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By **nextstoprp** on September 30, 2025

ANC 5A held its monthly public meeting on September 24, 2025. Commissioners present: Keith Sellars (5A01); Timothy Thomas (5A02) - Vice Chair; Emily Singer Lucio (5A03) - Chair; Jack Hermes (5A04) - Parliamentarian; Derrick Holloway (5A06); Valeria Sosa Garnica (5A07) - Secretary; Elaine Alston (5A08); Shelagh Bocoum (5A09) - Treasurer. ANC 5A05 is vacant.

(This meeting was a hybrid meeting, the first time the ANC met in person since the pandemic. The ANC did a great job conducting a hybrid meeting for the first time. Shout out to Neighbor Aaron who volunteered to help the ANC with the tech).

ANC Business

The ANC approved its FY2026 budget though they did not present a draft budget for resident review beforehand.

The ANC approved changing the November meeting date to November 19 to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

701 Jefferson Street NE ADU (5A01)

The ANC voted to support relief for a resident to build an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on top of an existing garage at her home at 701 Jefferson Street NE. The resident needs relief from side yard, alley, and public street requirements by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) ([BZA case no. 21365](#)). The resident stated that she intends to use the ADU for people needed temporary housing, like traveling nurses, and not for AirBnB. The ADU will have siding exterior. The existing garage is made of brick.

Commissioner Sellars held a single member district meeting and spoke with neighbors on the block, who did not object, before recommending that the ANC support the resident's application for relief. A virtual public hearing is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

Boys Town Campus Redevelopment (5A02) (Teddy Swift, Urban Atlantic)

The DC Office of Planning (OP) issued its final Large Tract Review report for Urban Atlantic's redevelopment of the Boys Town campus at 4801 Sargent Road NE. I obtained a copy after the meeting.

See [OP Boys Town Large Tract Review Final Report \(September 2025\)](#).

The developer Urban Atlantic held a couple of meetings in September, one with North Michigan Park Civic Association and one with ANC Commissioner Timothy Thomas (5A02) where OP was present.

See [Boys Town Presentation to North Michigan Park Civic Association \(September 2025\)](#).