

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D**



Public Meeting Minutes

**March 10, 2015
7-8:30 pm**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
2. Greetings Commissioner Kathy Henderson
3. Roll Call Commissioner H. Yvonne Buggs

a) Peta-Gay Lewis, 5D01	Present
b) Keisha Shropshire, 5D02	Absent
c) Adam Roberts, 5D03	Present
d) Bernice Blacknell, 5D04	Present
e) Kathy Henderson, 5D05	Present
f) Yvonne Buggs, 5D06	Present
g) Clarence Lee, 5D07	Present

Commissioners Present: Quorum Established

4. Public Safety Report Sergeant Matthew Jones
MPD 5th District PSA 506
Contact Information: Matthew.Jones@dc.gov

- Assaults are up, most are Domestic Violence related
- Disputes are over food family related
- Robberies are down
- Burglaries are down
- 0 theft on autos
- Reminded citizens to not leave anything in their cars; to report illegal activities no matter how small
- Robbery arrest at 16th and Levis; case papered as a robbery US Attorney's office moving forward on prosecution
- Incident on Galludet Street, Saturday at approximately 5 p.m., woman with a knife not making much since, followed people for about a block waving the knife.
- Sgt. Jones had no information regarding the incident.

Officer Travis Collins:

- A lot of the Domestic related assaults have been resulting around food in more than one property in PSA 506.
- Officer Collins will provide more information in regards to recent assaults.
- Public concern regarding suspicious activities transpiring on 19th and Benning Roads.
- No updates for 507; request for updates in 507 and 505
- Concern with the open air drug activities at 19th Street corridor
- Officer on patrol sitting at 1830 Benning Road which is the Food 7 Store, there was some drug activity behind the store.
- Kudos to 5D in locating the elderly lady that was missing in 5D03.
- Missing 12 year old from the 18th Street area was located.

5. Tommie Jones, Ward 5 Representative, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
Mr. Jones advised that he handles issues in the Commissions of 5C and 5D; Malik Williams handles issues in Commissions of 5A and 5B they both rotate with Commission 5E. Their responsibilities are for the outreach for the Mayor for Ward 5. He can be reached by email: Tommie.jones@dc.gov will be more than happy to help you with any issues you may have.
- Mr. Jones provided information regarding Mayor Bowser's first State of DC Address to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the Lincoln Center, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Mr. Jones made a partial announcement in regard to the newly appointed Washington, DC Fire Chief Gregory Dean who came from the Seattle Fire Department.
 - Involved with the Senators and Satchel Paige's event on February 18, for an opportunity for boys and girls from ages 4-18 to be a part of.
 - Working on a number of issues to make Ward 5 DC a great place to grow to feel safe and learn. We do work with Commissioners and have opportunities to be engaged. Working with individuals during neighborhood clean-up. Working with the PSA's to help reduce crime and other activities that have been going on.
 - Commissioner Roberts ask about any opportunities for DPW or the Mayor's office would like to get public comments on like improvements for next year any suggestions.
 - Mr. Jones suggested that Commissioners could email him directly or if the Constituents emailed the Commissioners they could forward to them and they would make sure things were taken care of.

6. Presentations

- Monument Academy
Emily Bloomfield, Founder and CEO
Laura Masimini, Outreach Coordinator for Monument Academy, informed us of a new upcoming weekday boarding school, Monument Academy serves students who are at risk of expulsion suspension and other punitive infractions in traditional school systems.
- Academic, social and emotional education; located at the Rosedale Gibbs building- 19th and Benning Roads, NE; Schedule and brief overview of curriculum was shared with meeting attendants

Citizens Concerns

1. Is there a plan in place for students to thrive during the IEP?
 - There is a personalized plan for every student
2. Is the Boarding School floor plan accommodating a mixed gender population?
 - There will be single gender housing that holds 8-10 students per 2-3 adults
3. What is a comparison between other boarding schools?
 - Family Style setting versus a traditional dormitory style
4. Funding
 - Public Charter School
 - Support is needed by bringing families
5. Psychiatric Health/Special Education availability
 - Hired Director of Well Being
 - Hire 3 Licensed Social Workers for each grade level
 - Full Time Psychiatrist

Alcohol and Beverage Regulations

Sarah Fashbaugh
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- Spoke about what ABRA does
- Protesting for Liquor Licensing
- Community Outreach
- Types of Liquor Licenses
- License Renewal/Protest Process
- Complaint Hotline # (202) 329-6347
 - Noise Complaints
- Filing complaints regarding illegal activities at Bardos
- SMD cannot enter into a Settlement Agreement for the ANC
- SMD can enter into a Settlement Agreement with the establishment

Kovak's Liquor Store

- Discussion with Kovak's Liquor Store Owner regarding business and renewal of liquor license.
- Commissioner Henderson made motion to Protest Kovak's License
- Commissioner Lee 2nd the motion
- Motion passed vote 2-0-4
- Motion initially failed but passed because of the abstained votes
- Kovaks discussed their Settlement Agreement
- Commissioner Lee requested to have the percentage of sales

HR57 Liquor License: Mr. Tony Puesan

- Again gave summary of project and requested support for a stipulated license for opening in late April 2015.
- It was brought to the attention of the Commission that Commissioner Lewis had not yet had Mr. Puesan to present his project in front of her constituents in a scheduled SMD meeting.
- Commissioner Henderson suggested that Commissioner Lewis give Mr. Tony Puesan a chance to present in front of her constituents during a scheduled SMD meeting. HR57 will be placed on the April's agenda.

Ms. Andrea Gordine – Project Manager Douglas Development

- Update on New City: Site that borders New York Avenue; Bladensburg Rd; and Montana.
- Hechts Garage – Starting Construction on Petco in 30 days
- Hecht Company Towers – Planet Fitness has started construction and looking to be open in May
- Ari Jensen – Opening 3 restaurants in Hechts
- Love's Night Club is gone
- Kudos given to Douglas Developers!

Ms. Malia Salaam – Presented on DC Street Cars

- Presence of the Street Cars
- Concerns about the vehicular accidents that has taken place
- Wants to raise awareness about how to interact safely with the Street Cars
 - It takes the Street Cars at least 60 full feet to stop if it's just moving 20 mph.
 - It can actually go as fast as 35 mph but will rarely see that. Street Cars has to follow all regular traffic signals with exceptions of 4 locations, Starburst;

Western Turnabout by the Giant on top of the hopscotch bridge; and two locations near Spingarn High School, one at 26 Street and the other at Oklahoma Ave.

- Want pedestrians to follow their signals
- **Safety First!!**

7. Treasury Report

Commissioner Henderson

Beginning Balance: \$45,712.03

Ending Balance: 45,712.03

- Commissioner Roberts attempted to share an email with constituents which was not allowed by Commissioner Henderson

Citizen Concerns

- Two Rivers Public Charter School has started construction and has all of their permits. First round of lottery was just past 500 students.
- Announcement of upcoming Mobile Market Stop that is proposed outside of the Family Health and Birthing Center in the 1700 Block of I Street.
- Constituents expressed their interest in the email sent by Commissioner Shropshire but Commissioner Henderson again disallowed the email to be read.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Commissioner H. Yvonne Buggs, 5D06
Secretary