GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5B

MEETING MINUTES for May 20, 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	P	7.	Commissioner Zahid Rathore	A
4.	Commissioner Ra Amin	P			

A quorum was declared and determined by a roll call with 6 of 7 Commissioners present. Commissioner Rathore joined mid-meeting.

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

Agenda

Chair Borrego noted that the draft agenda had not been posted on the ANC website within the required timeframe. As a result, the Commission proceeded with the meeting as an advisory meeting and did not take substantive votes.

Chair Borrego noted that the 1908 Irving Street NE BZA matter had been listed under old business, but that no vote would be taken at this meeting. Commissioner Vizvary stated that the BZA hearing date had been confirmed as June 24, 2026. Chair Borrego noted that the

Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026, which would allow the Commission to consider the matter before the BZA hearing.

Chair Borrego also noted that approval of the April meeting minutes would be deferred to a future properly noticed meeting.

Community Reports

Metropolitan Police Department 4th and 5th Districts PSA 405/503/504	Sergeant. B Kassar ● Reported that Part I offenses were down in the 5th District compared with the prior year and prior reporting period. ● Reported no homicides during the reporting period. ● Reported that assault with a dangerous weapon incidents were up, with 3 incidents. ● Reported robberies were down, with 5 compared with 11 during the same period last year. ● Reported property crimes were down by approximately 41 incidents. ● Reported thefts were up, with 40 incidents compared with 32 during the same period last year, concentrated around the 12th Street/CVS area. ● Reported motor vehicle thefts were down, with 5 compared with 36 during the prior period. ● Responded to a question regarding recent concerns about MPD crime statistics and categorization, noting that he did not have information on how any citywide misclassification concerns affected the 4th and 5th Districts. ● Discussed bicycle and e-bike theft reporting, noting that bike thefts are tracked separately from motor vehicle theft and may be categorized based on value. ● Recommended that residents register bicycles to improve the likelihood of recovery if a stolen bicycle is found. ● Commissioners discussed MPD bike registration and Bike Index as resources for residents. ● Reported an attempted robbery investigation involving PNC Bank at 3805 12th Street NE. MPD stated that the incident was still under investigation and that investigators were seeking access to video evidence
Office of Councilmember Zachary Parker	Oliver Stoute: ostoute@dccouncil.gov; 771-333-9912 ● Provided an update on the Healthy Communities spring cleaning initiative, including cleanup locations in Brookland and the Michigan Avenue/Bunker Hill underpass area. ● Reported that Council committees were marking up the budget and that Council budget votes were scheduled for June 9 and June 23. ● Shared that the deadline for public comment on the draft Future Land Use Map had been extended to June 7. ● Noted the Councilmember's participation in the Brookland House and Garden Tour.

	● Reported that approximately $200,000 had been secured for 12th Street retail grants in response to the BNCA report. ● Reported that a Rhode Island Avenue business support grant opportunity was available, with grants of up to $350,000 for businesses along Rhode Island Avenue. ● Responded to commissioner questions regarding eligibility, geographic scope, and whether the 12th Street grants apply to existing businesses or potential new businesses. ● Agreed to follow up with additional details on grant eligibility, geographic coverage, and Ward 5 budget items affecting ANC 5B. ● Commissioner Rathore briefly joined and noted that he had volunteered with DC Central Kitchen and hoped to invite its CEO to a future ANC meeting to discuss programs that provide fresh produce to stores in communities with food access needs. ● Commissioner Sun noted Food and Friends as another potential community resource.
Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR)	● Thanked residents who participated in the Mayor Bowser Spring Cleanup. ● Announced the Rhode Island Avenue Resource Fair hosted by CSOSA and DC Doors, scheduled for Thursday, May 28, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 900 Rhode Island Avenue NE. ● Noted that participating organizations were expected to include DC Central Kitchen, DC Employment Services, DC Behavioral Health, Returning Citizens Affairs, DC Hunger Solutions, and others. ● Reminded parents that DPR summer programming registration had opened, including aquatic programming and other DPR programs.
Cultivating Community	Andrew Gallegos ● Presented a proposal for a community farm and garden on land located at 914 to 930 Bunker Hill Road NE in Brookland. ● Stated that the land is owned by WMATA and that he had been informed the site is available for lease. ● Described the proposal as a public-facing, community-centered, and educational farm focused on fresh food access, agricultural education, community connection, and land stewardship. ● Stated that the goal would be to open the farm in spring 2027. ● Described prior urban agriculture work, including a 15,000 square foot farm in Temple Hills and a free food distribution program. ● Stated that the project would require community input, a maintenance plan, volunteer structure, site schedule, and regular communication with neighbors and stakeholders. ● Commissioner Amin asked about water access, composting, residency, site boundaries, lease duration, redevelopment plans

	for the area, restroom access, hand-washing facilities, and drainage. ● Mr. Gallegos stated that he is exploring water access through either a spigot or water tank, that composting would not occur on site, and that he is seeking a lease or use permit of less than 5 years. ● Mr. Gallegos stated that WMATA would not allow permanent installations on the site. ● Commissioner Martínez López stated that the presentation was intended as an introductory discussion and that additional community engagement would be needed if the proposal moves forward. ● Commissioners discussed the need for a site tour with a site plan and additional community input. ● Mr. Gallegos agreed to coordinate a walking tour of the proposed site.
Office of Human Rights Language Access Program	Laura Gonzalez ● Provided an overview of the Office of Human Rights Language Access Program. ● Explained that the program enforces the Language Access Act of 2004 and supports access to DC government services for limited and non-English proficient residents, workers, and visitors. ● Reminded the Commission that OHR can reimburse ANCs for interpretation and translation services, including meeting interpretation, document translation, agendas, outreach materials, and assistive listening systems. ● Stated that reimbursement requests should be submitted with the ANC reimbursement form, proof of payment, invoices, or quotes. ● Stated that the deadline for FY26 reimbursement submissions is October 6, 2026. ● Offered to provide follow-up information to commissioners.

SMD Reports

5B01	● Reported that DDOT issued letters to residents regarding upcoming sidewalk work on 22nd Street from Randolph Street to Shepherd Street, Varnum Street from 21st Street to 22nd Street, and Shepherd Street from 21st Street to 22nd Street. ● Noted that additional sidewalk locations remain pending, including areas that currently lack sidewalks. ● Reported follow-up with the project manager regarding delayed paver work at the bike share station near the Brookland Metro station. ● Noted that the project is being managed by a DOEE RiverSmart contractor team rather than DDOT. ● Stated that TPS and a neighboring ANC 5F commissioner had been copied on follow-up regarding the bike share station area because residents from multiple areas had asked about the project. ● Reported recurring trash and litter concerns along Michigan Avenue,

	including public litter cans being emptied and flipped over. ● Reported that multiple 311 requests had been submitted and closed, and encouraged residents to continue submitting 311 requests and contacting DPW.
5B02	● Reported receiving an email from Washington Gas Light regarding a contractor for WMATA and possibly DDOT seeking a letter of support. ● Stated that the matter would be forwarded to Commissioner Martínez López because it is in her SMD. ● Reported ongoing efforts to facilitate communication between Ms. Alexander and Councilmember Parker's office regarding the former H6 bus route. ● Reported plans to meet with someone at Monroe Street and 13th Street to review road resurfacing concerns.
5B03	● Reported that DDOT had completed surface or sidewalk repairs in 5B03. ● Reported that the large lot at 13th Street and Rhode Island Avenue NE continues to be used as a staging site for DC PLUG utility undergrounding work. ● Noted that the gate to the staging site had been left open and stated that she would try to contact the construction company or government office responsible. ● Reported that Engine Company 26, located at Rhode Island Avenue and 13th Street NE, is slated to move south to better serve residents across its service area. ● Stated that there is no exact date or timeline for the move and that the future use of the existing fire station property is not yet known. ● Reported ongoing communication with the Council's Committee on Housing and DCHA to gather data related to the 1908 Irving Street NE BZA case, including the need for units with 6 or more bedrooms, so the Commission can have a more informed discussion and vote.
5B04	● Reported that Commissioner Amin attended a GoDCGo awards ceremony on behalf of Commissioner Martínez López and picked up her award. ● Reported that Brookland entities, including the Greater Brookland Intergenerational Village and the Brookland Press, were also recognized by GoDCGo. ● Highlighted community work related to multimodal transportation and noted the role of 901 Monroe Street as a multimodal building. ● Reported that Safe Routes to School work around Noyes Elementary School is moving toward implementation around locations including 10th Street and Franklin Street and 12th Street and Franklin Street. ● Reported that the proposed traffic garden at Noyes Park is one step closer, though not yet confirmed, and described it as the first traffic garden in Ward 5 and the first to be located in a park. ● Announced the launch of Brookland 100 beer at Right Proper, scheduled for May 21 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. ● Stated that proceeds beyond costs would be donated to Noyes Elementary School PTO, St. Anthony's renovation project, and the Greater Brookland Intergenerational Village.

5B05	● Reported that Turkey Thicket is repaving the playground surface, with work expected to continue, weather permitting, through June 9. ● Reported construction on 9th Street from Randolph Street to Taylor Street beginning May 20 and expected to conclude by June 9. ● Stated that the Turkey Thicket work was not expected to disrupt parking, while the 9th Street work may require vehicles to move, with signs to be posted in advance. ● Reported outreach to new 4th District Commander Hong regarding resident concerns that MPD's 4th District does not regularly attend ANC 5B meetings. ● Reported that 4D continues to direct residents to its monthly community meetings at the 4th District station on Georgia Avenue and that a hybrid meeting link was being requested. ● Noted that MPD's summer crime initiative began on May 1. ● Thanked Commissioner Amin for attending the GoDCGo awards ceremony. ● Reported that 5B was recognized by GoDCGo for promoting sustainable transportation. ● Reported that DDOT conducted a Safe Routes to School site visit for Brookland Middle School. ● Stated that DDOT observed morning drop-off activity near Randolph Street and 11th Street and observed students arriving on foot from areas including the Metro station, Michigan Avenue, and 10th Street. ● Stated that she had been told the Safe Routes to School survey would remain open beyond May 22.
5B06	● Reported that Burroughs Elementary School is in an active construction phase. ● Reported that after-hours work was scheduled for two days the following week for concrete pouring, and that Gilbane was providing letters to neighbors on Newton Street. ● Reported that the Burroughs Safe Routes to School survey remained open and was scheduled to close on May 22. ● Stated that there had been multiple outreach efforts regarding the survey and that she hoped DDOT had received useful data. ● Reported outreach related to the 1908 Irving Street NE BZA case, including an email to her listserv on May 6 and notes left at houses around Irving Street on May 18. ● Stated that residents had been asked to provide feedback by June 1. ● Reported sidewalk work on the 2000 block of Lawrence Street. ● Reported attending a DC Health webinar on rodent control. ● Stated that DC Health and DPW are coordinating on rodent-related reporting and pilot projects, including a pilot project near Eastern Market that may be expanded if successful.
5B07	● No report given.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS) ● No formal TPS report was given.

- Chair Borrego reported that Reid, the TPS Committee Chair, had informed the committee that he was stepping down from the chair role.
- Chair Borrego thanked Reid for his service, noting that he had chaired TPS since the committee was formed.
- Chair Borrego reported that TPS currently has no chair and that the Commission will need to determine next steps.
- Chair Borrego stated that there is now another vacancy on TPS and encouraged interested residents, particularly in 5B01, to reach out.
- Chair Borrego stated that TPS did not appear to have taken action at its most recent meeting.
- Commissioners discussed TPS membership, quorum, vacancies, and committee terms.

Communications and Outreach (C&O)

- No report given.

Development, Zoning, and Land Use (DZLU): Presented by Commissioner Sun

- Reported that DZLU did not hold a regular meeting the previous month because no new cases or new business had been referred to the committee.
- Noted that this was partially related to BZA quorum issues.
- Stated that BZA seats appear to have been filled, though it was unclear whether nominees had been sworn in.
- Reported that the next DZLU meeting would not include new voting items.
- Stated that committee members had prepared a presentation on the Future Land Use Map and on ways to better engage the community.
- Stated that the next DZLU agenda would be published the following morning.

Education Committee (EDU): Presented by Clark Hagen

- Reported that the Education Committee held its first meeting the previous evening.
- Reported that the meeting included three confirmed members, Commissioner Vizvary, and community participants.
- Reported discussion of ways to recruit additional committee members.
- Reported discussion of committee ideas and activities, including creation of a Google Drive to support shared work on documents and planning.
- Reported that action items would be circulated.
- Stated that the committee is scheduled to meet in June, take July off, and resume in August, with work continuing by email.

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

- Reported that the Joint Special Committee on Taylor Street held its first meeting on May 17.
- Stated that the committee is a joint committee between ANC 5A and ANC 5B.
- Reported that ANC 5A participants are Commissioner Lucio of 5A03, Commissioner Hermes of 5A04, and Commissioner Weston of 5A05.
- Reported that ANC 5B participants are Commissioner Borrego, Commissioner Sen, and Commissioner Martínez López.
- Reported that all members were present except Commissioner Weston.
- Stated that the committee discussed and reached consensus on the general approach the committee expects to take.
- Reported that the committee is considering 2 or 3 meetings, depending on DDOT's design phase timeline and process.
- Stated that expected outputs include a report and joint resolution text for ANC 5A and ANC 5B to consider separately.
- Clarified that the joint committee only makes recommendations and that ANC 5A and ANC 5B remain the deciding bodies for their respective commissions.

- Stated that the committee agreed on the importance of a survey and feedback instrument that helps educate and inform the community, rather than simply asking whether people support or oppose bike lanes.
- Reported that Commissioner Borrego volunteered to draft the survey feedback instrument and circulate it to the committee for review.
- Stated that the committee will determine its meeting schedule once DDOT provides more information about how it plans to approach the design phase of the Taylor Street bike lane project.

New and Old Business

Approval of minutes for Monthly Meeting on April 28, 2026

- Deferred until the June 2026 meeting

1908 Irving BZA

- Deferred to a future properly noticed meeting.
- Chair Borrego noted that the BZA hearing date was confirmed as June 24, 2026.
- Chair Borrego stated that the Commission's June 17 public meeting would occur before the BZA hearing and would allow the Commission to consider the matter before the hearing.

Treasurer's Report

- Reported that the FY26 Q2 QFR had been approved at the prior meeting and uploaded into the required system.
- Presented April 30 bank statement balances.
- Reported a checking account balance of $56,429.20.
- Reported two April checking transactions: a $231 PNC service charge on April 1 and $91.23 for new checks on April 30.
- Reported a savings account balance of $5,001.06, including a monthly interest deposit of $0.04.
- Reported that new checkbooks had been received.
- Reported that 3 checks had been written after April 30 and therefore did not appear on the April statement.
- Chair Borrego asked about the PNC service charge and noted that the Commission typically does not pay a service charge because the account maintains the minimum balance.
- Commissioner Vizvary stated that she would follow up with PNC regarding the charge.
- No vote was taken.

Public Forum

Floor was held open for community comments

Adjournment

Chair Borrego stated that the Commission had reached the end of the meeting. The meeting concluded at approximately 10:01pm.

ANC 5B's next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7pm.

Prepared by: Zahid Rathore

Approved on: June 17, 2026

Attested By: 