains open through May 22. ● Thanked Commissioner Rathore for helping get the survey out not only to parents and staff at Burroughs, but also to neighbors and the broader community. ● Encouraged residents to complete the survey so the study can better assess what occurs during drop-off and pick-up and identify ways to improve safety. ● Reminded the community that Burroughs is undergoing modernization and stated that the next modernization meeting would be held on May 7 at 5:00 PM. ● Reported that Notice of Intent 26-65 MSED at 16th and Monroe seeks to improve traffic safety at that intersection. ● Reported that DDOT is undertaking sidewalk repairs on 17th Street from Jackson to Kearney, with work expected to begin around April 30 and conclude by May 21.
5B07	● Reported that he held an SMD meeting on March 30 focused on reviewing and discussing community feedback on a proposed settlement agreement for the business proposed at 3211 Rhode Island Avenue. ● Thanked Commissioner Amin for guidance on the settlement agreement process and said the draft was in strong shape and had already been shared publicly for comment. ● Said community feedback on the draft had been very helpful and invited additional comments before it is transmitted to the business owner. ● Stated that the business is not moving forward immediately, but said the owner has been willing to engage and has so far been a constructive partner. ● Reported that he also met with DDOT on March 30 regarding the Monroe Street alley project. ● Said the design is nearly complete, is expected to be finished by the summer, and that DDOT indicated construction could begin as early as the fall. ● Reported that traffic safety measures, including daylighting, are being implemented at 24th and Monroe, which he described as a heavily trafficked

	intersection with frequent crashes. ● Said the improvements demonstrate that the TSI process works, even if it can be slow. ● Announced that the former J&Z Hotel property has a new owner and that it will not reopen as a hotel. ● Reported that the new owner is a physician who plans to bring a family medicine practice to the community, which he described as a major win for local primary care access. ● Noted that some zoning matters may need to be addressed and said the business would come before the Commission at the appropriate time. ● Reported that he attended a recent Brookland Garden Club meeting and learned more about RiverSmart. ● Encouraged residents to take advantage of RiverSmart and related programs such as Casey Trees, describing them as valuable community resources.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS) ● No report given
Communications and Outreach (C&O): Presented by Commissioner Rathore ● Reported that there were no updates from the committee
Development, Zoning, and Land Use (DZLU): Presented by Sarah Woodhead ● Reported on a recent BNCA meeting where the Office of Planning (OP) presented the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan update, noting it was a standing-room-only event with strong community turnout, active discussion, and wide-ranging opinions; she emphasized that while the comment deadline is approaching, additional engagement opportunities are expected, encouraged residents to review the plan at dc2050.dc.gov, and framed it as an important opportunity for the community to help shape future development.
Education Committee (EDU): Presented by Clark Hagen ● Provided an update, noting growing interest in the committee and upcoming addition of new members. ● Reported ongoing outreach to school communities, including PTOs at Burroughs, Bunker Hill, Noyes, and Bethune, as well as education-focused nonprofits like PAVE and EmpowerEd. ● Shared that the committee is developing a broader framework to map schools, programs, and feeder patterns across ANC 5B, and to connect this work to efforts like Safe Routes to School. ● Noted efforts to establish a regular meeting schedule and to build a more diverse committee membership, including both parents and non-parents. ● In discussion, Commissioner Amin encouraged stronger coordination with the Ward 5 Education Equity Committee and emphasized the importance of prioritizing vocational education (CTE), not just college pathways. ● Chair Hagen agreed to follow up on both items and incorporate them into the committee's work moving forward.
Joint Special Committee on Taylor (JSCT): Presented by Commissioner Borrego ● Reported ongoing coordination with an ANC 5A commissioner to schedule an initial meeting to discuss next steps and logistics.

- Noted that the committee was originally established in 2024 and that progress has been limited since then.
- Stated that future activity will depend largely on DDOT's approach as the project advances.
- Confirmed the project is currently in the concept phase, with the public feedback deadline imminent.
- Highlighted that ANC 5B's 2024 resolution remains in effect, and that the committee will likely re-engage more actively once the project reaches the design phase.

New and Old Business

Approval of minutes for Monthly Meeting on March 18, 2026

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

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Vizvary reported no transactions in March, with balances of $56,163.25 in checking and $5,001.02 in savings.
- Noted that Q2 activity was minimal, with only a $16 adjustment related to a corrected PO Box reimbursement.
- Reported that all financial records have been reconciled, all funds accounted for, and full access to PNC accounts has been restored.
- Confirmed submission of required documents to OANC and pending disbursement of funds.
- Brief discussion included potential purchase of business cards, pending OANC eligibility and budget alignment.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the QFR. Motion included explicit authorization for Treasurer to make required updates after submission. Motion made by Commissioner Vizvary. Seconded by Commissioner Sen. Approved 6-0-0.

Motion to Authorize OANC for Supplier Registration and Renewal

- Chair Borrego presented a request from OANC seeking formal authorization to act as the Commission's agent for supplier registration and renewal in District systems (DIFS and PASS), which enable ACH payments of ANC allotments.
- Noted this is a standard process historically handled by OANC, but now requires formal Commission approval.
- Motion made to authorize OANC for this limited purpose in accordance with the provided memo. Motion made by Commssioner Boreggo. Second by Commissioner Amin. Approved 6-0-0.

Annual 21st Street Community Day Grant

- Debra Byrd emphasized the historical and community significance of the event.
- Commissioners discussed compliance with OANC grant restrictions.Conditions were clearly stated prior to vote.
- The initial request was approved by OANC.
- Motion to support this grant made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Rathore. Approved 6-0-0.

Nominations for TPS Committee

- Commissioner Borrego introduced Katherine Wolf as the sole remaining nominee for the TPS Committee, noting one additional vacancy remains.

- Ms. Wolf's background as a public health researcher and long-time Brookland resident was highlighted, along with her interest in transportation safety and accessibility across all modes.
- Motion to appoint Katherine Wolf to the TPS Committee. Motion made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Martinez López. Approved 6-0-0.

Nominations for Education Committee

- Commissioner Vizvary nominated Lindsay Templeton for the Education Committee, highlighting her experience in higher education, K-12 systems, public policy, workforce development, DC education equity work, and early intervention programs in DC public schools.
- Ms. Templeton noted that she has lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, has a child at Burroughs, and is interested in serving the local education community.
- Motion to appoint Lindsay Templeton to the Education Committee. Motion made by Commissioner Vizvary. Seconded by Commissioner Sen. Approved 6-0-0.
- Commissioner Vizvary also nominated Clark Hagen to chair the Education Committee, noting that he had already begun taking on leadership responsibilities and organizing committee work. Motion made by Commissioner Vizvary. Seconded by Commissioner Amin. Approved 6-0-0.

1908 Irving BZA

- Commissioner Vizvary introduced the item, noting the applicant had met with DZLU multiple times, submitted revised materials, and has a BZA hearing scheduled for June 24.
- Sarah Woodhead read a statement from Commissioner Sun raising concerns about whether the proposal would create a lower standard of housing for voucher holders, while recognizing the broader need for more housing.
- The applicant's architect described the proposal as an 8-unit multifamily building with larger 6-bedroom units, stormwater management, a preserved heritage tree, solar panels, rear trash storage, 4 parking spaces, and bicycle parking.
- The owner stated the project is intended to address the shortage of larger family-sized units in DC and would not be limited to voucher holders.
- A next-door neighbor raised concerns about density, trash, rodents, parking, delivery vehicles, snow removal, and property management.
- Motion to table the item for further discussion. Motion made by Commissioner Rathore, Seconded by Commissioner Amin. Approved 7-0-0.

Representing the Commission on the 17th and Rhode Island Ave NOI-26-100-MSED

- Commissioner Vizvary presented an NOI for installation of a HAWK signal at 17th and Rhode Island Ave NE.
- Expressed support for the signal and proposed additional safety improvements, including an advanced stop line, wider median cut, conduit for a future full traffic signal, and consideration of a median diverter.
- Noted DDOT indicated these enhancements would benefit from formal ANC support.
- Motion to authorize a letter on behalf of the Commission supporting the HAWK signal. Motion made by Commissioner Vizcary. Seconded by Commissioner Rathore. Approved 6-0-0.

Resolution on Advancing Equitable Metrorail Access though a New Ward 5 Rail Segment

- Chair Borrego introduced a resolution passed by ANC 5C seeking support for expanded Metro rail service through Ward 5, based on WMATA's capacity and reliability study.
- The resolution calls on WMATA to advance study and funding for new rail segments serving areas such as Union Market, Ivy City, Langdon, and Woodridge, without waiting on broader system decisions.
- Commissioners noted the proposal is timely but acknowledged limited direct public engagement by ANC 5B to date.
- Motion to support the resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Martinez López Approved 7-0-0.

Letter Re: Proposed Spot Improvement Concepts along South Dakota Ave NE

- Chair Borrego presented a TPS Committee letter providing feedback on DDOT's proposed safety improvements along South Dakota Avenue NE.
- The letter supports various measures including turn restrictions, lane design changes, pedestrian safety enhancements, and enforcement measures across multiple segments.
- Raises concerns about less effective treatments like flashing beacons and emphasizes need for durable infrastructure and maintenance.
- Includes additional request to incorporate green space in medians rather than full concrete where feasible.
- Motion to approve and send the letter to DDOT. Motion made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Martinez López. Approved 7-0-0.

Public Forum

Floor was held open for community comments

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Borrego. Seconded by Commissioner Rathore. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm.

ANC 5B's next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7pm.

Prepared by: Zahid Rathore

Approved on: June 17, 2026

Attested By: _____