

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



**Public Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2015  
7-8:30 pm**

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
  - Greetings Commissioner Kathy Henderson
  - Roll Call Commissioner H. Yvonne Buggs
    - a) Peta-Gay Lewis, 5D01 Absent
    - b) Keisha Shropshire, 5D02 Present
    - 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
- Public Safety Report
    - Metropolitan Police Department were not present at the beginning of the meeting and was moved down the agenda
  - Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (OCA)
    - Commissioner Henderson thanked the Mayor's office of Community Affairs representatives Tommy Jones and Malik Williams for their excellent services. She also thanked the Commissioners for participating in the walk through with Mayor Bowser and her team.
    - Mr. Jones also thanked the Commissioners and informed that a report would be submitted in a couple of weeks and asked for any issues that need to be addressed be emailed to him.
    - Commissioner Henderson commented on the fact that the Department Heads were on hand at the walk through.
    - Ms. Laisha Dougherty gave a report from the Councilmember McDuffy's OCA.
  - Exelon/Pepco Merger – Mr. Marc Battle, Pepco Regional Vice President explained the proposed merger of Exelon/Pepco.
    - Discussion was heard on the Exelon/Pepco Merger
  - Public Safety Report – Commander Porter and Lieutenant Harrington
    - 5D ANC covers PSA 505; 506; and 507
    - 505 has a 5% decrease in crime
    - 506 is up 43% in crime a lot of that is property crime
    - 505 along RI Avenue and the Brentwood Road corridor there were robberies; 4 robberies, 2 were closed with the arrest of a juvenile offender

- discussed the concerns in regards to trashcans along the 19<sup>th</sup> Street corridor
- discussed an incident that occurred on 20<sup>th</sup> Street
- discussed an incident that occurred on Montello Ave and Florida Ave
- discussed the sounds of gunshots heard behind the Joe Cole Recreation Center
- Constituent requested attention to the activities on the 1700 block of Capital Avenue
- discussed the drug sales and the buyers in 5D
- discussion on how officers respond to 911 calls and domestic violence responses
- Commander Porter advised of Domestic Seminars in the different PSA areas
- Lt. Harrington addressed PSA area 507 concerns  
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- Commissioner Roberts made motion to move 10C up on the agenda.
  - Commissioner Shropshire seconded the motion. However, Commissioner Henderson denied the motion and moved to the Developers. Commissioner Roberts again moved to make the motion to have 10C moved up on the agenda. The motion was again seconded by Commissioner Shropshire. Commissioner Henderson further denied the motion stating that the motion was out of order. Commissioner Blacknell reminded Commissioner Henderson that the motion was properly seconded. Commissioner Henderson responded by stating that Commissioner Blacknell is now doing her job. Commissioner Roberts stated that the motion was moved and properly seconded and should now be voted upon. However, Commissioner Henderson stated that the motion was not recognized and that we would proceed with the agenda. She stated that the Chairperson has ruled. Commissioner Roberts asked if it was not debatable. Commissioner Blacknell again reminded Commissioner Henderson that the motion was properly seconded. Commissioner Henderson responded by stating that Commissioner Blacknell is now doing her job.
  - Ms. Elaine advised that she is a business owner and that they had to close their business in order to be here and asked that they be moved up on the agenda. Commissioner Henderson stated that there must be a misunderstanding since item 10C was only for informational purposes there are no presentations. For informational purposes there was a protest filed for Stanton Liquors and Sylvia's Liquor timely as of 5/11/2015. This Commission voted at the March meeting to protest Kovak's Liquor License that is moving forward which was addressed with Mayor Bowser. The hearing is going to be on May 26 for Stanton and Sylvia's Liquors. The roll call hearing for Kovaks will be on June 15. The settlement agreement could be brought to the board.
- WS Jenks – Mr. Jerry Siegel/Mr. Derrick Woody
  - Mr. Siegel made presentation
  - Mr. Woody described the proposed project
  - Prior to the completion of Mr. Siegel's presentation, Commissioners Blacknell; Roberts; and Shropshire left the meeting.
  - Commissioner Buggs made motion for a letter of support for the WS Jenks project
  - Commissioner Henderson noted that we no longer had a quorum and unable to vote. However, she suggested to follow-up in a Special Meeting

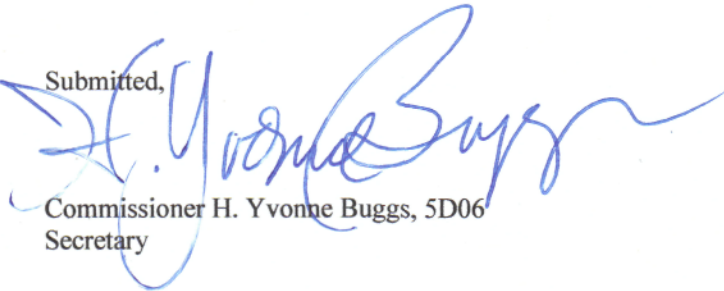


- Commissioners Roberts and Shropshire returned to the meeting and we were able to continue with the vote. The motion was again made by Commissioner Buggs and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- Presentation by Luke Stewart and Giovanni Russonello, Co-editors of Capitalbop.com which is a Jazz resource for the city, that will be located at one of the areas at the Hecht's Warehouse seeking letter of support. Commissioner Buggs made motion for support of the CapitalBop Series. Motion properly seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- Presentation by Edens Development – Raoul Sood, Nick Stefanelli and Reynolds Allen
  - Petition for Chef Nick Stefanelli to open Masseria Restaurant in the Union Market area
  - Looking to obtain a stipulated license
  - Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the stipulated license for the Masseria Restaurant
  - Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1
- Presentation – Level II Development – Mr. Franco
  - Presented on the changes made to the project
  - Introduced inclusion of Habitat of Humanities
  - Discussion made on project
  - Commissioners are willing to come back to a Special meeting after Mr. Franco submits a written proposal package.
  - Mr. Johnson asked if we could hear the minutes and asked Commissioner Buggs if she was recording the minutes. Commissioner Buggs responded by stating that each Commissioner has received copies of each months minutes but have never been allowed to read the minutes each month. Commissioner Henderson incorrectly accused both Commissioners Buggs and Shropshire of not doing their jobs.
  - Mrs. Johnson voiced her disappointment of the Commission.
  - Commissioner Henderson went off agenda to make false allegations towards Commissioner Shropshire and Commissioner Buggs regarding the treasury report and the meeting minutes.
  - After Mr. Edwards asked Commissioner Henderson to get back to the agenda she attempted to adjourn the meeting.
  - Commissioner Henderson began arguing with Constituents as well as the Commissioners. She even went so far as to accusing a Constituent as a “White Supremacist”. Commissioner Henderson attempted to disrupt the meeting asking the police to put a Constituent out of the meeting. While many of the constituents decided to leave the meeting, including Commissioner Henderson some did stay.
  - The meeting continued with the Vice Chairperson chairing the meeting.
  - Commissioner Lee began chairing the meeting.
  - Commissioner Shropshire made a motion to continue with the administrative matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.
  - Commissioner Shropshire gave the treasury report.
  - Balances were \$45,712.03
  - Treasury Report for Q1 Balance for the Q1 report was \$46,335.04 (October; November; and December)
  - Cell Phone Bill from the month of December in the amount of \$252.05

- Printing and copying in the amount of \$222.19
  - Copies made for the amount of \$148.77 for a total of \$601.00
  - Commissioner Shropshire made a motion to approve the Q1 report for submission to the DC Auditors office. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
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- Community Concerns were discussed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Submitted,



Commissioner H. Yvonne Buggs, 5D06  
Secretary