



# April 2021 Virtual Meeting Highlights & Next Steps

April 12, 2021

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## Decisions Taken

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- Voted yes to extend ECA Zoning Commission testimony to also support adjacent DC Office of Planning Map Amendment for Rhode Island [firehouse property](#) ([Zoning Case 21-01](#)).
- Voted yes on [ECA Comments](#) on [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) for DC-Baltimore Maglev with the addition of a general note that ECA is generally supportive of high speed, low-carbon transportation but we have specific concerns about this project.
- Voted yes on [ECA letter supporting CM McDuffie's](#) budget request for additional investments in violence prevention

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## What You Can Do To Help!

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- Share key resources with neighbors
  - The "Stronger Together by Assisting You" (STAY DC) program will provide \$350 million in COVID-19 relief for those at risk of not paying rent or utilities on a residence. Renters and housing providers can apply for rental and electric, gas and water bill assistance at [stay.dc.gov](#). Applicants can call the **STAY DC Call Center at 833-4-STAYDC**.
  - Opportunities for youth activities: [Summer Employment Program](#); [DC Parks & Rec programs](#); [Gearin' Up Bicycles](#).
- Help us restart Eckington Day in 2021-- first planning meeting on April 27 at 6pm (likely to be virtual, but there is a chance we'll meet in the park). Please contact us at [eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](#) to get involved.
- Contact [taylor.eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](#) to join the next small group discussions on Public Safety and Violence Prevention.

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## ECA Updates

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- Members discussed takeaways from the ECA's March 29 Public Safety and Violence Prevention Forum.
  - Key recommendations and strategies include:
    - Regular ECA engagement with public officials to promote accountability, through regular follow-up with MPD on violent incidents, and inclusion of ANCs, Mayor, and Councilmember where appropriate.
    - Actively getting to know your neighbors, to promote information sharing and to help recognize/act appropriately when something may be wrong. The ECA will also consider how Eckington Day can create opportunities for neighbors to meet and engage with one another.
    - Advocating for and promoting opportunities and resources that support residents, especially youth, and reduce likelihood of participation in violent activities. The ECA

agreed to advocate for broader Violence Interrupter presence to cover all of Eckington.<sup>1</sup> Members also discussed providing space for residents to highlight and amplify organizations that are providing opportunities for youth (e.g., [Gearin' Up Bicycles](#), [Summer Employment Program](#); [DC Parks & Rec programs](#).) Residents can share (and ask neighbors to share) and highlight opportunities by emailing [eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](mailto:eckingtoncivic@gmail.com).

- Other suggestions included:
  - Reviewing [Apr 1 report from DC Police Reform Commission](#) and considering whether ECA might voice support for some of the recommendations.
  - Organizing night walks among community members
  - Discuss and share alternatives to calling police (e.g., in cases of non-violence, mental health crises, etc.)
  - Knowing the police operating in Eckington (e.g., through the April 28 meet and greet with MPD Chief Robert Contee, at 6pm outside of Yang's Market).
- Langley Elementary School and Eckington Parks & Arts joined our [letter advocating for funding of Eckington/Edgewood DCPL Library](#) to Mayor & relevant D.C. councilmembers.
- [All-way stop signs](#) coming to intersections of Quincy Lane (the Eckington Yards "woonerf") and Eckington Place as well as Quincy Lane and Harry Thomas Way.
- DC Water Northeast Boundary Tunnel construction sites are starting to approach completion. Check out [D.C. Water](#) for information.
- ECA [yard signs](#), [flyers](#), and (possibly) shirts coming your way soon.

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## Other News & Updates

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### Updates from community leaders — 8:00-8:30 pm

- [Silas Grant](#), Constituent Analyst, [Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie](#)
  - Thanks to those who attended [COVID19 town hall](#).
  - Friday, April 16 is [Emancipation Day](#), the day slavery was abolished in Washington, DC, in 1862.
- [Nokomis Hunter](#), Ward 5 Liaison, [Mayor Bowser's Office of Community Relations & Services](#)
  - All residents are now eligible to receive COVID vaccinations. Residents can pre-register at <http://vaccinate.dc.gov/> or by calling 1-855-363-0333. Residents can also make appointments, when available, through the [CVS website](#), or through health centers listed on <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

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- Tuesday, April 27 at 6pm: First Eckington Day Planning Meeting (contact [eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](mailto:eckingtoncivic@gmail.com) for details)
- Wednesday, April 28 at 6pm: Meet and Greet with MPD Chief Robert Contee – outside Yang's
- Saturday, May 1: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Monday, May 10: Next ECA Meeting

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## About the Eckington Civic Association

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The Eckington Civic Association meets the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted). You do not need to be a member to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the association, which allows

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<sup>1</sup> See data dashboard for Violence Interruption programs across DC, including Truxton/Eckington, [here](#).

you to vote at meetings and serve on committees, please register [HERE](#). Membership is free for residents (your participation is your most valuable contribution!), but we welcome donations [HERE](#).

Website: <https://eckingtoncivicassociation.com>

Twitter: [@EckingtonCivic](#)

Email: [eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](mailto:eckingtoncivic@gmail.com)

Join the Eckington Google Group [HERE](#).

You can also follow us on NextDoor!

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## 2021 ECA Officers

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Conor Shaw, President

Dana Samuels, Daniel Agold, & Taylor Kennedy, Vice Presidents

Neil Shah, Treasurer

Ben Colbert, Communications Director

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## Other contact information

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**DC 311 (this is where you should file city service requests, like rodent abatement, tree planting, etc.)**

Contact: File a request for city services at <https://311.dc.gov/citizen/home>, on their smartphone app (search DC 311) or on twitter [@311DCgov](#).

If you are having an issue with city services, please begin by filing a service request to see if it resolves your issue. If contacting 311 does not or cannot resolve your issue, please consult the list below to contact the appropriate office.

**Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (contact your ANC commissioners about zoning, permitting, and related matters)**

Contacts: Denise Wright, ANC 5E03 (East Eckington) Commissioner: [5E03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:5E03@anc.dc.gov) or Sylvia Pinkney ANC 5E04 (West Eckington) Commissioner: [5E04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:5E04@anc.dc.gov) or (202) 269-4180

Eckington's ANC commissioners should be your first point of contact for zoning, permitting, and other ANC matters. The ECA endeavors to coordinate with our ANC officials on other matters when possible. ANC 5E typically meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School, 1400 1st Street NW, Washington, DC. More information here: <https://anc5edc.blogspot.com/p/home.html>

**The Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services (Mayor Bowser's constituent services office)**

Contact: Nokomis Hunter Ward 5 Liaison, MOCRS: [Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov](mailto:Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov) or (202) 340-7526.

MOCRS serves as the Mayor's primary constituent services organization by responding to constituent requests, complaints, and questions. If you are experiencing issues with a city agency, MOCRS may be able to help resolve the matter.

**Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie (your Ward CM)**

Contacts: Silas Grant, Constituent Analyst: [shgrant@dccouncil.us](mailto:shgrant@dccouncil.us) or (202) 727-8274; Kelley Cislo, Constituent Services Director: [kcislo@dccouncil.us](mailto:kcislo@dccouncil.us) or (202) 724-8172

Council Member McDuffie's office should be your primary point of contact regarding legislative matters, and his office can also be a resource to navigate issues with city agencies. Council Member McDuffie represents Ward 5, which includes Eckington. Keep in mind that you also have 5 other representatives on the DC Council

who hold at-large seats and also may be able to assist you. They are currently: Chairman Phil Mendelson; Anita Bonds; Christina Henderson; Elissa Silverman; and Robert White, Jr.

### **Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 5<sup>th</sup> District**

Contacts: Call 911 for any emergencies. Otherwise, contact William Fitzgerald, 5th District Commander: [william.fitzgerald@dc.gov](mailto:william.fitzgerald@dc.gov) or (202) 698-0150 for inquiries about our local police district. You can also contact Frances Penn, who is the Chair of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Citizens' Advisory Council: [chair@the5dcac.org](mailto:chair@the5dcac.org)

### **Murder Free DC Violence Interruptors in Eckington/Truxton Circle**

Contact: Sean Magruder at [seanmagruder@murderfreedc.org](mailto:seanmagruder@murderfreedc.org) or +1 (619) 956-6065

### **District Department of Transportation (DDOT)**

Contact: Kelly Jeong-Olson, DDOT Ward 5 liaison: [Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov](mailto:Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov)